The International Center for Digital Threat Assessment®

ON-DEMAND TRAINING

Using Today for a Safer Tomorrow

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About the International Center for Digital Threat Assessment®

Using Today for a Safer Tomorrow

The International Center for Digital Threat Assessment® (ICDTA) is a partner of Safer Schools Together (SST). ICDTA® was established to provide Safety/Threat Assessment teams the tools and training needed to prevent tragedy and intervene at the first sign of worrisome online behavior. ICDTA® offers on-demand, video-based training for law enforcement, school administration staff, and professionals.

Nearly 90% of today's threats are communicated digitally. Our modules are designed to help your Safety/Threat Assessment teams proactively address challenges as they arise and stay current with the ever-evolving world of social media. Participants will learn how to proactively assess worrisome online behavior and identify individuals who may be on the pathway to violence. After completing module training, participants will leave with improved hands-on skills, as well as useful tools and resources that can be put into practice immediately.

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DIGITAL THREAT ASSESSMENT® PLANS

Our annual subscription plans provide Safety/Threat Assessment teams access to on-demand, video-based training. Our modules are designed to help your teams proactively address challenges as they arise and stay current with the ever-evolving world of social media. Staying up to date with the current digital landscape will help your team build capacity and sustainability within your community.

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DTA® Standard Plan

Access to all of our ICDTA® Micro Modules

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Our DTA® Standard Plan provides access to all ICDTA® Micro Modules. Micro Modules highlight the most popular social media platforms used by today's youth, as well as tools used by Safety/Threat Assessment teams. These modules are easily-consumable introductions to social media platforms and community safety topics. Micro Modules include a comprehensive interactive resource guide.

This plan includes:

- Live monthly Current Online Behavioral Trends and Updates sessions plus recordings
- Anonymous Apps Micro Module
- Discord Micro Module
- Communicating Through Crisis
- Ensuring Your Digital Privacy Micro Module
- Instagram Micro Module
- Snapchat Micro Module
- Twitter Micro Module
- TikTok Micro Module

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DTA® Plus Plan

Access to all of our ICDTA® Macro Modules

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Macro Modules are more comprehensive. These modules cover broader digital topics, as well as highlight best practices for navigating common challenges often faced by school communities. These modules can be completed within a few hours and include a comprehensive interactive resource guide.

This plan includes:

- Live monthly Current Online Behavioral Trends and Updates sessions plus recordings
- Cyberbullying
- Fundamentals of Digital Threat Assessment® Macro Module
- Digital Threat Assessment® Macro Module
- Anxiety, the Brain, and the Classroom: The ABCs of a Trauma-Informed Approach Macro Module
- Trauma-Informed Safe and Caring School Communities Macro Module

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DTA® All Access Plan

Full access to all of our ICDTA® Modules

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The DTA® All Access Plan solidifies your understanding of how to effectively use DTA® as a critical part of any modern-day Threat Assessment. With the DTA® All Access Plan, you will have full access to all of our ICDTA® Modules. Modules include a comprehensive interactive resource guide.

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MICRO MODULES

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Introduction to Behavioral and Digital Threat Assessment®

11 videos | Total run time 1 hour and 40 minutes
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This Micro Module will provide you with the tools vital for proactively and effectively identifying, assessing, and responding to worrisome and/or threat-related behavior through a Behavioral and Digital Threat Assessment™ (BDTA) management lens.

BDTA™ is the first blended multidisciplinary model designed to help Safety/Threat Assessment teams in the early identification and assessment of individuals on the pathway to violence. BDTA™ integrates Safer Schools Together's Digital Threat Assessment® (DTA) training and best practice from the National Threat Assessment Center's (NTAC) Behavioral Threat Assessment model which is founded on more than 20 years of research.

This Micro Module includes:

- How to conduct an initial assessment, a comprehensive Multidisciplinary data collection and assessment
- How to develop a Threat Intervention & Management Plan
- Best practices for duty to warn/inform
- How Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) initiatives and social-emotional learning in schools positively impacts school culture, climate, and connectedness
- How to establish a Multidisciplinary/Multiagency Threat Assessment team
- Best practices when conducting searches in home and school environments
- How to conduct digital searches on open-source platforms, language analysis, proper documentation, and centralized reporting
- Defining concerning, prohibited, and worrisome behaviors
- Defining thresholds for Law Enforcement investigations
- How to establish assessment procedures, including best practices for interviewing, threat management and progress monitoring
- Current best practice for communicating when responding to threat-related behavior

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Anonymous Apps

7 videos | Total run time 27 minutes

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This Micro Module provides an overview of apps where users can remain anonymous, including Reddit, 4Chan and WhatsApp. It is important that Safety/Threat Assessment teams know about these platforms and understand best practices for navigating these anonymous apps for data collection.

