



Ohio

Ohio has many agency programs and contacts that can help your school build a school safety plan. Check out these resources as you develop your plan.

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State Programs

Ohio School Safety Center

Ohio Department of Public Safety

The Ohio School Safety Center is responsible for assisting local schools and law enforcement with preventing, preparing for, and responding to threats and acts of violence, including self-harm, through a holistic, solutions-based approach to improving school safety.

Website: <https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/>

Ohio Department of Education

State Board of Education

The Ohio Department of Education oversees the state's public education system, which includes public school districts, joint vocational school districts and charter schools.

Website: <http://education.ohio.gov/>

Safer Ohio School Tip Line

Ohio School Safety Center

The Safer Ohio School Tip Line is a free safety resource available to all Ohio schools. The tip line is an anonymous reporting system that accepts both calls and texts 24 hours a day.

Website: <https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/pre-k-12-schools/safer-ohio-school-tip-line>

Ohio Handle With Care

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Hopewell Health Centers

Ohio Handle With Care (HWC) is a trauma-informed, cross-systems, collaborative program aimed at ensuring that children who are exposed to adverse events receive appropriate interventions and have opportunities to build resilience through positive relationships with teachers and first responders.

Website: <https://handlewithcareoh.org/index.php>

Threat Assessment Training

Ohio Attorney General's Office

Ohio School Threat Assessment Training is a combination of best practices from leading school-safety experts, including the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center. The Ohio guide helps schools team up with other community members, such as police officers and mental-health advocates, to prevent targeted violence and get help for troubled students.

Website: <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/threatassessment>

Ohio School Facility Design

Ohio Facilities Construction Commission

The Commission manages the planning, development, and construction of public K-12 school renovations and new buildings under the Rebuilding Ohio Schools Program, utilizing funding from various programs. This includes the Ohio School Design Manual which helps schools determine options for layering safety and security options that fit their buildings best.

Website: <https://ofcc.ohio.gov/Services-Programs/K-12-Schools/School-Security-Resources>

School Safety Grants

Ohio School Safety Center

The Ohio School Safety Center's school safety grants outlines federal and Ohio-based grant opportunities along with eligibility requirements.

Website: <https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/pre-k-12-schools/school-safety-grants>

School Wellness Toolkit

Ohio Department of Education

The departments of Education, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Public Safety created a School Wellness Toolkit in response to heightened school mental health needs identified by educators, school administrators, community organizations, behavioral health providers and other stakeholders. The toolkit provides practical resources and tools to assist schools, districts and families in responding to the mental and behavioral health challenges amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. The resources are organized by audience to ensure teachers, school and district administrators, and families can access the information most relevant to their own needs.

Website: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Supporting-Student-Wellness-Toolkit>

Comprehensive School Safety Framework

Ohio School Safety Center

Collectively, the Ohio School Safety Center (OSSC) within the Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW), and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (Ohio MHAS) have collaborated to develop a statewide comprehensive approach to school safety. Each agency respectively has an inherent interest and role in school safety in Ohio. Together, these agencies provide technical assistance and support for integrating school safety program elements within school wellness initiatives, comprehensive suicide prevention programs, and early intervention strategies.

Website: <https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/about-us/welcome/welcome>

School Threat Assessment Training

Ohio School Safety Center

The OSSC provides a model plan, tabletop toolkits, and approved trainings for behavioral threat assessment.

Website: <https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/pre-k-12-schools/threat-assessment>

Armed School Staff Essential Training Program

Ohio School Safety Center

Legislated under the 134th General Assembly, House Bill 99 permits a school district board or governing body to elect to arm specific staff members as well as the mandated training requirements for those individuals. The OSSCs model curriculum is called, "Armed School Staff Essential Training (ASSET)".

Website: <https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/pre-k-12-schools/asset/armed-school-staff-essential-training-program>

Contact Information

State and Local

Ohio School Safety Center

Contact the Ohio School Safety Center for any issues related to school safety. The OSSC can provide contact information for other state agency partners and programs.

1970 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43223

<https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/>

614-644-2641

OhioSchoolSafetyCenter@dps.ohio.gov

Ohio School Resource Officers Association

Contact OSROA regarding school resource officer requirements, association membership, and training opportunities.

6277 Riverside Drive

Dublin OH, 43017

<https://osroa.org/>

614-718-3210

osroa@osroa.org

Ohio School Boards Association

Contact the OSBA regarding school board association membership, events, and opportunities.

8050 N. High St., Suite 100

Columbus, OH 43235

<https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/>

614-540-4000

Ohio Department of Education

Contact ODE for more information related to school funding, administration, licensing, testing, and other school based resources.

25 South Front Street

Columbus, OH 43215

<http://education.ohio.gov/>

877-644-6338

contact.center@education.ohio.gov

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Contact ODHE for more information related to degree programs, financial aid, and higher education resources.

25 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

<https://www.ohiohighered.org/>

614-466-6000

hotline@highered.ohio.gov

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Contact OMHAS for resources related to mental health community providers, suicide prevention, the Ohio Handle with Care program, and resources for schools, students, and parents.

30 East Broad Street, 36th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

<https://mha.ohio.gov/>

614-466-2596

questions@mha.ohio.gov

Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal

Contact OSFM for code enforcement and school safety drill requirements.

8895 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

<https://www.com.ohio.gov/FIRE/>

614-752-8200

websfm@com.state.oh.us

Ohio Attorney General's Office

Contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office regarding virtual threat assessment training for schools and law enforcement and school safety training grants.

30 E. Broad St., 14th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215

<https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/State-and-Local-Government/Schools>

Federal

FEMA Region V

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor

Chicago, IL 60605

(312) 408-5500

CISA Region V

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

Email: CISARegion5@hq.dhs.gov

FBI Regional Office

Cincinnati

2012 Ronald Reagan Drive

Cincinnati, OH 45236

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/cincinnati>

(513) 421-4310

Covers 48 counties throughout central and southern Ohio

Cleveland

1501 Lakeside Avenue

Cleveland, OH 44114

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/cleveland>

(216) 522-1400

Covers 40 counties in Ohio

HHS Regional Office

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

233 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1300

Chicago, IL 60601

Phone Number:

(312) 353-5160

Fax Number:

(312) 353-4144

Other

Fusion Center

[Ohio Statewide Terrorism Analysis and Crime Center](#) (Primary) – 844-557-8222/ 877-647-4683

[Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center; Cincinnati, OH](#) (Recognized) – 513-263-8000

[Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center; Cleveland, OH](#) (Recognized) – 216-515-8477 / 877-515-8477

State Resources

Video

[Office of the Ohio Attorney General: Threat Assessment Training Videos](#)

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This video training series includes 10 segments with guidance from local, state, and national experts in law enforcement and education on incorporating threat assessment in schools.