

TARGETS TEAM

7280.1 Students are often troubled by problems which interfere with their educational performance, as well as their physical, mental, social, and emotional well being. At times they may choose a life-threatening solution to their problems. It is Fairfield School District's belief that these students should receive the necessary help as quickly and professionally as possible. Student confidentiality will be waived in these life-threatening situations.

The TARGETS Team has been developed to include a mental health and a suicide component with the following goals:

1. Develop a coordinated procedure to intervene in at risk and mental health situations.
2. Enlist the support, awareness and involvement of all staff in the identification of at risk warning signs.
3. Utilize existing community resources to facilitate immediate intervention in at risk situations.
4. Use existing school staff for program implementation.
5. Encourage and train staff to react in a calm, knowledgeable, and professional manner when confronted with specific at risk situations.
6. Provide intervention services to students contemplating suicide.
7. Supply information to students on issues related to stress management.
8. Train and encourage professional staff to be aware of issues related to stress and to deal openly with such issues in their formal and informal interaction with students.
9. Cooperate in all collaborative efforts that join home, school and community in safeguarding and promoting the mental health needs of students.