

## What is the School Safety Center?

The Utah State Board of Education **School Safety Center** (SSC) is a partnership of state agencies advancing the physical safety and well-being of Utah's communities by reviewing data and providing technical assistance, developing resources, trainings, and materials that promote school safety.

## Most Utahns Feel Schools are Safe

87% Students in grade 6-12 feel safe at school

**94%** Teachers feel safe at school

**95%** Parents feel their child is safe at school

From the 2021 School Climate Survey

# How the SSC is Improving School Safety

## **Offering Technical Assistance & Training**



Providing Threat Assessment Training for safety teams



Ensuring that families have access to needed resources through their communities



Sharing best-practices and trainings to reduce and prevent bullying in schools



Supporting and providing School Resource Officer trainings



Offering guidance for emergency drills



Sharing information and updates for statutes and rules

# How the SSC is Improving School Safety, continued

### **Sharing Resources**



Model policies providing directives and guidance



Digital and printed materials



Grants and funding through legislation

# Using Data and Research



### **School Climate:**

The quality of the social and educational enviorment



#### **Statistics:**

Demographic and incident reporting

# What the SSC is Working on Now

- > Creating the Utah School Safety Academy
- > Releasing the "Utah's School Based Behavioral Health Toolkit"
- Aligning school emergency planning with community planning efforts
- > Strengthening prevention efforts

## What Families and Communities Can Do



### See something, say something.

SafeUT is a crisis chat and tip line that provides real-time crisis intervention for students and parents through live chat and a confidential tip line.



Parents should connect with their child's school to understand their school's specific policies and practices to keep students safe.



Additional information and resources are available on the <u>Utah State Board of Education: Safe and Healthy Schools</u> page.