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Level II – Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Training in Sun West

Schools and communities react in their own unique way to trauma. Traditional crisis response in schools is typically a short-term intervention immediately following the incident. Sun West School Division has implemented proactive training for school-based administrators to handle crises.

Sun West School Division administrators and other division staff took part in the Level II VTRA Training on February 27, 2015 in Rosetown. Presenter Kevin Cameron from the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response (CCTATR) reviewed the foundational concepts which ground the science of Threat Assessment, encouraged the development of common responses within communities and regions, and expanded on the nature and value of the multidisciplinary approach and promote early identification of appropriate interventions. There were several other agencies from around the region involved as well, such RCMP, Health, Social Services and community officials.

Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) has been referred to as the “missing link” in violence prevention. It is the process of deliberately trying to connect data that paints the picture that someone is moving on a pathway towards serious violence before the violent act occurs.

The approaches to understanding and intervening from a systems perspective is one factor that makes the (CCTATR) approach truly pioneering. Kevin focused on clinical interviewing of key individuals in the VTRA process and took the group through a more comprehensive look at types of high-risk youth, using actual cases.

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