This Micro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- How and why Anonymous Apps are used
- The most popular Anonymous Apps Frequently used by Individuals
- Language and terminology in Anonymous Apps
- How Safety/Threat Assessment teams can utilize Anonymous Apps

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Communicating Through Crisis

5 videos | Total run time 27 minutes

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This Micro Module examines effective critical incident response strategies for school administrators. As a school administrator, you are often at the center of a critical incident and are responsible for managing the crisis and communicating with staff, students, parents, and others about the situation. The form and scope of a critical incident can vary, but there are some key strategies you can use to effectively communicate with different audiences. By understanding these strategies, you can ensure that you are sharing the appropriate information in the most effective way.

This Micro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- Examples of communication through various scenarios
- Important content to include in key messages such as direction, status, actions, and compassion
- Cautions in communication
- Post-incident communication example

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Discord

8 videos | Total run time 27 minutes

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This Micro Module provides an overview of Discord. This app has become a more significant concern amongst Safety/Threat Assessment teams over the years due to its anonymous nature and lack of publicly viewable content. Safety/Threat Assessment teams will obtain resources for Discord and how to report content properly. Teams will also learn how to navigate Discord.

This Micro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- How to navigate Discord
- Utilizing Discord for Safety/Threat Assessment teams
- Searching within Discord
- Resources for Discord investigations and Law Enforcement guides

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Ensuring Your Digital Privacy

6 videos | Total run time 37 minutes

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This Micro Module provides an overview of privacy settings in social media apps to prevent personal information from being exploited and used against others. It is important that Safety/Threat Assessment teams know about these platforms and understand best practices for navigating these popular social media platforms and apps.

This Micro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- How to identify public sources of private information, including on social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, and Twitter
- Using Boolean search operators to find out what information is out there about you or your loved ones
- Enabling secure privacy settings on social media platforms
- Understanding the steps to take to ensure a safe and private digital footprint

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Instagram

10 videos | Total run time 42 minutes

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This Micro Module provides insights into how today's youth use Instagram. Safety/Threat Assessment teams will learn how to locate and identify worrisome behavior on Instagram and best practices for using the app for data collection.
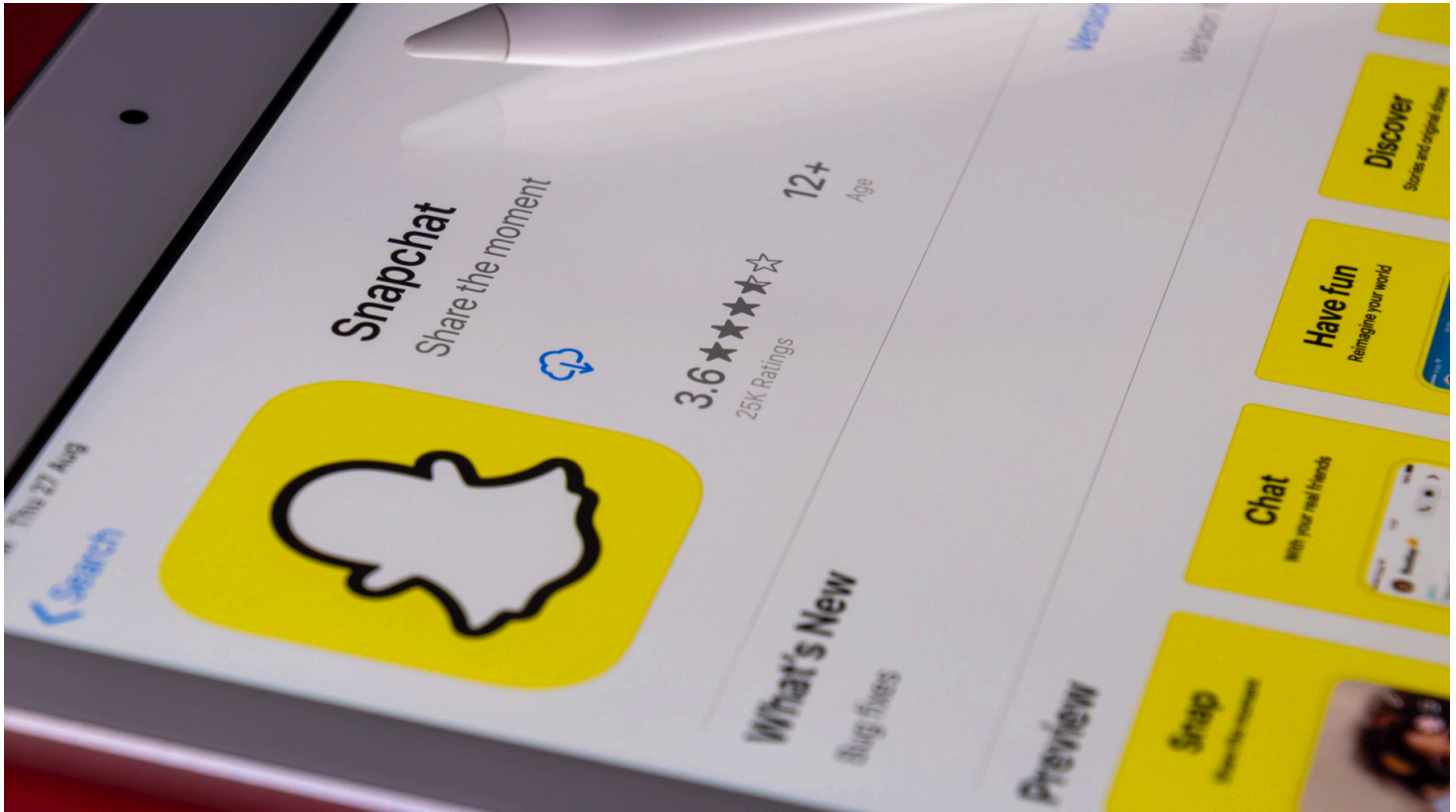
This Micro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- How to use Instagram
- Utilizing Instagram for Safety/Threat Assessment teams
- Instagram trends and features
- Searching within Instagram
- Resources for Instagram investigations and Law Enforcement guides

