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# What is the Center for Education Safety?

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The CES is dedicated to working with Missouri pre-K to 12 schools and higher education institutions, both public and non-public, in various aspects of emergency planning, preparedness, and safety and security. The Center is a partnership of the Missouri Department of Public Safety and Missouri Office of Homeland Security with the Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA). Both the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Department of Higher Education serve in an advisory capacity to the CES.

## What services does the CES offer?

The services offered by the Center fall into three categories—**Leadership; Information Resource; and Technical Assistance and Training.**

### LEADERSHIP

One role of the CES is to keep Missouri in the forefront of providing safety and security to schools and higher education institutions. The Center advocates “best practices” from law enforcement, fire fighters, the health community, and other first responders. The CES also can share “lessons learned” from real-life incidents that impact education safety and security. The Center also conducts research with stakeholders and others. A critical function of the leadership role of the CES is to identify stakeholder community safety and security threats and challenges and respond with innovative and effective solutions.

### INFORMATION RESOURCE

A second role for the CES is to advance sound public policy and practices on safety and security for education. As such, the Center is an information resource on safety and security issues for pre-K to 12 schools and higher education. This means that the Center will be a connecting point between Missouri education entities and subject matter experts to identify “best practices” at all levels of government and in the private sector. This role involves referring stakeholders to other education entities that have developed successful approaches to safety and security concerns. It may also involve referring stakeholders to research studies and related literature and documents which offer “best practices” in a given field of endeavor. Additionally, the CES can help identify and provide assistance in obtaining grants for safety related projects.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

A third role for the CES is to provide technical assistance and training. These services will be provided by the CES staff or arranged and managed by the Center but delivered by CES partners. Examples of these services include on-site safety audits of schools and post-secondary institutions and training for School Safety Coordinators and others. Participants receiving training from the CES often include law enforcement or other public safety and health professionals in addition to staff from pre-K to 12 schools and higher education. Services of the Center can be delivered in-person or through the use of the technology capabilities of MSBA.

The Center is guided by two core principles:

- Teaching and learning do not occur without a safe and secure environment for learners and those who instruct and support them. Indeed, high performance cultures at pre-K to 12 schools and higher education require a nurturing context that is dependent upon a safe and secure environment.

- Safety at pre-K to 12 schools and higher education institutions must be a community focused effort—community engagement is a requisite. This requires the collaboration of state and local policymakers, those who administer and manage schools as well as higher education, law enforcement, and other emergency responders in planning and preparedness.



## Who determines services provided by the CES and the Center's operational practices?

The Missouri Department of Public Safety and Missouri Office of Homeland Security and MSBA determine CES services and practices. Guidance for these services and practices are provided by an Advisory Committee and various other committees that are comprised of CES stakeholders.

## Where is the CES located and how is it funded?

The CES is housed at the MSBA Communications Center in Jefferson City, just two blocks from the state capitol. The location of the CES provides access to state officials and others who are key players in keeping Missouri's schools and post-secondary institutions safe and secure. Professional staffing of the Center is provided by the Missouri Department of Public Safety and MSBA.

Start-up costs for the CES are provided by federal Homeland Security grant monies. Basic services of the Center are provided without charge.

