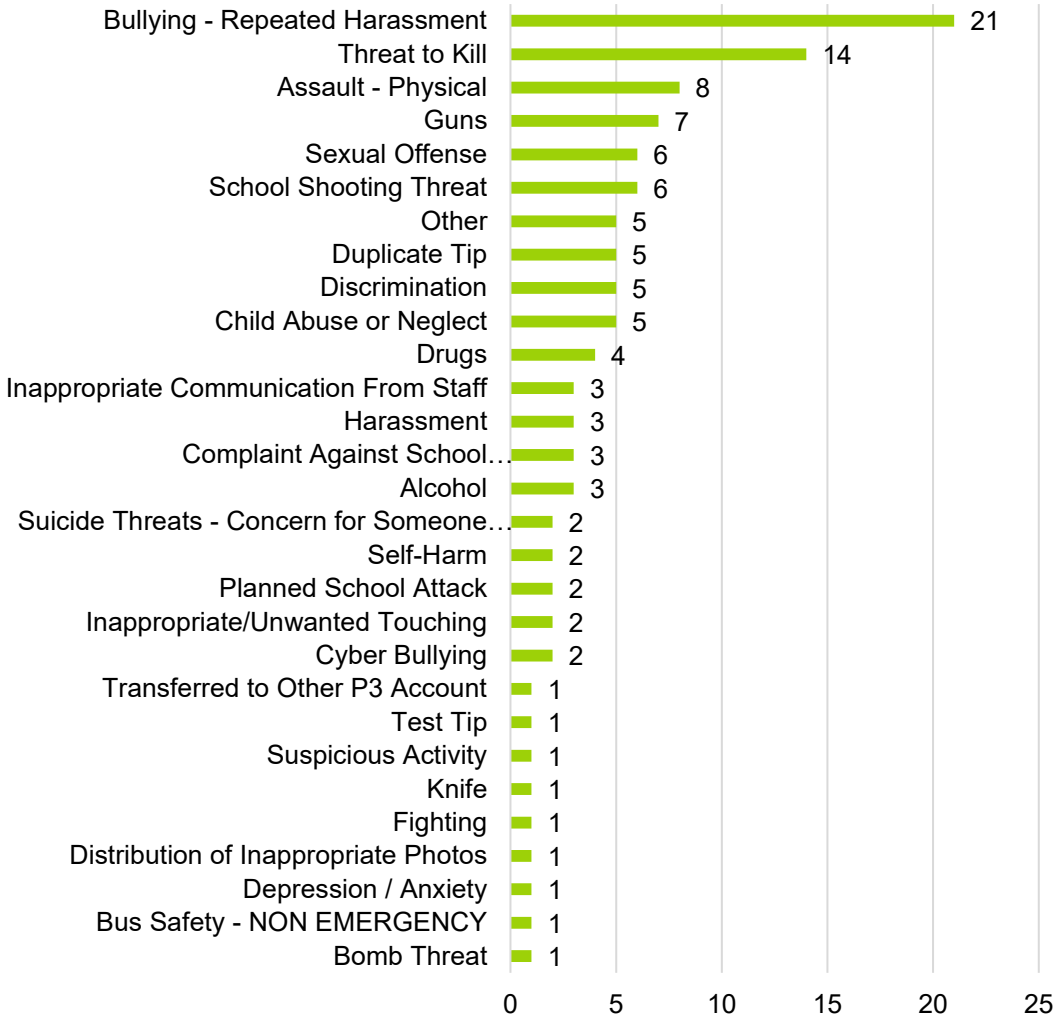
COURAGE 4 REPORT

Prevent School Violence

May and June 2025 Monthly Activity Summary

May Tip Overview

Tip Summary: 117 Total



Tip Volume by the Hour:

