

# SCHOOL VIOLENCE - A RESOURCE GUIDE

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## REPORTS, STUDIES, AND SURVEYS

### **Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Framework for Action.**

A 1994 pastoral message of the Catholic bishops of the United States, which reflects on ways to reclaim our culture and communities from violence and strife. Available from the United States Catholic Conference, Domestic Social Development, 3211 4th Street NE, Washington, DC 20017-1194. Phone: (800) 235-8722. Cost: \$1.95.

### **Creating Caring Relationships to Foster Academic Excellence: Recommendation for Reducing Violence in California Schools**

(October 1995). Advisory Panel on School Violence, State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, 1812 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-7000.

### **Early Violence Prevention: Tools for Teachers of Young Children,**

by Ronald Slaby, et al. To order, contact the National Association for the Education of Young Children, 1509 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036-1426. Phone (202) 328-2604 (order No. 325). Cost: \$7.00 (prepaid).

### **Juveniles and Violence: Juvenile Offenders and Victimization Fact Sheet**

(1993). U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. Phone: (800) 638-8736. Cost: Free.

### **MetLife Survey of the American Teacher, Violence in America's Public Schools: The Family Perspective**

(1993). This large survey gives commentary and many graphs documenting the concerns of teachers, students, and law-enforcement officers across the country about the increasing violence and fears of violence in schools. Solutions are also discussed. MetLife, P.O. Box 807, New York, NY 10159-0807. Fax: (212) 685-1435. Cost: Free.

### **Reducing Youth Violence.**

U.S. General Accounting Office (GA)/T-RD-92-22). Phone: (202) 512-6000. Cost: Free.

### **School Crime: A National**

### **Crime Victimization Survey Report**

(1991). U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. Phone: (800) 638-8736. Cost: Free.

### **Taking Action to Prevent Adolescent Violence: Educational Resources for Schools and Community Organizations.**

A list of curricula, videos, and other materials. CSN Adolescent Violence Prevention Resource Center, Educational Development Center, Inc., P.O. Box 1020, Sewickley, PA 15143. Phone:

(800) 793-5076. Cost: \$10.00 (prepaid).

### **The State of America's Children**

(1994). This report "examines the epidemic of violence in America, and chronicles the most recent developments and data in areas of income, health, child care and early childhood, children and families in crisis, housing and homelessness, hunger and nutrition, adolescent pregnancy prevention and youth development." Children's Defense Fund, 25 E St. NW, Washington, DC 20001. Phone: (202) 628-8787. Cost: \$14.95 plus ship-

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**Violence in the Schools: How America's School Boards Are Safeguarding Our Children.** National School Board Association, P.O. Box 161, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. Phone: (800) 706-6722. Cost: \$15.00; \$12.00 for NSBA members, plus \$7.00 shipping and handling.

**Violence Prevention: A Curriculum for Adolescents** by Deborah Prothrow-Stith. Educational Development Center, Inc., P.O. Box 1020, Sewickley, PA 15143. Phone: (800) 793-5076. Cost: \$30.00 (prepaid) for Teacher's Guide and student handouts, \$120.00 (prepaid) for video series.

**Violence Prevention for Young Adolescents: The State of the Art of Program Evaluations,** by Stu Cohen et al./ERIC Clearinghouse (ED 356 441). Phone: (800) 443-3742. Cost: \$12.24.

## JOURNALS/MAGAZINES

**English Journal.** NCTE, 1111 W. Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61801-1096. Phone: (217) 328-3870. The entire September 1995 issue (Vol. 84, No. 5) is devoted to the topic of school violence.

A two-issue series on "Media and Violence" from *Media & Values* magazine provides a comprehensive "short course" summarizing the research and outlining ideas for action. Cost: \$7.00 for the set. Discussion groups can order 10 issues of each magazine along with a free discussion guide for five lively sessions on the topic. Center for Media Literacy, 1992 S. Shenandoah St., Los Angeles, CA 90034. Phone: (800) 226-9494. Cost: \$65.00.

