

## Behavioral Threat Assessment &amp; Management

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Video: Sandyhook promise.

## Violence

Acts are often detectable &amp; preventable

1. Affective
2. Predatory → pg 3

## Threat Assessment

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

Identify the threat. To interview &amp; help

See page 3 on handout

## Targeted Violence

- act alone
- firearms
- 1/3 knife
- history of violence
- prior contact w/ LEO
- preoccupied w/ violent interests
- multiple motives
- authority issues
- expressed thoughts/plans on social media
- concerning behaviors
- Leakage - pg 4

# Pathways to Violence

Grievance

→ Ideation

→ planning

→ preparation

→ Implementation

- means
- method
- opportunity
- proximity

Intensity  
of  
Effort

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Domains pg 3

Subject  
Target  
Environment  
Precipitating Events

Social Media / online activity are critical considerations

## BTAM Process

Mission Statement: Purpose, scope, functions, authority

Structure: Membership, Leadership, Support, External support

Training, consulting

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# BTAM Functions      Threat Assessment Management

Awareness / Recognition  
Reporting  
Screening / Triage / Assessment  
Management  
Strategies

- Admin
- Counseling
- Security
- Experts
  - Legal
  - medical
  - Psychological
- Team Members
- Team Leaders

All Threats Approach

Document Everything

Mental Health - vs - Mental Wellness

diagnosed / conditions

temporary thoughts, feelings, action

GBI - GISAC Watchdesk

Intell clearing house in GA  
24/7/365

See pic. Reporting mechanisms

800-597-8477 - GBI Tipline

Free App    See Something Say Something  
[send]

TAM - systematic Assessment Process  
Threat Assessment & Management Process

(pg 1)

- Receives report of threat
- Gather info
  - Analyzes info & assesses threat
- Responds
  - Monitors
  - Follow up

Intake

- Initial Report
- Reporting Party
- Incident
- Subject of concern

Imminent?

- Triage Team
- Review Reports
- Consult relevant Records

Triage / Screening

Interviews

- Reporting person
- witnesses
- Target / Recipient
- peers / friends / coworkers  
parents / guardians

Record Keeping

Documentation

Emails, phone recordings, videos

The Gift of Fear · Gavin DeBecker

Survived signals that protect us from violence

see pic

TAT - Threat Assessment Team

QR Code - links to mental health support / uplifting message,  
videos, VCL, etc...

Classifying / Prioritizing Cases

see pg 4

FERPA & HIPAA & Tarasoff

Duty to Warn or Protect

Suicide Prevention and Intervention Team

Threat Assessment Team

Basic & Advanced Training