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7:00 PM	6	Reports
8:00 PM	4	Reports
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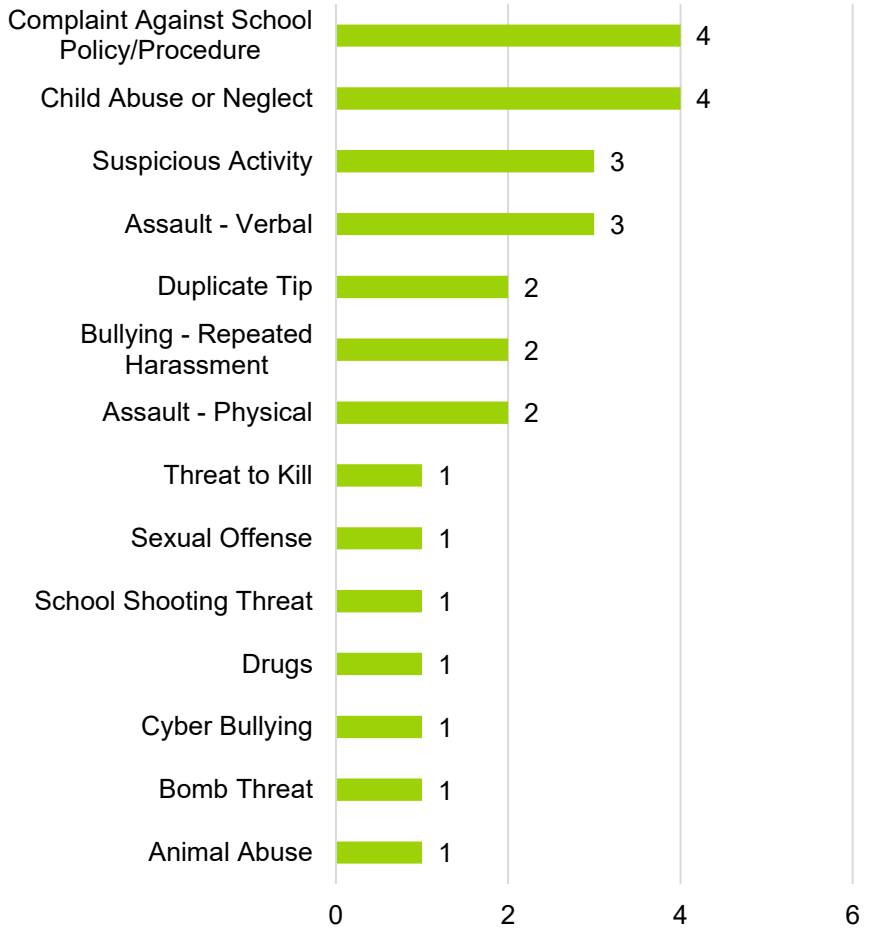
11:00 PM	1	Report

Tip Volume by Day:

Sunday	3
Monday	25
Tuesday	26
Wednesday	19
Thursday	23
Friday	18
Saturday	3

June Tip Overview

Tip Summary: Total 27



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08:00 PM	**1**	Report
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11:00 PM	**0**	Reports

Tip Volume by Day:

Sunday	**2**
Monday	**3**
Tuesday	**3**
Wednesday	**4**
Thursday	**3**
Friday	**8**
Saturday	**4**

July 2024 – June 2025 School Year Tip Overview

- During this school year, Courage2Report received 278 school shooting-related threats. This was the number one reported event type for the school year. Submitting a tip for a school shooting threat can be instrumental in preventing planned mass shootings from happening. Many of these tips involved a welfare check at the home, referral to the juvenile office and several arrests. Other actions taken were threat assessments completed, referral to Child Protective Services, and referral to behavioral health providers or counseling services.
- 207 tips reported were related to bullying, which remained a high concern all school year.
- Violent threats against individuals were among the top 3; 173 tips were for “Threat To Kill.”
- We received 116 tips related to someone being physically assaulted.
- 90 firearm involved incidents/tips were reported this school year, some which led to the confiscation of weapons -- possibly preventing injury to others or themselves and underscoring the importance of vigilant reporting.
- Concerns about students’ well-being at home are vital. We received 64 tips related to child abuse or neglect, leading to interventions & reports to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline for further awareness.
- Courage2Report received 61 tips for sexual offenses. Sexual misconduct-related tips were the 7th most reported event type for the school year and remains a pressing issue.
- We had 56 complaints against school policy or procedures. Students, parents, or school staff expressing concerns about school policies indicate areas for administrative review and improvement. Some actions taken from reported tips were parents being contacted by the school and student check-ins completed.
- Drugs were the 9th most reported tip type at 51 reports. Substance abuse, including vaping and alcohol use, is a growing concern.
- Harassment, encompassing various forms of intimidation and mistreatment, affects student well-being. Tips involving harassment were the 10th most reported tip type at 43 reports for the school year.

