Yukon Education

Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol

Signatory Document

Purpose

This signatory document and the attached Yukon Education Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol ("the Protocol") reflect the shared understanding and agreement between Yukon Education and the Departments of Health and Social Services and Justice, the RCMP, and Yukon College about how to respond to threats in Yukon schools and communities.

A threat is defined as "any expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be spoken, written, drawn, posted on the internet or made by gesture."

Rationale

The Protocol is designed to prevent the occurrence of traumatic events instigated by youth. Effective implementation of a Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol in Yukon's schools and communities requires timely collaboration between multidisciplinary partners with defined roles and responsibilities.

The Protocol enables the partners to share appropriate information about youth in order to provide for early intervention in situations in the school and/or community setting where a student is involved in a threat or risk based behaviour.

Guiding Principles

The signatory parties agree to:

- A multidisciplinary, collaborative approach to identify, investigate and respond to threats or threat making behaviours to the personal safety of others.
- Share information that they have the lawful authority to disclose under their respective legislative regimes.

- Exchange appropriate information without delay, while respecting individuals' rights to privacy.

- Follow the process set out in the Protocol in undertaking a Violence Threat Risk Assessment to determine if the threat maker actually poses a risk.

- The Director of Student Support Services or the Director's alternate, being the lead contact for the Protocol.

- The Director of Student Support Services establishing a Violence Threat Risk Assessment Steering Committee representing all of the parties to coordinate and maintain support for the Protocol and to update the Protocol as required. Updates to the Protocol will not require a new signatory document.

Signed this 26th day of June, 2013

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