

Your school district or organization’s name and any other information you want to include here (website, phone number, etc.)

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Local (your title, school board member, superintendent, treasurer, security director, school resource officer, etc.) _____ participates in school safety summit

COLUMBUS — Your name _____, a ... your title _____ at ... your school district/organization _____, was among more than 800 participants at the School Security and Safety Solutions Summit. The free daylong series of keynote speakers and seminars was held Sept. 12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Twenty-two statewide organizations collaborated to present the summit, which featured two keynote speakers and a dozen presentations on school security and safety issues. The event was designed for school board members and administrators; teachers; school counselors, psychologists and support staff; mental health professionals; parent leaders; and law enforcement and other first responders.

The keynote speakers were Dr. Amy Klinger, co-founder and director of the Educator’s School Safety Network, and Alissa Parker, co-founder of Safe and Sound Schools. Klinger is a nationally known expert in school safety and crisis management with nearly 30 years of experience as an educator and administrator. Parker is the mother of Emilie Parker, who was killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. She now works to help school communities improve safety in honor of her daughter and the other 19 children and six teachers who were killed at Sandy Hook.

Organizers developed the summit with the goal of focusing on mental health; safety procedures and training; cooperative relationships between law enforcement and school districts; and parental involvement. Discussions focused on a multidisciplinary approach to school safety. Workshop topics included: “A comprehensive approach to school safety,” “Crisis team response to a student death,” “Engaging the community in your district’s safety initiatives,” “After-school safety” and “Communicating in a crisis.”

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“INSERT A QUOTE HERE ABOUT WHAT YOU LEARNED AT THE SUMMIT”

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The following groups collaborated to develop and host the summit:

- Buckeye Association of School Administrators
- County Commissioners Association of Ohio
- National Alliance on Mental Illness Ohio
- Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education
- Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators
- Ohio Association of Public School Employees
- Ohio Association of School Business Officials
- Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators
- Ohio Department of Education
- Ohio Education Association
- Ohio Educational Service Center Association
- Ohio Federation of Teachers
- Ohio High School Athletic Association
- Ohio Homeland Security
- Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association
- Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Ohio PTA
- Ohio School Boards Association
- Ohio School Counselors Association
- Ohio School Psychologists Association
- Ohio School Public Relations Association
- Ohio School Resource Officers Association