







What is Ok2SAY?





A program that **empowers** students, parents, schools, community mental health service programs, and law enforcement to **share and respond** to student safety threats.

Culture of Silence



Discourages students from reporting for fear of retaliation or being labeled a **“snitch.”**

81% of violent acts in U.S. schools, someone **OTHER** than the attacker had knowledge of the plan but **failed** to report it.



Dyback, Wilson, Williams, Madolek, and Georgians Bureau. "Other Knowledge of Potential School-Based Violence: Information Students Learn May Prevent a Tragedy Awaits." U.S. Secret Service. Office Director. May, 2013. http://www.sec.state.gov/ins/ok2say/ok2say_study.pdf

How does **OK2SAY** work?



Encourages communication among students and caring, professional adults through:

How does **OK2SAY** work?

- Confidential Reporting
- Comprehensive Technology
- Coordinated Intervention
- Complete Disposition

Confidential Reporting



Reporter confidentiality is **guaranteed.**

The ability to submit a tip is available **24/7.**



Attachments will be accepted.



Michigan State Police will take reports and promptly provide information to local law enforcement agencies and/or school districts.

If there is a **psychiatric emergency**, the information will be referred to the **appropriate** Community Mental Health psychiatric **crisis line**.



Complete Disposition

To promote accountability, law enforcement, school, and/or community mental health program officials will be asked to complete outcome reports detailing:

- Type of tip
- Response
- Outcome
- Suggestions for improvement



- Increased Safety
- Collaborative Support
- Timely Response
- Improved Academic Performance



Facilitates responses to harmful behavior like weapons possession, substance abuse, suicide threats, and bullying.





Empowers dialogue where students feel safe reporting dangerous situations to authorities.






Encourages **timely** responses to submitted reports through police coordination, disposition filings, and 24/7 availability.



OK 2 SAY

Creates a **safer learning environment** where students can **reach their full academic potential**.

Proven Success



Other states have implemented **similar student safety programs** that **have saved lives**.



Colorado

Program has documented and resolved:

- 284 planned school attacks
- 330 gun / weapon incidents
- 469 sexual offenses
- 1,323 suicide interventions
- 2,207 bullying incidents



Missouri

Successes Include:

- Tips sent through mobile app
- 1000+ reports in 2011
- 80% of law enforcement say the hotline promotes cooperation between law enforcement agencies and school officials.



The target is to establish an operational program by **Spring, 2014.**

Promote OK-2-SAY





through Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI)

- Statewide presence
- Public and private school
- Over **one million** students have benefitted from the program.

Customized Presentations

K - 1st Grades
20-25 min
3 videos ~ 6 min

2nd – 3rd Grades
20-25 min
3 videos ~ 10 min

4th – 5th Grades
35-40 min
6 videos ~ 10 min

6th – 8th Grades
40-45 min
8 videos ~ 20 min

9th–12th Grades
40-45 min
7 videos ~ 22 min

Community Seminar
1 hour
7 videos ~ 20 min




