



GreenZone

Improving school climate, enhancing campus safety, and disrupting the process of violence through programs, training, and technology

Improving School Climate and Enhancing Campus Safety

Created by the National Center for the Prevention of Community Violence (NCPCV), GreenZone is a tangible, measurable way to identify behavior, promote positive interactions, and create an overall positive environment. By focusing on character development, bullying prevention, and preventing relationship and dating violence, GreenZone outlines how we should speak to and relate to one another wherever we are — at school, at work, at play, or at home.

Keeping Students in the GreenZone

GreenZone outlines three "zones" of behavior — green, yellow, and red — ranging from acceptable to unacceptable to encourage everyone to "stay in the GreenZone." It is designed to be applied anywhere and everywhere. Every relationship and environment can benefit from encouraged kindness and civility.

GreenZone is transforming school climates across the nation. Elementary, middle, and high schools are using GreenZone for character development and bullying prevention.

- GreenZone Elementary: Character development
- GreenZone Middle and High School: Bullying prevention
- GreenZone Relationships: Preventing relationship and dating violence among adolescents
- The Zone: Student-led organization that promotes GreenZone behaviors
- GreenZone Parent Program: Encourages parents to adopt GreenZone in their homes
- **ProText My School:** Technology to enable students, staff, and parents to anonymously report bullying and threats directly to their school officials via a school-specific text-to-tip number or the web



A Multidisciplinary Approach to Address Behavior, Bullying, Cyber-Bullying, and Threats

GreenZone: From Kindergarten Through High School Graduation

When applied to an entire school district, GreenZone can follow students throughout their entire school careers from kindergarten through high school graduation. GreenZone campuses easily leverage the positive coaching program that enables students and staff to self-manage their own behaviors and encourage positive behaviors from others. By becoming a GreenZone campus, school officials can unite with students, staff, and parents to improve school climate and reinforce positive behaviors and expectations.

When campuses leverage ProText My School technology with GreenZone training and programs, school officials get a unique edge to better understand how they can help students communicate and promote a violence-free environment. Together, GreenZone and ProText My School can improve school climate, enhance campus safety response, and disrupt the process of violence for the nation's students.

Multidisciplinary response with trained CARE Teams

NCPCV provides training and guidance to help schools create a multidisciplinary CARE Team to respond to crisis and critical incidents. The Core Accountability Response and Evaluation Team can consist of school administration, teachers, counselors, other key staff, and community resources like school resource officers.

What do CARE Teams do?

- Establish coordination between school officials, local law enforcement, and other community resources to respond appropriately to bullying and threats of campus violence based on NCPCV-supported crisis and critical incident response protocols
- Identify the source and nature of a threat reported through ProText My School
- Identify specifics of a threat
- Identify how to properly investigate a threat
- Determine if a threat warrants a critical or crisis level response
- Document each threat
- Appropriately respond to each threat
- Develop and maintain a school crisis plan
- Participate in consistent staff development on school safety issues

About NCPCV

NCPCV was founded in 2009 by Bobby Kipper, the past Director of Virginia's Class Action Youth Law Education Program and past Director of the Gang Reduction and Intervention Program. NCPCV has a successful history of building and providing solutions to prevent and reduce violence through a number of key initiatives, including national, state, and local policies and training in the areas of bullying prevention, gang reduction, dating and domestic violence prevention, children's gun safety, and civility.

