



Action Plan for Elementary Schools in Alachua County

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Recommendation I

- **Request that appropriate legislative bodies provide funding for on-site law enforcement officers for all (elementary) schools. Two components to funding request:**
 - *Immediate Request - Request funding from local legislative bodies to fund law enforcement staffing for balance of school year.*
 - *Extended Request - Request funding from federal, state and local legislative bodies to fund law enforcement staffing beyond current school year.*

Recommendation II

- **Institute Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review of all schools in Alachua County.**
 - *Local law enforcement CPTED practitioners will work with school board to review facilities of Alachua County schools to identify potential improvements for enhancement of safe schools. Identify funding source for recommended improvements.*

Recommendation III

- **Pursue Funding from Federal, State and Local Legislatures for development of a Mental Health component to assist school administrators with mental health issues.**
- **The goals:**
 - *Provide parents assistance/resources for managing children with mental health issues.*
 - *Provide law enforcement and school staff with options for dealing with students and parents who struggle with mental health issues.*

Recommendation IV

- **Implement on-going joint training and education for Law Enforcement, School Staff, students and parents.**
- **Purpose of Recommendation:**
 - *Provide all members of the school communities with understanding of each person's role during emergency situations. Provide requisite training for roles of varying entities involved in emergency situations. Establish minimum standard for training exercises.*

Recommendation IV cont'd

- *Offer quarterly training/review of the mental health component of the joint effort of law enforcement, mental health professionals, School Board personnel, and other concerned individuals to monitor the success of identifying students in need of additional mental health counseling. The focus is to develop a plan of action to limit or remove the possibility of teenage criminal offenders in future years, thus reducing the number of teenagers being incarcerated.*

Recommendation IV cont'd

- *As part of the Community Oriented Policing concept, training should be moved to the communities surrounding these schools. Parents should be educated about the ongoing efforts of this coalition to improve school safety and address the mental health component.*

Template to be Used to Guide Future Efforts

STEPS

1. **Expand Focus of School Crisis Committees**
2. **Identify Safety Issues and Develop Action Plan**
3. **Develop/Review Action Plan**
4. **Raise Awareness**
5. **Evaluate Effectiveness and Revise Plans**