

Violence Prevention: In-Person Symposium and Trainings

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The Vermont Violence Prevention Project is providing two in-person educational opportunities free of charge. After speaking with Training Coordinator Kevin Hytten, VLCT's Law Enforcement Consultant, Trevor Whipple, believes these opportunities would be a great asset to Vermont municipal officials. Trevor often receives inquiries in search of training that would help municipal officials learn how to safeguard their offices, employees, and municipalities from threats. The two programs explained here offer exactly that.

[Healthy Campuses & Workplaces Symposium](#)

The goal of this symposium is to develop a comprehensive approach to violence prevention in Vermont by leveraging the collective knowledge, expertise, and resources of the state's academic community, local organizations, and state agencies. The Healthy Campuses & Workplaces Symposium is designed to promote communication and networking among participants and encourage the exchange of best practices.

Date: Monday, **September 16**, 2024

Time: **8 AM to 5 PM**. Check-in starts at 7:15 AM.

Location: University of Vermont Grand Maple Ballroom, on the 4th Floor of the Davis Center, Burlington

Cost: **Free**, but registration is required, **Register by Friday, September 6**, 2024.

Food: Lunch will be provided. Light refreshments will be available during breaks in the morning and afternoon. Food allergy information and dietary needs can be requested during the registration process.

Parking: Free of charge. Detailed information and permit requests can be made during the registration process.

[Threat Assessment Team Training Initiative](#)

The Threat Assessment and Management Team Training initiative aims to enhance the effectiveness of threat assessment and management practices in Vermont's higher educational institutions, residential campuses, and medium-to-large employers, which encompass hospitals, healthcare facilities, and state agencies. The initiative runs for all of 2024 and 2025, and all trainings are full-day (with lunch and refreshments) and free of charge. **Both the Basic and Advanced trainings are offered on multiple dates** to improve existing Threat Assessment Teams, foster the establishment of new teams, and provide access to **nationally recognized presenters** and best practices. This approach encourages Vermont organizations to leverage all these opportunities to equip themselves with the skills and knowledge they need to identify and manage potential threats, ultimately enhancing community safety and security.

Two different training levels are offered: **Basic** Community Threat Assessment Training and **Advanced** Community Threat Assessment Training. **You only need to attend a Basic or Advanced session once**, and the Basic training is a prerequisite for the Advanced training, so please plan accordingly. Three Basic training sessions remain – the next is on October 14, 2024 – and four Advanced sessions remain, although the one on September 17 can only be used by people who took the Basic training in March, April, or August of 2024. Attending as soon as possible will allow and encourage more teams to form and improve.

All session dates and times are listed at the [Threat Assessment Team Training link](#).