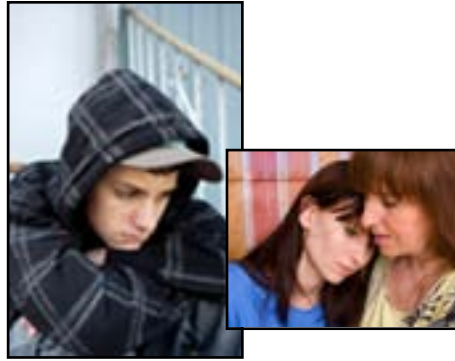


**Burlington County School
Crisis Response Team
Member Districts
2012-2013**

Bass River Township
BCSSSD
Burlington County Institute of Technology
Burlington City
Burlington County College
Burlington Township
Chesterfield
Cinnaminson
Delanco
Delran
Eastampton
Edgewater Park
Evesham
Florence
Hainesport
Hampton Academy
Lenape Regional HS
Lumberton
Mansfield Township
Maple Shade
Medford Lakes
Medford Township
Moorestown
Mount Holly
Mount Laurel
New Hanover
North Hanover
Northern Burlington County
Regional School District
Palmyra
Pemberton Township
Rancocas Valley Regional HS
Renaissance Regional Leadership
Charter School
Riverside
Riverton
Shamong
Southampton
Springfield
Tabernacle
Westampton
Woodland
Willingboro



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collaborative effort of 42 Burlington
County School Districts formed in 1997 to
provide high quality shared services and
opportunities to students and staff.*

*Access our website for more information
and helpful resources:*

www.bcsCRT.org

Burlington County
**School Crisis
Response Team**

2012-2013

Who We Are & What We Do

The Burlington County School Crisis Response Team is comprised of approximately 80 members. Team members from participating districts represent various disciplines, including school administrators, guidance counselors, school psychologists, social workers, teachers, school nurses, security experts, media relations professionals and other related areas.

"It is a huge comfort to know that there is such a wonderful group of people standing at the ready when needed. I feel truly blessed and cannot possibly express how much I appreciate all you have done and all you will do." School Principal

All members of the team are volunteers who have specialized training in school crisis response and are available to support districts in time of need.

When mobilized for a crisis in your district, teams act as a support system for your staff, students and community. The presence of the Crisis Response Team offers a greater pool of resources to enhance your response within the community.

"Burlington County is fortunate to have in place a team that has the training and the wherewithal to mobilize at a moment's notice." - Superintendent

How Can We Help?

In the event of a crisis in your district, a single phone call will activate our response. Members of the Burlington County School Crisis Response Team will arrive ready to provide immediate support. The Team Leader will meet with the designated administrator, who at all times maintains control of the crisis response. The Administrator and Team Leader will discuss the services available and decide which will be implemented to assist your school community through this difficult time.

Those services may include :

- Facilitating a faculty meeting before or after school
- Preparing an announcement for teachers to share with students in the classroom
- Establishing and staffing Safe Rooms for counseling of students and faculty members
- Assisting with security needs
- Preparing communications via letter, web postings and messaging systems
- Acting as media liaison
- Helping to arrange parent or community meetings

Why Engage A County-Wide Team?

All public school districts have developed comprehensive emergency management plans, and most districts have both building-level and district rapid response teams to cover emergent situations. Such teams are essential, as your response in the first crucial moments of a crisis is most important.

Consider, however, the vulnerability of your school if key personnel are called away from their normal positions to aid in the sustained stages of handling a crisis.

Are those who best know the impacted students and staff unavailable to them in this time of need? Will the primary responders in your district be among those most profoundly impacted by this event?

Burlington County's School Crisis Response Team offers the same level of support to all districts.

In addition, it:

- Keeps "walking wounded" from serving as caregivers
- Provides a highly-skilled team
- Offers benefits of increased experience