

## BACKGROUND

Each school crisis is unique and even the most comprehensive plans cannot anticipate all possible situations and effects. It is essential for each school to be prepared with intervention protocols and plans for dealing with these events. However, sometimes the level of a crisis requires response which is beyond the capabilities of the school or district staff. This can occur when the school personnel themselves are traumatized or the effects of the crisis are so far-reaching, an adequate response cannot be managed by the school or district team alone.

The Warren County School Crisis Team was developed in 2011 to serve as a resource for local school districts in such times of crisis. The purpose of the team is to augment the school or district team's functions by assisting when added resources are necessary. At the request of the school or district, the team can serve as intervention specialists in the aftermath of a crisis or as collaborating experts when evaluating at-risk youth. All team services will be provided under the direction of designated school or district personnel.

## AVAILABLE SERVICES

- Technical Assistance in developing school crisis protocols
- Assistance in the aftermath of a crisis, including:
  - Assessing potential impact to school community and planning of interventions
  - Staffing interventions in:
    - Classrooms
    - Safe Rooms
    - Staff Meetings
  - De-Briefing
- Case Consultations when a school desires an independent opinion regarding at-risk students (Threat Assessments)

## UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE TEAM

This multi-disciplinary team is composed of members who have been through a comprehensive application and reference check process, and have completed a background check within the past 12 months. All members are Certified Trauma and Loss Specialists, a designation achieved through extensive training from the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children.

*Providing Support,  
Intervention, and  
Hope*

## Team Member Biographies

**Shelley Brown, BA, LSW, CDCA:** *Prevention Specialist – Warren County Educational Service Center* Shelley has worked with youth in Warren County for over 20 years. Her specialty is substance abuse prevention and working with families involved in the court system.

**Jane Groh, MSW, LISW-S:** *Director of Prevention Services – Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Centers* Jane has worked as a clinical social worker for 24 years. Her specialty is crisis intervention and counseling individuals with mental health needs.

**Vycki Haught, MSW:** *Project AWARE Grant Coordinator – Warren County Educational Service Center* Vycki has worked with children ages 4-19 and their families for the last 20 years to provide the necessary resources for students to be successful. Her area of expertise is crisis intervention and conflict resolution. Vycki now coordinates the Project AWARE grant which provides Youth Mental Health First Aid training in our county.

**Kim Sellers, MSW, LISW-S:** *Director of Coordinated Care – Warren County Educational Service Center* Kim has worked with youth and families of Warren County for over 18 years. Her specialty is working with adolescents who have experienced trauma and those who self-harm. Kim has is a certified School Suicide Prevention Specialist through the American Association of Suicidology. Kim is the Chair of the Warren County School Crisis Team.

**Syndra Snelling, Masters in Pupil Services: School Counseling:** *Guidance Counselor – Donovan Elementary School* Syndra has worked with youth at risk academically and emotionally for the past decade. Her specialty is working with high school age youth.

**Robert Taliaferro, BA :** *Probation Officer – Warren County Juvenile Court* Robert has worked with juveniles and families in Warren County for over 10 years. He works with the Juvenile Court's truancy department, serving as a liaison between the juvenile court and the county's schools regarding truancy issues. Robert previously worked as a therapist for the Mary Haven Youth Center.

**Barb Wright, Master of Arts in Education with School Counseling Certification:** *Guidance Counselor – Bowman Primary School* Barb has worked in education for over 27 years. Her specialty is counseling elementary age students.

# Available in a time of need

To request emergency deployment,  
phone

**1.877.695.6333 (NEED)**

*Local 24 hour behavioral health  
crisis line;*

*Request contact with the  
School Crisis Response Team*



To request non-emergent technical assistance  
or case consultation,  
phone

**Kim Sellers, Warren County ESC, 513.695.2900 ext. 2311**



For further details about the Team, including detailed  
biographies, see

**[WWW.WARRENCOUNTYESC.COM](http://WWW.WARRENCOUNTYESC.COM)**

*Under "District Services"*

Warren County Educational Service Center  
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513.695.2900 ext. 2311 | fax: 513.695.2961

School/District determines  
number of team members  
needed and desired  
specialty area



Just a phone call away. . .  
24 hours; 7 days per week



## Warren County School Crisis Response Team



*A Free Service to  
Local School  
Districts*

**Providing a  
Safe and Caring Environment  
Following a Traumatic Incident**