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Courtenay McCarthy is a Senior Advisor of School Safety Solutions at Public Consulting Group (PCG), supporting K-12 schools and community partners in building effective, equitable, and sustainable behavioral threat assessment and management systems.

With more than 25 years of experience, she specializes in student threat assessment, psychoeducational evaluation, behavioral consultation, youth violence prevention, and intervention with at-risk youth and families. As a Certified Threat Manager and nationally certified school psychologist, Courtenay provides training and consultation to districts and agencies across the country

Expertise

- K-12 behavioral threat assessment and management leadership
- SK Cascade student threat assessment system implementation
- Equitable practices in behavioral threat assessment and management
- Special education and BTAM intersection
- Behavioral consultation and intervention
- Training and professional development for school staff and community partners

Experience

Prior to joining Public Consulting Group, Courtenay McCarthy served for more than a decade as the lead school psychologist in student threat assessment and management for Salem-Keizer Public Schools. In that role, she conducted multidisciplinary behavioral threat assessments, chaired the Mid-Valley Student Threat Assessment Team, provided daily consultation to school staff, community partners, and families, supported ongoing program development, and delivered training and professional development to school staff and community partners.

In partnership with John Van Dreal, Courtenay McCarthy has helped refine the SK Cascade student threat assessment system to reflect leading practices in behavioral threat assessment, violence prevention, early intervention, and equitable practices. She regularly provides workshops, symposiums, and content presentations to national audiences on student threat assessment systems implementation and youth violence prevention.

Publications

- Van Dreal, J., McCarthy, C., & Van Dreal, C. (2022). *Youth violence prevention: The pathway back through inclusion and connection*. Rowman & Littlefield.
- National Association of School Psychologists. (2021). *Upholding student civil rights and preventing disproportionality in behavioral threat assessment and management (BTAM)*. National Association of School Psychologists.
- Van Dreal, J. (2016). *Assessing student threats: Implementing the Salem-Keizer system* (2nd ed.). Rowman & Littlefield.

Certifications

- Certified Threat Manager
- Nationally Certified School Psychologist

Education

Courtenay McCarthy earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Macalester College and an Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Child, Family, and School Psychology from the University of Denver

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