This analysis reveals that violence, including school shooting threats and physical assaults, remains a top safety concern, highlighting the urgent need for strong threat assessment and intervention strategies.

Bullying and harassment are also widespread, emphasizing the importance of promoting empathy, conflict resolution, and peer support.

Reports of drug use point to a need for preventive education and accessible counseling services, while incidents of sexual offenses and child abuse underscore the necessity of comprehensive safeguarding practices and staff training.

Additionally, complaints about school policies may suggest schools should involve families more often when shaping fair and effective rules.

Why Submitting Tips Is Crucial for School Safety

Early detection prevents violence.
Tips allow authorities to intervene before a threat becomes a tragedy. Whether the intent is credible or not, each report enables professionals to evaluate the situation and respond appropriately.

Anonymous Reporting Empowers the Community
Courage2Report allows anyone -- students, parents, or concerned citizens -- to speak up safely. This removes fear of retaliation and encourages more people to report warning signs.

Mental Health Support and Prevention
Many tips lead to mental health interventions rather than punitive actions. By identifying students in crisis early, schools, and communities can connect them with support services, helping to prevent future harm.

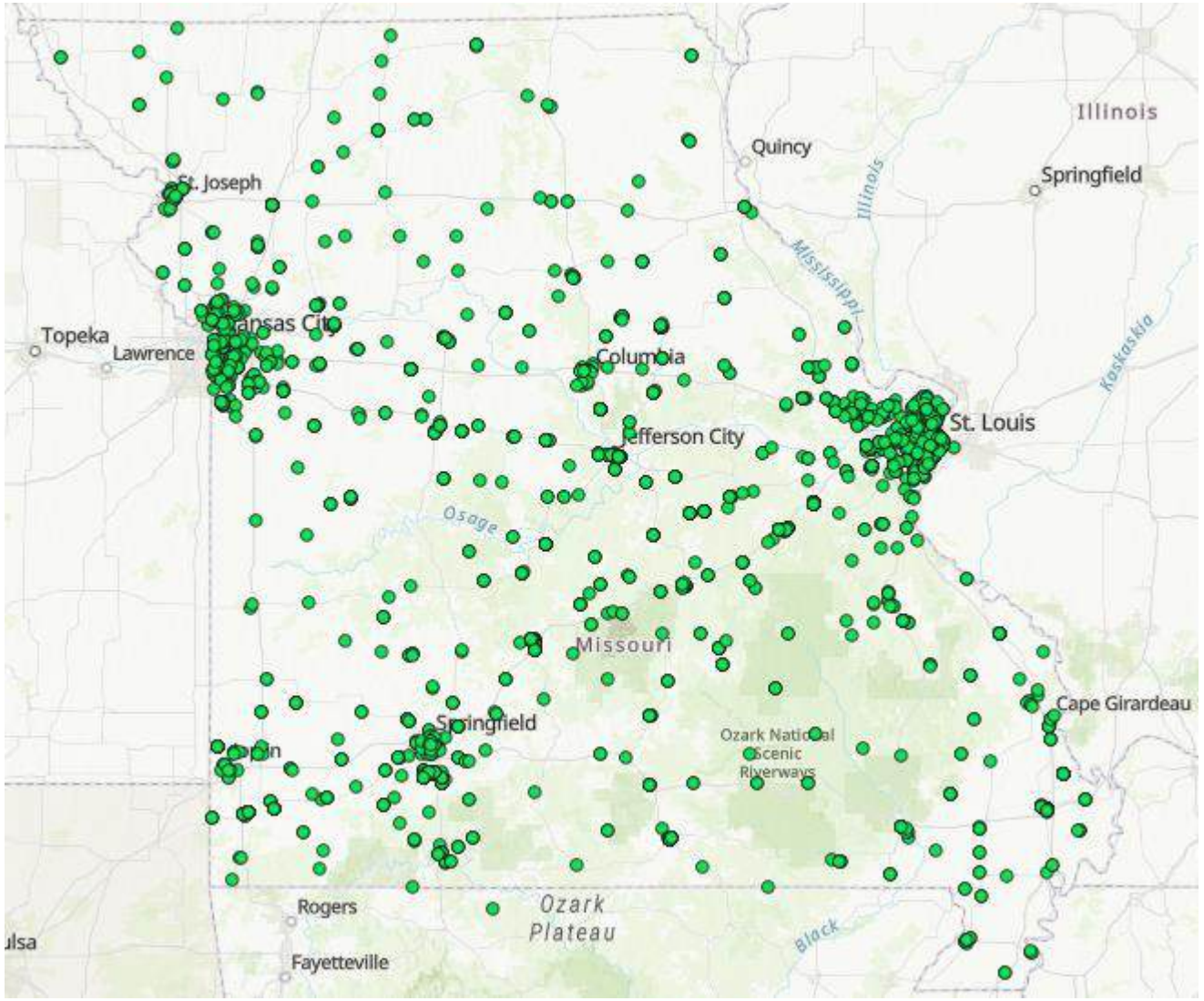
Collaboration Between Schools and Law Enforcement
These tips strengthen communication between schools and local law enforcement, enabling fast, informed decision-making. The involvement of multiple agencies ensures that response is both comprehensive and proportional.

