# The Continuum of Prevention: A Multi-Phase Approach to School Safety and Community Safety Conference

## Phase 1: Foundations & Systems

**The Continuum of Prevention: A Multi-Phase Approach to School and Community Safety - Phase 1: Foundation & Systems.** This event is the first in a three-year series hosted by the Connecticut Center for School Safety and Crisis Preparation. Our first conference - Phase 1: Foundations & Systems (Primordial and Primary Prevention**),** will focus on building systemic resilience and strengthening universal protective factors before threats emerge.




This three-year conference series is dedicated to reshaping how we understand, intercept, and heal from targeted violence. By applying a structured public health framework, this multi-year initiative shifts the focus away from purely reactive measures, systematically addressing everything from root causes to long-term community recovery.

**Special Opening Remarks:**
**Commissioner Ronnell A. Higgins**
Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)

**Presenters:**

- **Scarlett Lewis,** Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement
- **Amra Sabic-El-Rayess, PhD. & Vik Joshi, PhD,** Project Belonging, Columbia University
- **Sandy Chafouleas, PhD, & Marlene Schwartz, PhD,** CT WSCC Partnership, University of Connecticut
- **Abbey Clements & Michael "Dr. Mike" Schultz,** Teachers Unify to End Gun Violence
- **Nana Amos,** The Dodd Center for Human Rights, University of Connecticut
- **Heidi Ellis, PhD,** Harvard Medical School and Boston Children's Hospital

**Intended Audience:**
K-12 and higher education administrators, school safety professionals, behavioral threat assessment teams, mental health providers, clinicians, researchers and law enforcement partners.

For more information, please email: Schoolsafetycenter@wcsu.edu

### Wednesday
18 November 2026
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### Western Connecticut State University
Westside Campus, Campus Center Ballroom
43 Lake Avenue Ext., Danbury, CT 06811

Click HERE or scan this QR code to register.

Cost: FREE
Lunch will be provided.
Continuing Education (C.E.) Credit is available.

**Registration DEADLINE: November 6, 2026**

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