



INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

KENYON INTRODUCES SCHOOL CRISIS RAPID INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Houston, Texas, July 5, 2006—Kenyon International Emergency Services has introduced a School Crisis Rapid Intervention Program (SCRIP) to help school administrators and educators deal with the effects of natural and human disasters in school settings.

“How a school responds in a crisis often determines the levels of trust and respect the school will have from students, parents, teachers and the community”, said Dr. Grady Bray, vice president of disaster human services for Kenyon. “Unfortunately, we are seeing more emergencies and disasters in our schools today but we are not seeing a corresponding level of experience in our schools to deal with the myriad issues associated with a crisis”, Dr. Bray said.

Initially designed as a one-day in service or superintendent’s day program, SCRIP provides an orientation to topics such as: the critical tasks for effective school response, the hierarchy of emotional impact, the process of psychological trauma, risk factors and assessment tools, children’s responses to trauma and stress and rapid intervention strategies.

In addition, Kenyon also provides an additional day of didactic and experiential instruction for the development of a school crisis team. The crisis training program also reviews interventions such as art therapy, play therapy, decompressions, defusings and other traditional counseling strategies.

Kenyon also puts on half-day workshops to deal with contemporary issues such as self-abusive behavior, eating disorders and anger management.

“The strength of these programs,” Dr. Bray noted, “is that they have been developed by a team of professional educators, mental health specialists and medical experts working with teachers around the United States.

About Kenyon International

Kenyon is an international leader in worldwide disaster management, providing pre-incident crisis planning and post-emergency response services on behalf of the world’s foremost companies. Privately owned, Kenyon remains the only firm in its business with a hundred year history, comprehensive resources, and experience in every type of mass fatality accident including aviation disasters, natural disaster, war and terror attacks. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, it has offices and facilities in Sydney, Australia, London, UK, and Hong Kong.

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