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Snapchat

6 videos | Total run time 39 minutes

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This Micro Module provides insights into how today's youth use Snapchat. Safety/Threat Assessment teams need to know how to locate and identify worrisome behavior on Snapchat and best practices for using the app for data collection.

This Micro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- Utilizing Snapchat for Safety/Threat Assessment teams
- Snapchat terminology: streaks, memories, ghost mode, and more
- Searching within Snapchat
- Resources for Snapchat investigations and Law Enforcement Guides

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TikTok

8 videos | Total run time 37 minutes

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This Micro Module provides insights into how today's youth use TikTok. Safety/Threat Assessment teams need to know how to locate and identify worrisome behavior on TikTok and best practices for using the app for data collection.

THIS MICRO MODULE INCLUDES:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- Utilizing TikTok for Safety/Threat Assessment teams
- TikTok Terminology: duets, stitch, fairy comments, and more
- Searching within TikTok
- Resources for TikTok investigations and Law Enforcement guides

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X (Formerly Twitter)

9 videos | Total run time 45 minutes

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This Micro Module provides insights into how today's youth use X. Safety/Threat Assessment teams will learn how to locate and identify worrisome behavior on X and best practices for using the app for data collection.

This Micro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- How to use X
- Utilizing X for Safety/Threat Assessment teams
- Advanced searching within X
- Resources for X investigations and Law Enforcement guides

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Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship & Cyberbullying

PARENT MODULE
6 videos | Total run time 30 minutes
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This Micro Module for parents focuses on all things digital. Your child in Middle/High School has now entered the peak of their digital media lives where cell phone ownership doubles, video game use explodes, and social media use becomes problematic. At this age, children encounter situations that will challenge their independence. Parents have an important role to play in providing support and guidance during critical periods.

This Micro Module Includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- Relevant trends in your district/general area, information children may encounter while online and how to address it effectively
- Vault apps and how to detect them
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behavior as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- Recommendations for family rules/conversations, parental controls, family tech plans, as well as suggestions for monitoring your tween/teen's digital life
- Snapshot of concerning apps and platforms will be provided to equip you with your digital parenting strategy

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Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities

Student Module

7 videos | Total run time 54 minutes

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This Micro Module for students covers all things digital, from being a good digital citizen to the criminal consequences of cyberbullying. Some of the most prominent concerns surrounding students' use of social media platforms and smartphones will be discussed.

This Micro Module includes:

- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behavior as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)

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MACRO MODULES

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Cyberbullying

9 videos | Total run time 1 hour and 8 minutes

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This Macro Module examines the challenges of cyberbullying and best practices for supporting those who have engaged in and/or been targeted by cyberbullying. Cyberbullying has become increasingly common due to the rapidly evolving nature of digital communications, especially among teenagers. Because of the unique nature of cyberbullying, a unique approach may be needed to support victims more effectively. We must ensure that we provide relevant education, effective modelling, and coping strategies for all parties.