How Courage2Report Tips Make a Difference
Courage2Report tips are not just data points; they represent real opportunities to stop violence, save lives, and support students in crisis. In this school year alone:

- Lives may have been saved through timely interventions.
- At risk youth were identified and guided toward mental health resources.
- Potential tragedies were averted by coordinated actions between schools and law enforcement.

These outcomes demonstrate the power of vigilance, community involvement, and proactive reporting. The Courage2Report system proves that when people speak up, it makes a difference. The tip reports represent more than just numbers -- they are signs that the system works. They reflect a culture of safety, responsibility, and shared effort to protect Missouri schools. Encouraging ongoing use of Courage2Report is essential to keeping our students safe and supported.

Mapping the Impact: Courage 2 Report Tips Across Missouri



This map visualizes the geographic distribution of anonymous school violence tips submitted through Courage2Report during the 2024-2025 school year. Each point represents a confidential tip related to incidents such as bullying, school shooting threats, assault, or mental health concerns, submitted by students, parents, school administration, law enforcement, or community members.

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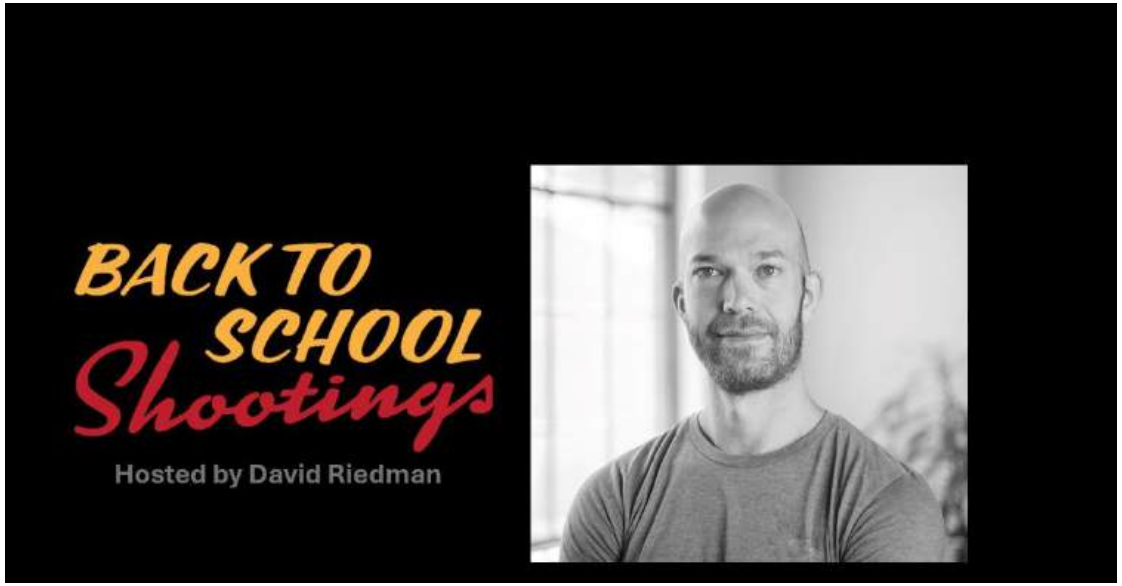
Podcasts



