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Eastern Oregon Educators Lead the Way for Behavioral Safety Assessment Training

Salem, OR - Educators, counselors, and other members of the K-12 sector from Eastern Oregon took part in Behavioral Safety Assessment Trainings (BSAT) during two separate sessions on October 18th and 19th. The full two days of training were hosted by local Oregon threat assessment and disaster behavioral health service company *Bolante.NET*, in partnership with *Malheur Education Service District*.

The two organizations came together to train those in education-focused roles largely within Malheur County on best practices and strategies when confronted with potential or current threats in school. The training team pulled from many of the previous studies on active shooters in schools and the real-life examples they were based on. Attendees were provided resources via a virtual library that included an Investigative Guide, post-incident reviews, peer-reviewed journals, and much more. These tools will provide participants with the necessary information and resources they need to appropriately conduct threat assessments when a threat arises.

Among the training team is Dr. Rebecca Bolante, Founder and Managing Director of Bolante.NET, who brings her experience as a Certified Threat Manager into the discussion. Other leaders of the sessions included Bolante.NET's Director of Violence Prevention & Workplace Safety, Jim Bennett, Threat Investigators, Dennis Marks and James Bouziane, and Intervention & Support Specialist, Lisa Squires, MSW.

Dr. Bolante is clearly passionate about the importance of building solid threat assessment teams, "we strive to find supportive and culturally infused strategies for our investigations, assessment, and management processes. Using a team approach, preventing the violence we see more and more on our school campuses, private businesses, communities, and even in our places of worship."

Lisa Squires, Bolante.NET's Behavioral Safety and Intervention Specialist, spoke sincerely from her professional experience during one of the session's question and answer segments. When asked how to handle dismissive team members regarding someone's feeling towards an assessment, Squires said, in part, "Dismissive is not an option. We cannot discredit or minimize what other people say. These aren't

things that just happen in other places, they all could happen at our schools. That's terrifying but it should also make us stand up and listen".

Along with this special training opportunity for K-12 professionals, Bolante.NET offers Behavioral Safety Assessment Training courses to the general public as well. The next open BSAT series begins January 13th, 2022 as part of a 3 week, 6 session series. Participants will learn, in great detail, the proper steps necessary to build a multidisciplinary team to conduct thorough threat assessments through engaging lectures, Question and Answer segments, and small group vignettes where they will put what they've learned into action. Those interested in individual or group course registration can visit <https://bolante.net/courses> or email info@bolante.net.

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