

VISION

Partners are engaged and responsive with a shared responsibility to actively take steps to prevent traumatic events in schools and the community.

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The partners agree to work together for the common goal of threat reduction and school and community safety by proactively sharing information, advice and support that assists in the prevention of a potential traumatic event.



**West Yellowhead
Municipal Community
Violence / Threat
Risk Assessment**

Partners

- Canadian Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response
- Grande Yellowhead Public School Division No. 77
- Evergreen Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 2
- Living Waters Catholic Regional Division No. 42
- Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School
- North Central Region Child and Family Services
- Family and Community Support Services
- Addiction and Mental Health, Alberta Health Services
- Friendship Centers
- RCMP
- Town of Hinton
- Town of Edson
- Yellowhead County

*Wherever there is a human being,
there is an opportunity for kindness.*

Violence
Threat
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**A Collaborative
Response to Keeping
our Children and
Communities Safe**

Violence / Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA)



The West Yellowhead VTRA partners are committed to keeping our communities safe. The VTRA partners will intervene early and will collaborate with each other on this protocol. The protocol will guide the partners to work proactively to prevent traumatic events.

What is VTRA

VTRA is a collaborative process, involving community partners in Hinton and Edson, to examine incidents of youth violence or threat – making behavior.

The intention of VTRA is to consider the student in need of intervention, rather than to be disciplined.

What is the Purpose of an Assessment

The purpose of an assessment is to ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and community. It provides an avenue to fully understand the context of the threat and factors that contributed to the threat maker's behaviours. It is a proactive approach in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker.

Some Examples of High Risk Behaviours

- Serious violence or violence with the intent to harm or kill
- Verbal / written threats with the intent to harm or kill
- Internet, web site, social media threats to harm or kill others
- Possession of weapons (including replicas)
- Bomb threats / fire setting
- Sexual intimidation or assault

Community Protocol

The Community Protocol will be developed to address incident of violence or threats of violence in both school and community settings. It must be signed by the leaders of the schools, government and community organizations. The protocol will outline the process and considerations of VTRA.

Training

There are two levels of training required before the Community Protocol can be signed. The first level was completed in the Spring of 2015 and the second level in the Fall of 2015.

Outcome of a VTRA

Safer community for everyone

Collaborative effort of our local agencies

Better use of community resources

Providing the right intervention for the right child at the right time