

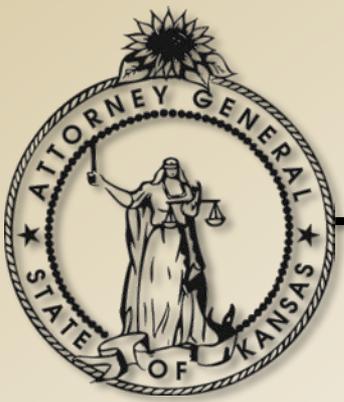


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Reporting Options for Kansas Kids

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National Summit on School Safety Tip Lines

- 21 states + Canada
- 7 state presenters: different ideas
 - Colorado
 - Kentucky
 - Nevada
 - Wyoming
 - Oregon
 - Michigan
 - Utah
- FBI Joint Terrorist Task Force
- Safer Schools Together (Canada)

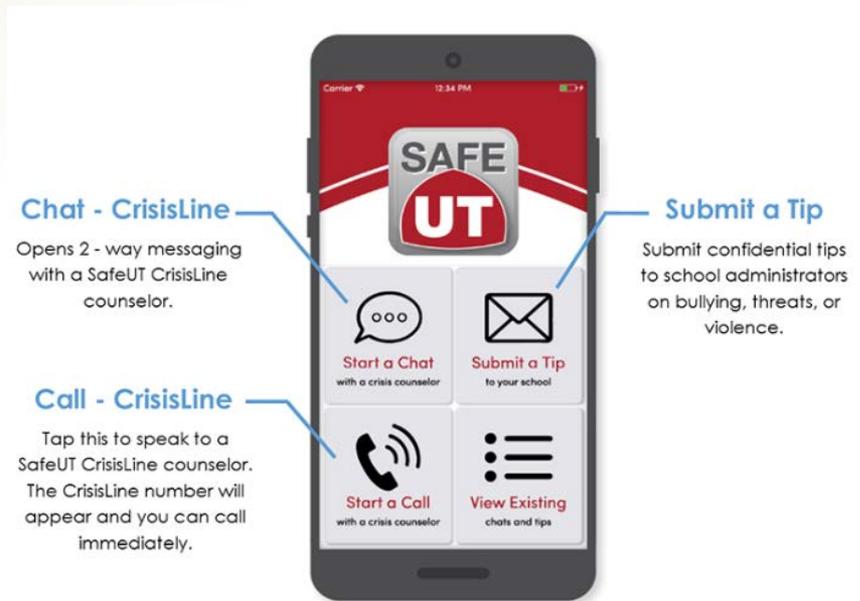


WHAT

Anonymous or Confidential way to communicate

- App
- Text
- Chat
- Email
- Web-based form
- Call

Ability to share real-time info, pictures, screen shots, videos, etc.





WHY: Kids have the Intel

- 1974-2000: In 81% of active shooter incidents someone knew prior to the attack.
- 93% of who knew was a peer, sibling or friend, but said NOTHING.
 - Safe School Initiative report funded by the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Department of Education, 2002
- 2017: 30 separate active shootings in the US– largest number recorded.
- FBI Report, June 2018 - Active shooters take time to plan for the attacks. This provides “leakage” or signs that can be observed in the weeks and months leading up.

“While incidents of lethal school violence are rare, situations in which classmates have knowledge of a peer's plan to do something dangerous are not.” – Code of Silence study, 2009



CODE OF SILENCE

- Don't want to "get in trouble" (self or friend)
- Snitch/tattle tale/stigma
- Promised not to
- Fear of retaliation
- Not sure it is important
- Embarrassed
- Hard to stand up to peers
- "Friend" is different now – online connections
- Not sure who to tell





US Secret Service Report

July 2018

Recommends creating a central reporting mechanism. (Step 3)

“Regardless of what method schools choose to receive these reports, there should be an option for passing information anonymously, as *students are more likely to report concerning or threatening information* when they can do so without fear or retribution for coming forward.”



Current Options

- Kansas School Safety Hotline
- Bullying Prevention Hotline
- Suicide & Crisis Hotlines and chat





Kansas School Safety Hotline

Initiated after Columbine
From Jan – May 2018

- Total of 53 calls
- 14 were hang-ups
 - Missed opportunities?
 - Wrong number?
 - We'll never know
- 17 were administrative
- 18 were referred





Other States

Colorado

Safe2Tell

- 1,547 referrals in May 2018
- #1 report: suicide
- #2 report: drugs
- #3 report: bullying
- Answered by law enforcement

Michigan

OK2Say

- 3,453 tips Jan – May 2018
- #1 report: bullying
- #2 report: suicide
- #3 report: school attack
- Answered by law enforcement

 safe²tell Colorado
Make a Report. Make a Difference.



Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.



Other States

Utah



SafeUT

- 13,543 chats and 7,263 tips for 17-18 SY
- #1 report: bullying
- #2 report: suicide
- #3 report: depression/cutting
- Answered by licensed mental health professionals through University of Utah

Nevada

SafeVoice

- #1 report: bullying
- Answered by stand-alone communications center





Success Stories

- “A concerned friend sent a tip and school officials were able to stop a fight where a student was being bullied after his parent died by suicide” – SafeUT
- “Tip of an 11 year old student who posted a handgun and sad face emoji on social media. Law enforcement and school became involved. It was determined student had been planning their suicide for 2 months and was prepared to carry it out very soon” – Safe2Tell Wyoming
- Many, many more like this shared!



From Educators

- “We have been able to intervene with several students struggling with suicidal thoughts. Also we have intervened on some potentially harmful threats.” – School Counselor
- “Students know right from wrong but sometimes it is hard to stand up in front of peers and put oneself out there. Safe2Tell gives voice to students who want to make a positive impact in and out of school. There was more than one incident that we were able to step in and help students with problems/situations that we wouldn't have known about otherwise.” - Principal



Summary

- Tip line **does not replace** any other work we're already doing in schools – just adds a layer of communication that students are more comfortable using.
- Offers a cost effective way to leverage the information we know is already there.
- Multiple states with experience we can learn from to determine what works best for our Kansas kids.