

BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION TEAMS in SCHOOL DISTRICTS

*Does Your District
Have a BIT?*

WHAT IS A BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION TEAM?

Behavioral Intervention Teams (BIT) at the K-12 level are an evolution of school safety Threat Assessment or Student Assistance Teams, which are prevalent. However, where these teams have traditionally been charged with assessing a potential threat of harm to self or others that already may exist, BIT focuses on preventing the threat and/or crisis before it occurs. While effective threat assessment techniques are a part of BIT function, these teams focus on a caring and preventive approach that incorporates the school, the district, community resources, and the family to support the student. Teams intervene with specialized knowledge to identify the earliest signs of potential crisis rather than waiting for clear signs of an impending threat and reacting. Teams develop success plans for students that may include disability support, treatment requirements, and academic assistance. BIT can be coordinated within or across districts, and can include appropriate community agencies where available and required.

WHAT DOES TRAINING LOOK LIKE?

Training is offered in a one-day condensed course or a two-day Certification course.

WHO SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON YOUR BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION TEAM?

- * BIT Case Managers
- * School Guidance Counselors
- * School Psychologists/Counseling Directors
- * District Counseling Coordinators
- * School Health Professionals
- * School/District Disability Service Director
- * Vice Principal for Student Conduct
- * District Legal Counsel
- * School/District Faculty Representative
- * District Media Relations/Public Relations Coordinator
- * School/District PTA representative
- * Human Resources or Teachers' Union Representative
- * District EAP Coordinator
- * Other Offices (EOP/EEOC Officer, Athletics, Club Advisors)

<https://nabita.org/behavioral-intervention-teams/>

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