

# **The Threat Intervention and Prevention (TIP) Network**



## **What Is the TIP Network?**

The Threat Intervention and Prevention (TIP) Network is a groundbreaking program aimed at *preventing* acts of mass violence before they occur, through early identification of potential threats.

The TIP Network is led by a Core Team of law enforcement representatives trained to assess and minimize potential threats.

The TIP Network is supported by a much larger Community Team of organizations from all sectors across the District that will have quick and confidential access to the Core Team as needed for training and for consultation on any threat-related concerns.

## **How Does It Work?**

The Community Team receives regular training by the Core Team regarding emerging threats, indicators of potential violence, and related topics.

In addition, the Community Team has direct access to the Core Team as needed to assess any troubling conduct and to work together on a personalized threat-mitigation strategy (which may include, for example, mental health services, mentoring, or law enforcement intervention).

For example, a representative from a local University might contact the Core Team and meet to discuss a student who suddenly seems obsessed with weapons to assess whether the student presents a threat and to brainstorm about strategies to prevent escalation to violence.

As another example, a representative of a small business might consult with the Core Team before terminating a troublesome employee in order to assess and address any potential threat.

## **How Can You Get Involved?**

Joining the TIP Network's Community Team is easy.

Simply send an email to [TIP.Network@usdoj.gov](mailto:TIP.Network@usdoj.gov), and ask to be placed on the Community Team's email list. You will then be invited to the Core Team's informational calls and meetings, thereby ensuring that your organization knows the very latest information regarding potential threats, warning signs, and mitigation strategies.

You will also receive direct and confidential access to the Core Team members and may request a consultation whenever the need arises.

The TIP Network can only be a success if private, non-profit, educational, and other community partners are willing to get involved in this important joint effort to prevent acts of violence.