**School Safety.** National School Safety Center, 4165 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Suite 290, Westlake Village, CA 91362. Phone: (805) 373-9977. Fax: (805) 373-9277. This news journal is published by the National School Safety Center to communicate current trends and effective programs in school safety to educators, law, and the public.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM A Safe Place to Learn (1996).

This program introduces your school to the fundamentals of crisis response and school safety planning. By David J. Schonfeld Lichtenstein, Marsha Kline, and Dee Speese-Linehan, Assoc. for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

This video-based staff development program consists of the following:

- 35-minute videotape
- 90-page Facilitator's Guide with workshop outlines, activities, and resource readings
- 64-page book, *How to Prepare for and Respond to a Crisis*. Stock No. 496062T31. ASCD, 1250 N. Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-1453. Phone: (703) 549-9110. Fax: (703) 299-8631. Cost: \$328.00 (ASCD members),

\$398.00 (nonmembers).

## ORGANIZATIONS

**The National Center for Elementary Drug & Violence Prevention** (a division of NIMCO, Inc.) Publishes a resource guide that includes videos, software, displays, books, and games on violence prevention. P.O. Box 9, 102 Hwy. 81 North, Calhoun, KY 42327-0009. Phone: (800) 962-6662. Fax: (502) 273-5844.

**Safe Schools Coalition, Inc.** P.O. Box 1338, Holmes Beach, FL 34218. Phone: (800) 537-4903.

## BOOKS

**Preventing Conflict and Violence in Your Classroom: Scared or Prepared,** by Lee Canter with

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Ron Garrison, 1994. Lee Canter & Associates, P.O. Box 2113, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2113. Phone: (800) 262-4347 or (310) 395-3221.

Practical strategies that have been proven effective in schools across the country. Teaches how to:

- Reduce the risk factors associated with teacher victimization
- Obtain respect and compliance from the most aggressive and volatile students
- Intervene safely in situations involving fights and weapons
- Work effectively with gang-affiliated students
- Provide peaceful alternatives for students to resolve conflicts on their own.

**Preventing Violence in the Workplace** by Charles E. Lobig. New

York: American Management Assn., 1995. A worthwhile tool for preventing or heading off potential violence in the workplace.

**Reducing School Violence Through Conflict Resolution** by David W. Johnson and Roger T. Johnson, 1995. ASCD, 1250 N. Pitt St., Alexandria, VA 22314-1453. Phone: (800) 933-2723 or (703) 549-9110. Fax: (703) 299-8631.

Teachers can have a long-term, positive effect on their students' lives by teaching them how to avoid using violence as a way to resolve conflicts. Clear step-by-step guidelines help teachers explain to students how to negotiate and mediate conflicts and what to do when negotiation and mediation fail.

**Staying Safe at School** (1993), by Chester L. Quarles. Corwin Press,

Inc., 2455 Teller Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320-2218. Phone: (805) 499-9774. Fax: (805) 499-0871.

Quarles, an expert and long-time personal safety consultant to educators throughout the United States, offers common-sense advice while prodding readers to learn all they can about crime and violence. The book targets personal safety issues of importance to teachers all over the world.

**Violence in the Schools: How to Proactively Prevent and Defuse It** (1993), by Joan Curcio and Patricia F. First. Corwin Press, Inc., 2455 Teller Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320-2218. Phone: (805) 499-9774. Fax: (805) 499-0871.

This all-important guidebook seeks to prevent violence, but the authors also tell administrators what to do—step by step—when violence does occur or a volatile situation must be defused. Advocates integrating efforts at all government levels, and details specific actions that school districts and individual administrators can take to keep their schools safe.

## VIDEOS

**Scared or Prepared: Strategies for Preventing Student Aggression and Violence in Your School** (Grades 6-12). Prepared by Lee Canter, with Ron Garrison. Complete video package includes six videocassettes, a leader's manual, and one text. On-site consulting is available. This video series offers proven and practical solutions that show teachers how to establish and maintain safety in their classrooms. Available from: Lee Canter & Associates, P.O. Box 2113, Dept. F, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2113. Phone: (800) 262-4347 (U.S.), (800) 733-1711 (Canada), or (310) 395-3221. Fax: (310) 394-6017. Cost: \$699.00 plus shipping. ☎

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