This Macro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- The differences between bullying, mean behavior, and peer conflict
- The impact of cyberbullying online and in real life
- Trends regarding victimization and the correlation to self-harm
- Current trends of youth online
- Guidelines for school administrators and law enforcement
- An interactive case study
- How best to support victims of cyberbullying

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Fundamentals of Digital Threat Assessment®

6 videos | Total run time 1 hour and 21 minutes

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This Macro Module on introduces you to the concept of Digital Threat Assessment® (DTA) and its place within the practice of threat assessment. Proactive and evidence-based, Fundamentals of DTA® will assist your team in identifying individuals that may pose a threat to the safety of themselves or others in their community.

This Macro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- How technology and digital platforms have evolved
- The most popular social media platforms (Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, etc.)
- Safety/Threat Assessment social media account creation and relevant searches
- Documentation of social media accounts when conducting DTA®
- Privacy settings for all the leading social media platforms
- The difference between usernames and vanity names
- How to download and save videos
- Current social media language, trends, and their significance
- How to document your digital findings

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Digital Threat Assessment®

13 videos | Total run time 2 hours and 52 minutes

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This Macro Module teaches you to establish a Digital Behavioral Baseline through a Safety/Threat Assessment lens. By engaging with popular social media applications, you will learn how to find and document worrisome digital media content originating from your community. This training solidifies your understanding of how to effectively use Digital Threat Assessment® (DTA) as a critical part of any modern-day threat assessment.

This Macro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- To apply the principles of behavioral threat assessment to DTA®
- To identify the digital behavioral baseline of individuals on the pathway to violence
- To assess the language of online threat-related behavior
- To search within commonly used platforms such as, Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat
- To utilize boolean operators, people search engines, and access cached data
- To validate the source of images and video
- Best practice for online navigation and ensuring privacy safeguards
- To use law enforcement guides to request user identifying information (preservation and production orders)
- To crowdsource localized and time relevant social media posts from your organization and area
- The latest updates to stories, reels, hashtags, and IGTV
- To identify concerning trends and create awareness to ensure safety and mental wellbeing
- To gather public social media data with geolocation relevance—what are the most effective ways to identify potential witnesses in a public act of violence?
- To use social media to find a missing person
- To document your digital findings

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Integrating Digital Threat Assessment® into the CSTAG Model

14 videos | Total run time 1 hour and 1 minute

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This Macro Module provides an overview on the use of Digital Threat Assessment with the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG). CSTAG is an evidence-based behavioral threat assessment and management model designed specifically for schools, however, this blended program can also be used with non-students as well. This model focuses on using a problem-solving approach to prevent community violence.

This Macro Module includes:

- How to utilize the School Threat Assessment Decision Tree and Digital Threat Assessment® (DTA) tools to better understand a threat-maker's behavioral baseline
- Use social media to conduct and evaluate a safety plan for the threat-maker/target
- A review of the concept of leakage and its ties to social media
- A high-level overview of the most commonly used social media platforms (Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, etc.) and best practice for searching within them
- Using Boolean Search Operators to identify a threat-makers public social media accounts
- Tools to determine whether a threat-maker has access to the means to carry out a threat, demonstrates a shift in digital behavioral baseline, or displays behaviors consistent with a threat
- How to effectively screenshot on mobile and computer devices
- Determine the authenticity of a photo or video, and next steps based on the results

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Anxiety, The Brain, and the Classroom: The ABC's of a Trauma-Informed Approach

3 videos | Total run time 1 hour and 25 minutes

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This Macro Module includes the most significant components of a trauma-informed classroom approach. Fundamental change occurs when educators understand how anxiety and trauma can impact learning and the effect it can have on the brain.

This Macro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- The prevalence of mental health and trauma in schools
- The impact of anxiety and trauma on the brain
- How anxiety presents in the classroom
- The effect of hyperarousal on learning
- The role and impact of executive functions on behavior
- Practical strategies and tools to apply a trauma-informed approach in classrooms

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Trauma-Informed Safe and Caring School Communities

5 videos | Total run time 1 hour and 53 minutes

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This Macro Module helps you understand best practices for creating environments where the brain is able to learn rather than exist in a state of hyperarousal. By understanding trauma and its effects, school staff can respond to challenging behavior in a way that supports the students, families, and staff alike.

This Macro Module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- The impact of anxiety and trauma on the brain
- How anxiety presents in the classroom
- Practical strategies to apply a trauma-informed approach to the classroom
- Strategies for brain-based neuro-developmental complexities such as ADHD
- Tools to support symptoms of depression that impact learning
- A takeaway plan/framework to implement a trauma-informed approach in your school community

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