

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®

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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.

SPECIALIZED MODULES

These 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.

Introduction to Behavioral and Digital Threat Assessment®

11 videos | Total run time 1 hour and 40 minutes

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This 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 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

Worrisome Online Behavior™

1 video | Total run time 15 minutes



Worrisome behavior can often appear subtle, such as a change in mood, dark themes in school assignments, or online posts that feel “off.” While they can sometimes be overlooked, these early indicators are the most powerful tools we have to identify cries for help **before** a concern escalates.

This module introduces the foundational concepts needed to recognize behavioral changes, understand their significance within a Subject of Concern’s baseline behavior, and respond through timely and supportive intervention.

This module includes:

- What constitutes as worrisome behavior
- Addressing worrisome behavior with **staff**, including best practices for consistent documentation and informal/formal avenues for raising concerns
- Addressing worrisome behavior with **students**, including encouraging and seeking anonymous reporting pathways
- Identifying early intervention strategies, including problem-solving, restorative approaches, and supportive planning

Radicalization and Extremism

5 videos | Total run time: 40 minutes

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The Radicalization and Extremism module provides participants with an understanding of how radicalization and extremist ideologies develop and spread, particularly within digital environments frequented by youth. It explores the factors and digital platforms that make individuals—especially young people—vulnerable to extremist narratives. Using real-world case studies and data-informed trends, this module highlights early indicators of radicalization and offers guidance on understanding risk enhancers, protective factors, and effective intervention strategies.

This module includes:

- Defining extremism and radicalization within the context of school safety and threat-related behavior.
- Identifying risk enhancers that contribute to youth vulnerability to radicalization.
- Recognizing how meme culture, influencer extremism, and algorithmic recommendation systems facilitate exposure to harmful ideologies.
- Assessing early warning signs of radicalization using digital behavioral baseline indicators and language shifts.
- Applying multidisciplinary approaches to intervention planning and management for Subjects of Concern.
- Understanding the role of digital platforms, including gaming and social media apps, in the recruitment and normalization of extremist content.

Anonymous Apps

7 videos | Total run time 27 minutes

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This 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 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

Vault Apps

8 videos | Total run time 31 minutes

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This module provides an overview of Vault Apps and their utility in online data collection. It is important for Safety/Threat Assessment (S/TA) teams to understand the most common ways digital users intentionally conceal photos, videos, and files on their digital device. By the end of this module, S/TA teams will have a better understanding of best practices for identifying, detecting, and preserving digital content 'hidden' in Vault Apps.

This module includes:

- Interactive Resource Guide
- How Vault Apps are used to conceal images, videos and files
- An overview of the most popular Vault Apps used by individuals
- How Safety/Threat Assessment Teams can utilize Vault Apps for online data collection
- Tools for Parents/Caregivers, School Administrators, and Law Enforcement

Communicating Through Crisis

5 videos | Total run time 27 minutes

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This 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 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

Discord

8 videos | Total run time 27 minutes

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This 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 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

Ensuring Your Digital Privacy

6 videos | Total run time 37 minutes

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This 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 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

Instagram

10 videos | Total run time 42 minutes

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This 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 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

Snapchat

6 videos | Total run time 39 minutes

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This 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 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

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 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

X (Formerly Twitter)

9 videos | Total run time 45 minutes

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This 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 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

Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship & Cyberbullying

PARENT MODULE

6 videos | Total run time 30 minutes

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This 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 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

Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities

Student Module

7 videos | Total run time 54 minutes

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This 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 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)

COMPREHENSIVE MODULES

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.

Foundations of School Safety

11 videos | Total run time: 2 hours 5 minutes

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In today's educational landscape, the importance of school safety cannot be overstated. A safe school is critical for effective teaching and learning, providing a space where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. The Foundations of School Safety module equips participants with practical tools, strategies, and actionable insights to promote a safe and caring school environment, addressing issues like bullying, cyberbullying, and more.

This module includes:

- Identifying relevant topics in school codes of conduct
- How to make recommendations for appropriate updates in school codes of conduct
- Understanding your role in promoting inclusiveness and acknowledging diversity and anti-racism
- Defining, creating, and assessing climate and culture
- Identifying appropriate actions to promote school connectedness and engagement with students, staff, parents, and community partners
- Understanding school systems and their respective impact on safety
- Understanding the importance of the physical school environment to ensure a safe environment for staff and students
- How to select appropriate strategies for prevention, promotion, and intervention in school safety
- How to evaluate and ensure a naturally open school system
- Identifying and applying appropriate and effective strategies and interventions to address mean behavior, peer conflict, and all forms of bullying
- Identifying and applying strategies to promote positive mental health and well-being for K-12 (Elementary, Middle, and Secondary)
- Identifying and applying strategies to ensure a trauma-informed classroom environment
- Understanding the threat assessment process in schools, and how to initiate this process when presented with worrisome, concerning, or threat-related behavior
- Provide ideas to ensure leadership opportunities for students to promote safe and caring schools and anonymous reporting tools
- Social media trends and recognizing the evolution of digital threats
- The differences between bullying, mean behavior, and peer conflict
- The impact of cyberbullying online and in real life

Digital Threat Assessment®: Comprehensive Law Enforcement Action Response

11 videos | Total run time: 1 hour 20 minutes

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The Digital Threat Assessment®: Comprehensive Law Enforcement Action Response (CLEAR) module is designed to equip law enforcement professionals with actionable strategies and cutting-edge tools to efficiently identify, investigate, and respond to threats of violence and worrisome online behaviors reported or detected within schools and communities. The course provides targeted resources and tactical guidance to help officers take swift, effective action when faced with these critical scenarios.

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, law enforcement plays a pivotal role in ensuring public safety, and this module is tailored to meet the unique challenges faced by patrol officers, investigators, school resource officers, criminal analysts, and other personnel involved in threat assessment and online investigations. Delivered by subject matter experts in digital investigations, this training offers high-tech investigative techniques that have been developed and refined through years of field experience.

Safer Schools Together's (SST) Digital Threat Assessment® (DTA) training is renowned across North America for empowering law enforcement to proactively address the growing complexity of digital threats. By applying a Safety and Threat Assessment lens, this module equips officers with the skills to establish a Digital Behavioral Baseline, track potential threats, and document worrisome online behavior across popular social media platforms. Thousands of law enforcement professionals have used these techniques to successfully locate individuals on the pathway to violence, preventing harmful outcomes in their communities.

This module includes:

- Refresh on Digital Threat Assessment® (DTA) best practices
- Tactical considerations for gathering and preserving digital evidence
- Understanding the impact of AI in the context of school-related threats
- Open-source investigation tips to enhance threat detection
- Strategies for obtaining and safeguarding records from social media platforms
- Navigating digital content takedown requests efficiently
- Juvenile interview protocols in the context of online threats

Cyberbullying

9 videos | Total run time 1 hour and 8 minutes

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This 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 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

Fundamentals of Digital Threat Assessment®

6 videos | Total run time 1 hour and 21 minutes

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This module 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 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

Digital Threat Assessment®

11 videos | Total run time 2 hours

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This 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 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

Integrating Digital Threat Assessment® into the CSTAG Model

14 videos | Total run time 1 hour and 1 minute

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This 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 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-maker's 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

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 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 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

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