



Program Overview

In 2018, the General Assembly passed Act 44 mandating the establishment and use of the “Safe2Say Something” anonymous reporting system (S2SS) which requires every Pennsylvania school entity to participate in the program on January 14, 2019. The following provides an overview of how the program works and will be implemented in schools:

- S2SS works through 5 easy steps:
 1. A tip is submitted via mobile app, website, or by calling the PA based 24/7 Crisis Center
 2. The tip is then triaged by the Crisis Center to gather enough information to act on it
 3. The tip is delivered to the impacted school and, as needed, local law enforcement via 911 County Dispatch
 4. The school and, as needed, local law enforcement assess and intervene with the at-risk individual
 5. The school then closes out the tip and reports actions taken as a record for their school
- Students and staff will be trained beginning January 14, 2019 to recognize the signs and signals of individuals who may be at risk of hurting themselves or others along with how to use the S2SS anonymous reporting system to submit tips of the signs and signals they observe.
- The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has established S2SS and will manage and maintain the program. The OAG, in partnership with Sandy Hook Promise – a leader in anonymous reporting systems, is building out the app, website and PA-based 24/7 Crisis Center platform and will sustain the program via support by Sandy Hook Promise’s School Outreach Coordinator.
- OAG Crisis Center analysts are being trained to receive and triage tips to: (1) ensure there is enough information to act upon, (2) conduct 2-way anonymous dialog with tipsters to gather missing information, (3) categorize the tip into life-safety or non-life safety for ease of prioritization by recipients, and (4) deliver the tip to the impacted school and, where needed, its local law enforcement via 911 County Dispatch.
- The S2SS platform allows the official users (Crisis Center analysts, school entities and 911 County Dispatch) to view and act against tips using their PC or mobile device. Additionally, the platform allows for real-time 2-way dialog with a tipster and the viewing and sharing of attachments (such as screen shots and videos) that a tipster has submitted for critical lifesaving circumstances.
- At the conclusion of school and police investigation and intervention (as needed), all tips will be closed out by school personnel only.
- Sandy Hook Promise is a national non-profit committed to creating safe schools and communities. To date, SHP has delivered its programs to 10,000+ schools and trained 5+ million youth and adults in every state resulting in countless suicide, school shooting and firearm threat interventions and countless bullying, drug use and other acts of violence and victimization interventions.