

NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOOL CRISIS AND BEREAVEMENT



DEDICATED TO HELPING SCHOOLS SUPPORT THEIR STUDENTS THROUGH CRISIS AND LOSS

The work of the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement (NCSCB) has become increasingly important, as concerns about school shootings, large-scale natural disasters, and public health crises are increasing in the U.S. Crisis and loss can have unforeseen, lasting psychological, emotional, academic and developmental effects on the well-being of children. Classroom educators and other school professionals are well-positioned, but too often are unprepared, to support students and promote long-term recovery and resilience. The NCSCB is here to help.

Our vision is a nation of resilient schools, prepared to appropriately respond to and support their students in times of crisis and loss.

The Center's services include:

Crisis Response

Free, immediate technical assistance as well as training to schools and communities that are responding to crises, with a focus on supporting their students in the short-term and throughout long-term recovery.

Education and Training

Free education materials, as well as expert consultation and trainings for school professionals and communities preparing for or responding to crisis events.

Advocacy and Research

Promoting policies that encourage best practices in crisis response and grief support in schools, and research in the fields of childhood bereavement and disaster preparedness.

Since 1990, the NCSCB's experts have helped schools and communities in the U.S. and abroad cope in the aftermath of tragedy, playing a vital role in fostering resilience after crisis events.

One of the Center's key projects is the Coalition to Support Grieving Students, supported by funding from the New York Life Foundation. The Coalition is a collaboration of over 150 major organizations representing a full range of school professionals; its website (GrievingStudents.org) offers a wide range of free training materials to empower schools to provide support to grieving students.

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NATIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE

The NCSCB provides immediate support to schools and communities in the wake of crises and disasters. A representative list of events that the NCSCB has responded to follows.

School and Community Crisis Events

- 2001
- New York City
Sept. 11 World Trade Center attacks
 - Osaka, Japan
Ikeda Elementary School stabbing

- 2006
- Bailey, Colorado
Platte Canyon High School hostage crisis/shooting

- 2012
- Newtown, Connecticut
Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting
 - Aurora, Colorado
Aurora theater/community shooting
 - Marysville, Washington
Marysville Pilchuk High School shooting
 - Chardon, Ohio
Chardon High School shooting

- 2016
- Townville, South Carolina
Townville Elementary School shooting

- 2017
- Spokane, Washington
Freeman High School shooting
 - Corning, California
Rancho Tehama Elementary School shooting
 - Las Vegas, Nevada
Mandalay Bay shooting
 - Floresville, Texas
Sutherland Springs Baptist Church shooting

- 2018
- Benton, Kentucky
Marshall County High School shooting
 - Parkland/Coral Springs, Florida
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting
 - Thousand Oaks, California
Borderline Bar and Grill shooting

- 2019
- Santa Clarita, California
Saugus High School shooting

- 2021
- Fairfield, Iowa
Fairfield High School staff homicide

- 2022
- St. Louis, Missouri
Central Visual and Performing Arts High School shooting
 - Greenville, South Carolina
Tanglewood Middle School shooting

- 2024
- Winder, Georgia
Apalachee High School shooting

Disasters

- 2005
- New Orleans, Louisiana
Hurricane Katrina

- 2008
- Galveston, Texas
Hurricane Ike
 - Sichuan Province, China
8.0 earthquake destruction

- 2011
- Joplin, Missouri and Alabama
Destruction from tornadoes

- 2012
- New York and New Jersey
Hurricane Sandy

- 2016
- Sevier County, Tennessee
Community wildfire destruction

- 2017
- San Juan, Puerto Rico
Hurricane Maria
 - Sonoma County, California
Community wildfire destruction

- 2018
- Butte County, California Community wildfire destruction (Camp Fire)

- 2020
- Throughout the United States
COVID-19 Pandemic

- 2023
- Maui, Hawaii
Community wildfire destruction

- 2024
- Johnson County, TN, Hurricane Helene

- 2025
- Los Angeles, CA
wildfires (Eaton Canyon and Palisades wildfires)

