



# MSPA 2026 Spring Webinar

***"Equitably Conducting Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management for All Students"***

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**Friday, April 17, 2026**

***LIVE Zoom Webinar***

***12:00 PM (EST) - 3:00 PM (EST)***

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### **Agenda:**

- 11:45 - 12:00 Webinar participant check-in and review of important information  
12:00 - 1:30 "*Equitably Conducting Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management for All Students*"  
1:30 - 1:45 Break  
1:45 - 3:00 Continue "*Equitably Conducting Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management for All Students*"

### **Program Description:**

This session will teach how to conduct behavioral threat assessment and management cases in a manner that will decrease disproportionality for students with disabilities and from minoritized populations.

**This workshop addresses the following NASP practice model domains:** Domain 4: Mental and Behavioral Health Services and Interventions; Domain 6: Services to Promote Safe and Supportive Schools; Domain 8: Equitable Practices for Diverse Student Populations

### **Learning Objectives:**

As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze areas where school staff may be impacted by thinking and biases that inappropriately refer students for a behavioral threat assessment.
2. Understand how students with disabilities and those from minoritized backgrounds may be impacted by disproportional referrals to behavioral threat assessment and management teams.
3. Develop strategies for their school behavioral and threat assessment teams to appropriately refer students for interventions and support from the behavioral threat assessment and management team.



## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Christina Chester, Psy.D., NCSP**, is the Director for Psychological Services with the Montgomery County Public Schools in Rockville, MD. Dr. Chester is responsible for school psychologists and the Bilingual Assessment Team (BAT) in the Division of Psychological Services. In this role, she oversees the Signs of Suicide Prevention Program, Trauma-Informed Schools, Crisis Intervention responses, and the Behavioral Threat Assessment initiatives. She is the former Director for Crisis Intervention and Safety for the Waukegan Public Schools and was responsible for managing the five missions of emergency management and safety/security for her school district. She is the former chairperson of the National Association of School Psychologist's (NASP) School Safety & Crisis Response Committee and coauthor of the PREPaRE Workshop 1: Crisis Prevention and Preparedness. She also received the NASP Presidential Award in 2017, 2018, and 2021 for her work with understanding race and privilege, national crisis responses around the continental United States and Puerto Rico, and advocacy around school crisis response and recovery work during the COVID19 pandemic.

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