

How the Traumatic Loss Coalitions Can Support Your School During the Covid-19 Pandemic

During this difficult time, The NJ Traumatic Loss Coalitions (TLC) will continue to support schools following a traumatic loss event. Your County Coordinators and their Lead Response Teams (LRT's) will continue to utilize evidence-based approaches to trauma response and have adapted methods to provide services in a virtual setting.

In the event that your school needs services, call your county coordinator. A list of county coordinator contact information can be found attached.

Services Provided:

- Provide Consultation and resources for schools regarding ways to support the mental health needs of those in your school community
- In the event of a loss, assist your administration and/or crisis team in assessing the extent of the impact in your school community and identify those who require services
- Assist with drafting notifications and communication to those in the school community
- Provide pertinent resources for staff, parents and students
- Lead Response Team members can co-facilitate the response with your school personnel to provide Psychological First Aid (PFA) through your school's virtual communication system (Google Hangouts, Zoom, etc.)

Links to websites that provide tools for schools to provide support during Covid-19

- [National Child Traumatic Loss Network - nctsn.org/](http://nctsn.org/)
- [Starr Commonwealth - starr.org](http://starr.org)
- [American School Counselor Association- schoolcounselor.org](http://schoolcounselor.org)
- [Good Grief](#)

About Us

*The **Traumatic Loss Coalitions for Youth Program (TLC)** at RBHS-University Behavioral HealthCare is New Jersey's primary youth suicide prevention program and is funded by the Department of Children and Families, Children's System of Care. The TLC is an interactive, statewide network that offers education, collaboration and support to professionals working with school-age youth. The dual mission of the TLC is excellence in **suicide prevention and trauma response assistance** to schools following unfortunate losses due to suicide, homicide, accident and illness. This is accomplished through county, regional and statewide conferences, training, consultation, and technical assistance. The purpose is to ensure that those working with youth from a variety of disciplines and programs have up-to-date knowledge about mental health issues, suicide prevention, trauma response, and resiliency enhancement. Since its inception, the TLC has trained over 15,000 individuals throughout the state with the hope of saving lives and promoting post trauma healing and resiliency for the youth of New Jersey*

