

Washington Association of School Psychologists  
Spring Lecture Series 2018

Sessions Presented by Linda M. Kanan. Ph.D.

**Presenter Information:**

Dr. Linda Kanan was the first Director of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center (2008 – 2011). She was the primary author of an independent report to review and disseminate findings of an investigatory arbitration related to a tragic shooting at a Colorado high school in 2013. She was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Denver, Morgridge College of Education from 1995-2016. Dr. Kanan is a School Psychologist, with over 30 years of experience in education, including 21 years working with adolescents in secondary school settings and specializing in school safety and crisis intervention in schools. She is the author or co-author of several publications on crisis prevention in schools and currently works as a consultant, trainer, and expert witness.

**Session Number and Title: Best Practices in Threat Assessment I: What You Need to Know**

**Topic: Threat Assessment**

**Date and Time: 2/2/18 @ 9:00am – 12:00 pm PST**

**Abstract:**

School personnel should be conducting threat assessment inquiries on students of concern. It is critical that you use important key elements in an effective team threat assessment protocol. This workshop will help you understand and implement the steps to a best practice process of gathering and evaluating information to determine the level of concern. Your next essential task is to create effective and safe action and supervision plans. This introductory workshop will outline these key elements and includes current examples in schools.

**Session Number and Title: Using Safe and Sound Threat Assessment II: Lessons From the Field**

**Topic: Threat Assessment**

**Date and Time: 3/23/18 @ 9:00am – 12:00pm PST**

**Abstract:**

This advanced workshop will help you critically examine your implementation of the principles of effective threat awareness, sound threat assessment, and safe threat management. It will provide an opportunity to integrate the knowledge gained from case examples and one tragic incident where a threat assessment was completed and yet a student continued down a path to commit an act of violence at school. A review of issues related to the case examples provide lessons learned for ALL schools to create psychologically safe environments and sound threat

awareness, assessment, and management protocols. The workshop will also clarify and correct the potential for misunderstandings or misapplication of some important concepts. This workshop is designed for professionals implementing the principles from the U.S. Secret Service/U.S. Department of Education related to School Based Threat Assessment, or those also attending the Best Practices Workshop I.