Ep 40. Survey shows 20% of Americans experienced a mass shooting

Dr. Peterson and Dr. Densley explain their new paper in Nature: Mental health consequences of exposure to mass and non-mass shootings in a national sample of US adults

K-12 SCHOOL SHOOTING DATABASE

Episode 40 of the "Back to School Shootings" podcast, hosted by David Riedman, focuses on a survey showing that 20% of Americans have experienced a mass shooting. The episode features interviews with Dr. Jillian Peterson and Dr. James Densley, both experts in violence prevention, who discuss the prevalence and impact of mass shootings. The episode offers valuable insights for those seeking to understand the risks and take proactive measures for school safety.

Some take aways from the podcast episode.

- 1 out of every 5 Americans in this survey had a mass shooting in their community.
- 6 in 10 people in this survey who merely lived near a mass shooting scene reported mental health impacts, anxiety, depression, PTSD, without even being physically harmed in the event.

Click here to listen to the episode.

In The News 📰 “TAKE IT DOWN” Act

- Passed into law May 19th, 2025
- Criminalizes making and or distributing of Non-consensual Intimate Imagery” (NCII)
- NCII is described as: “The uncovered genitals, pubic area, anus or post-pubescent female nipple of an identifiable individual;” the “display or transfer of bodily sexual fluids;” graphic sexual intercourse; bestiality; masturbation; sadistic or masochistic abuse; and “graphic or simulated lascivious exhibition” of anuses, genitals or the pubic area.
- The caveat is that artificial images must be “indistinguishable from an authentic visual depiction” of an identifiable individual.
- It also clarifies that the consent to create the material is not the same as the consent to share it. So, you can have material that has the consent of an individual to have as a personal image but becomes a crime when you share it without that specific consent.
- Making the sharing of this material a federal criminal action takes effect immediately.
- Social media platforms will have a 48-hour window to remove the NCII from its original location as well as any location that specific image was shared as well.
- Social media companies have 1 year from signing of the bill to create and implement this process of reporting to them.
- Allows medical professionals or law enforcement to participate in the digital forgery of an identifiable individual when acting "reasonably and in good faith."

A poster is displayed next to Sen. Ted Cruz as he speaks at a news conference to unveil the Take It Down Act to protect victims against non-consensual intimate image abuse, on Capitol Hill on June 18, 2024 in Washington, D.C. (Andrew Harnik/Getty Images)

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Actions that can be taken in the meantime:

The Cyber Civil Rights Initiative

- A nonprofit fighting online abuse, operates a free 24/7 hotline to assist victims of image-based sexual abuse 1-844-878-2274

Legal Actions

- CyberCivilRights.org has a safety center that maintains a list of experienced attorneys and individual state laws

Make sure the victim is safe

- Image-based sexual abuse is frequently an escalation of intimate partner violence
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233

Document the evidence of any abuse or image sharing

- Screenshots of communication or sharing
- PDF of online search results or websites
- Make sure the images collected are of digital content that depicts you as to not get caught in having illegal material yourself

Online resources:

- Cyber Civil Rights Safety Center
  - https://cybercivilrights.org/ccri-safety-center/#online-removal
- Cyber tipline for reporting child sexual exploitation material
  - https://report.cybertip.org/
- Copy right process to help protect the rights of pictures you have taken
  - https://copyright.gov/registration/

Online resources for researching the bill in entirety:

19th News

- https://19thnews.org/2025/05/take-it-down-act-signing-explicit-images/

USA Today

- https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2025/05/19/take-it-down-act-trump/83731286007/

Congress.gov site for direct bill itself for "S. 146"

- https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/146

In The News

SCHOOL CLIMATE & SAFETY

What Makes Schools Safe? Researchers Outline These 4 Key Recommendations

By Evie Blad — May 07, 2025 5 min read

1. Schools should create multidisciplinary teams to review and monitor safety strategies.
2. Schools should administer climate surveys annually.
3. Schools should adopt multi-tiered systems of supports.
4. Schools should be choosy in selecting physical security measures.

