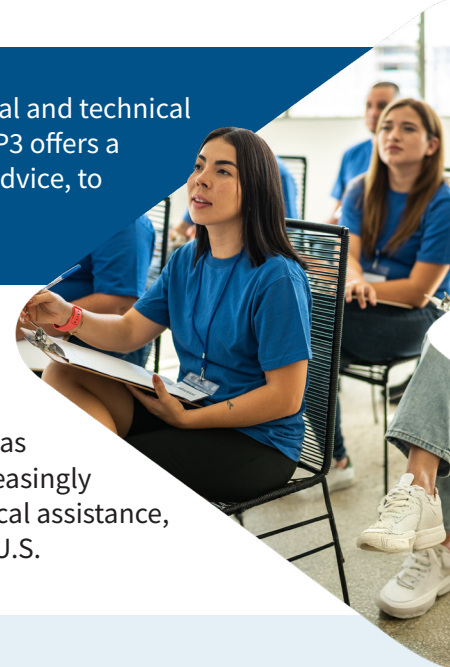




Promising Prevention Practice: Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management

The Center of Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) provides partners with financial and technical assistance to improve the national capacity to prevent terrorism and targeted violence. CP3 offers a range of support, including educational resources, funding opportunities, and technical advice, to help communities develop their own prevention strategies tailored to their unique needs.



What is Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management?

Behavioral threat assessment and management (BTAM) is a systematic, evidence-based process that helps communities identify and address potential threats of violence, as well as connect individuals in need of assistance to services and resources. BTAM models are increasingly used by schools, workplaces, and communities. Through federal grant funding and technical assistance, CP3 has supported the development of dozens of BTAM teams in communities across the U.S.

A Public Health-Informed Approach to Violence Prevention

CP3 uses a public health-informed approach to violence prevention, which focuses on the health, safety, and well-being of entire populations. This means enhancing protective factors while also reducing risk factors.



A Community-Centric Approach

BTAM relies on community-driven efforts and multidisciplinary teams for effective reporting of concerning behaviors, so trained threat assessment professionals can assess and manage the concern. Collaboration across disciplines is essential to creating strategies that reduce risks and prevent individuals from escalating toward violence. BTAM uses a collaborative framework by bringing together law enforcement professionals, educators, mental and behavioral health professionals, and community members.

BTAM employs a structured process to **identify, inquire, assess, and manage** individuals displaying concerning warning signs so effective strategies can be implemented to reduce the risk of violence.

Identify	Inquire	Assess	Manage
Provide ways to identify concerning behaviors and establish reporting mechanisms for community members.	Conduct fact-finding to guide the assessment.	Use a systematic approach to determine if an individual is on a path toward violence by analyzing their behavior and circumstances.	Develop and apply individualized case management plans to strengthen protective factors, reducing the likelihood of violent outcomes.



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