Organization Profile

The Educator’s School Safety Network

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Our Mission:

The Educator’s School Safety Network has only one mission: to provide training, resources and technical assistance to educators and administrators.

About us:

The Educator’s School Safety Network is comprised of consultants with backgrounds and expertise in the areas of education, emergency response, law, technology, and criminal justice.

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The work of the Educator’s School Safety Network is unique for three important reasons:

1. The vast majority of school safety training available to most schools focuses on crisis response after violence has occurred with a particular emphasis on an active shooter event. Our organization feels that violence prevention measures should be the centerpiece of safety planning for schools and their communities. We train educators in low-cost, research-based violence prevention measures that are proven to be effective, such as threat assessment management, lockdown enhancements, strategic supervision, and visitor engagement.

2. Most school safety companies and trainers are for-profit entities that often sell a pre-packaged training program or product. As a non-profit, we are responsive to the unique needs of the school districts and communities that we serve, so our training, resources and technical assistance are designed to meet the most pressing needs of these agencies.

3. Unlike most school safety organizations, we come from an educational, not law-enforcement, perspective. Founder Dr. Amy Klinger is a career educator with 28 years of experience as an administrator and teacher who understands the critical need to empower, not intimidate, educators to prevent violence and appropriately respond to crisis events. To date, we seem to be one of, if not the only education-based non-profit organization that does violence prevention and school safety work.

By the numbers

- Since 2010, Dr. Klinger and Amanda Klinger have presented at 33 conferences to more than 4,000 educators and emergency responders in 15 different states at 8 national, 6 regional, 14 state, and 5 local conferences. ESSN experts have been the featured speakers at 23 of 33 conferences.
- Dr. Amy Klinger and Amanda Klinger have trained more than 11,000 school staff members, students, parents, and emergency responders in 39 different school districts or organizations since 2010 in 11 states as well as the province of Ontario.
- From December 2010 through May 2013, Dr. Klinger conducted 39 trainings of FEMA/DHS course AWR-148 Crisis Management of School-Based Incidents to more than 1,000 educators and law enforcement officials in 14 states.
- Dr. Amy Klinger has authored In Search of Safer Schools, co-authored two FEMA/Department of Homeland Security participant and instructor course manuals, and collaborated with Amanda Klinger to publish articles in six different journals.
- ESSN experts have been featured as subject matter experts more than 35 times by national, regional, and local television, radio, and print media outlets in response to school crisis events.
Dr. Amy Klinger – Founder, Director of Programs.

Dr. Amy Klinger is nationally recognized as an expert in school safety and crisis management. She delivers trainings and lectures throughout the United States and abroad.

Dr. Klinger has over 28 years of experience as an educator and administrator. She brings a practitioner’s perspective to the critical concerns of school crisis response. With expertise in active shooter response, crisis planning and preparedness, vulnerability assessment and mitigation, as well as lockdown enhancements, Dr. Klinger combines a knowledge of law enforcement procedures with the practical experience of educational administration.

Dr. Klinger is an Associate Professor of Educational Administration at Ashland University and is the Director of Programs for The Educators’ School Safety Network. Her past experience includes 28 years of service as a teacher, central office administrator, building principal, and college professor. Dr. Klinger is a certified Department of Homeland Security Instructor. She conducts school and law enforcement based trainings in crisis management through ESSN as well as through the RDPC, FEMA, and the Department of Homeland Security. She recently completed the development of a two-day crisis management course and accompanying materials for FEMA and DHS entitled Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents for Key Decision Makers.

Dr. Klinger has conducted extensive research in the area of school safety and crisis planning and has developed lockdown enhancement, threat assessment, and parent reunification courses for school administrators, school staff members, and law enforcement officials. She authored the book In Search of Safer Schools, published in 2009, along with other articles on school safety featured in national publications. She has presented at regional and national education and law enforcement conferences on school safety and security issues. Dr. Klinger teaches graduate courses at Ashland University in educational administration.

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Amanda Klinger, Esq. is nationally recognized as an expert in cyberbullying, school safety, and the law. She delivers trainings and lectures throughout the United States and abroad.

Ms. Klinger has past experience both as an attorney and an educator. After earning a degree from Denison University, she worked as an elementary and secondary teacher before graduating from the University of Akron, School of Law.

Ms. Klinger practiced law in North Carolina, representing clients in civil and criminal proceedings. She also worked in the juvenile justice system, as an advocate for youths charged with crimes, and as a parent attorney in abuse, neglect and dependency proceedings.

Ms. Klinger brings a practitioner’s perspective to the critical legal issues involved in school crisis response, cyberbullying, and the use of technology during crisis events. Her expertise in active shooter response, crisis management, vulnerability assessment and mitigation, as well as lockdown enhancements is derived from her work with Dr. Klinger in developing training courses for the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Along with Dr. Klinger, Ms. Klinger has co-authored several journal articles in national and international law enforcement and educational journals. She has presented at regional and national education, law enforcement, and safety conferences related to crisis response, technology, and negligence/liability issues.

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Where we work:

Educator’s School Safety Network consultants present all over the U.S. and Canada.

Here is a snapshot of some of the places we have been recently.

What people have to say about us:

"I have to say that the folks at ESSN, Amy Klinger and company, have proven to be incredibly knowledgeable in school security and safety and because of Amy’s background as a former school teacher, building principal and district office administrator, she truly understands schools, school personnel and our unique environment and the unique needs that arise from it, and thus connects with us in a way that I don’t believe someone with a different background would be able to do. As a result, the administrators and I have gained great respect for their ability to train all staff effectively and to help us improve our school security and safety."

- Mr. Dave Hile, Superintendent Licking Valley Local Schools

"Amanda Klinger worked with all Fostoria City Schools staff instantly capturing the attention of everyone, even creating those ‘ah ha’ moments when staff realized what she was presenting made perfect sense. She clearly demonstrated the concerns that schools face without overwhelming the audience. I would highly recommend her for all audiences regarding safe schools and cyberbullying."

- Steven J. Pritts, Superintendent, Fostoria City Schools

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What teachers have had to say about ESSN training...

"The most interesting in-service I’ve been to in a long time."

"The [Educator’s School Safety Network] presenters were about the best presenters I’ve ever seen. They were relevant, well versed and animated and I immensely enjoyed their efforts."

"Thank you! You were all great, entertaining speakers."

"I really enjoyed your presentation. You made a tough and overwhelming topic realistic and easier to comprehend with your appropriate use of humor. Thanks!"

"Best in-service in years!"

"Really enjoyed the whole presentation. They took a very serious subject and did a super job! Best PD this year"

"Excellent training- all schools should have this!"

"Excellent job! Thank you for helping us look at this critical matter with an in-depth perspective"

"Excellent class and very informative"

"This was by far the most relevant in-service I’ve attended. Thank you for being willing to address such scary matters instead of ignore or ‘hush’ them for fear of frightening someone."

"The presenters from the Educators School Safety Network were great. The information I received from that presentation alone made me feel like I got my money’s worth."

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