They emphasize that safety requires more than just physical security. Strong relationships, mental health support, and community involvement are essential for school safety.

Click here to read the full article from Education Week.

Brent Kiger, the director of safety service at the Olathe district, displays a panic-alert button while students at Olathe South High School rush between classes on Aug. 19, 2022, in Olathe, Kan. The district introduced the buttons, which allow staff to trigger a lockdown, at the start of that school year. Researchers say district leaders need to be selective when choosing hardware and other devices marketed as keeping schools safe.
Charlie Riedel/AP

Where We've Been, Where We're Going!

Past

- 05/23/2025 – MSHSAA Track & Field Championships, Jefferson City
- 05/21/2025 – 05/23/2025 – MO Juvenile Justice Association Conference, St. Louis
- 06/23/2025 – Presentation at St. Louis Public Schools

Present

- 07/30/2025 – Washington Back to School Fair
- 08/07/2025 – Cassville Back to School Fair
- 08/09/2005 – West Plains Back to School Fair
- 08/11/2025 – Excelsior Springs Back to School Fair

*If you have any back-to-school or community events you would like us to attend, please send us an email at courage2reportmo@mshp.dps.mo.gov or **click here** to fill out our event form.

Handle With Care

For May, C2R received and delivered 39 Handle With Care notifications.

For June, C2R received and delivered 7 Handle With Care notifications.

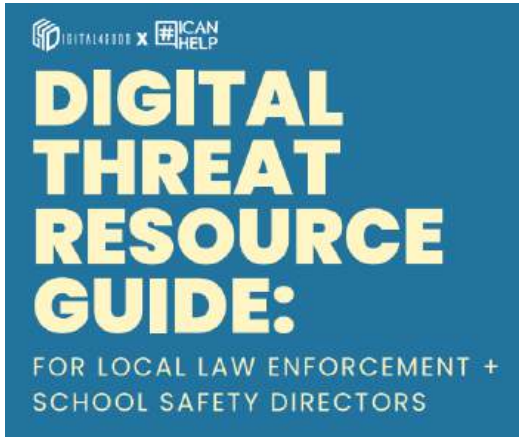
Click here to learn more about Handle With Care.

Resources / Trainings

FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA): School Shooting Prevention Training: Date: July 16-17 | 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ellisville, MO

Digital Threat Resource Guide:

This step-by-step interactive guide helps local law enforcement and school safety leaders understand and address digital threats, investigate, communicate, and respond appropriately.



Enhancing School Safety Using Behavioral Threat Assessment
Date: July 16, 2025 | 12:00 – 2:00 PM EST
Virtual

CISA: Region 7 Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar:
Date: July 23, 10:00 a.m.
Two-hour, instructor led webinar to enhance awareness of and preparedness for potential active shooter threats.

In Person Trainings

Advanced SRO - Lake St. Louis, MO
Date: July 28 – 30, 2025
Contact: Crystal Rinkel
Phone: 636-329-4470
Email: crinkel@thepoliceacademy.org

Location Site:
Eastern Missouri Police Academy
11 Meadows Dr 422
Lake St. Louis, MO 63367

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MO-CPAP SCHOOLS
Missouri Schools Access Project

Attention

The Missouri Child Psychiatry Access Project (MO-CPAP) Schools program will officially end on July 31st, as their funding has come to a close.

MO-CPAP Schools will officially close on July 31st; however, support and consultation will remain available through **July 18th**.

Their resource hub will continue to be accessible on the MO-CPAP Schools website through early 2026 for ongoing guidance. For mental health emergencies, please contact 988.

While MO-CPAP Schools is ending, their parent program, MO-CPAP, will continue.

MO-CPAP provides access to same-day professional-to-professional consultations with a Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, opportunities for family-based care coordination, and educational opportunities, all at no cost.

MO-CPAP Schools encourages school professionals to **register with MO-CPAP to be able to receive continued support,** however, trainings are available to any healthcare, social service, or school professional, regardless of if they are registered with the program.

Click here to access MO-CPAP Schools Resources Hub

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*We have a limited number of clear backpacks (around 750) available for schools if you would like those shipped to you, please email us.

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