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**Burlington County
School Crisis
Response Team**

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.





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.



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 building principal, who at all times maintains control of the crisis response. The Principal 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

Assisting with security needs

Writing a parent letter

Acting as media liaison

Arranging parent/community meeting

Supporting students and staff where they congregate (i.e. cafeteria, recess, faculty rooms, latch key programs)



All schools 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

Burlington County School Crisis Response Team Districts

Bass River Township

BCSSSD

Beverly

Bordentown

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

Medford Lakes

Maple Shade

Medford Township

Moorestown

Mount Holly

Mount Laurel

New Hanover

North Hanover

Palmyra

Northern Burlington

Pemberton Township

Rancocas Valley Regional HS

Renaissance Regional Leadership

Charter School

Riverside

Riverton

Shamong

Southampton

Springfield

Tabernacle

Westampton

Woodland

Willingboro

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The Educational Services Unit is the collaborative effort of 40 Burlington County School Districts formed in 1997 to provide high quality shared services and opportunities to students and staff.

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