

# A SHOOTER IN THE BUILDING: VIOLENT INTRUDER RESPONSE TRAINING FOR CHILDCARE PROFESSIONALS

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**TRAINING DESCRIPTION:** The harrowing events at Sandy Hook Elementary School indicate the need for early childhood practitioners to be trained in preparing for and dealing with an active shooter on their premises. Of particular concern are childcare professionals who care for *young* children—a special population which cannot as easily follow emergency protocol as older children can. Further, childcare practitioners ordinarily receive little or no training in responding to a violent intruder as part of their educational or professional development experiences. As such, childcare workers face a double threat: a high needs population and little (or no) preparation for how to properly respond in the event of a crisis. The workshop will provide participants with the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Intruder, Counter, Evacuate) plan, which provides multiple options in the case of an active shooter. Using video, discussion, and hands-on training, participants will learn how to provide physical safety (barricading doors, breaking windows, physical takedowns and more!) in addition to the emotional safety they provide to children every day.

## **TRAINING OBJECTIVES:**

What will be the most important 3 learning outcomes from this session?

- Identify areas of strength and weakness in safety protocols in childcare settings
- Acquire strategies to prevent and respond to a violent intruder
- Practice new skills in responding to a shooter or other violent intruder

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