



2013-14 New York City Charter School Consortium

- » Did you know only **16% of school-aged children** reported feeling very **safe at school**?
- » Did you know **35% of students** have **missed school** at least once in the past 30 days because **they felt unsafe** at school or on their way to school?
- » Did you know only **31% of school-aged children** reported a **high level of developmental assets** at school?
- » Did you know the **State of New York** requires schools to have both an **Emergency Plan compliant with the National Incident Management System** and a **SAVE plan** compliant with NYS regulations.

SPSG offers solutions to all of these questions and countless others. By joining this consortium, your school will benefit from the experience and technical assistance that only SPSG can bring to your campus at significant savings.

We believe that safety is the cornerstone to academic achievement. Let us help you create a safe learning environment!

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What You Get

Each school site that joins the 2013-14 New York City Charter School Consortium for Safety will receive the following:

- Technical Assistance
- Training
- Security and Vulnerability Assessment
- Emergency Drills and Exercises

When Do You Get It

We are in the process of forming the 2013-14 New York City Charter School Consortium for Safety. Services begin the first of each month and continue for 13 months (i.e. If you sign up on 12/15/2013, services would begin on 1/1/14 and continue through 2/1/15).

What Will It Cost

Creating the consortium allows us to provide comprehensive services to each school site at an affordable price. By joining the consortium, each school site is able to save a significant amount of money and receive customized services from experts in emergency management, violence prevention, and pro-social school climates. The cost for joining the consortium is \$5,000 per school site. Discounted pricing is available for Charter Management Organizations with multiple sites, which will be negotiated on a one-on-one basis.

Join Now!

There are a limited number of spots available for the consortium. We encourage you to join now! Payments are due 60 days after executing the contract.

We're Flexible.

We will create a schedule to meet your needs. If your school has a particular need that is not on the list of services, contact us – we're confident that our extensive knowledge and experience can assist in adjusting programs to meet your needs.

Not sure what you need to do? SPSG will conduct an initial assessment and map all local, state, and federal requirements with your current program, policies, and practices and design a program to ensure your school is compliant.

Tell Me More About What We Get

The following provides additional information about the services that each school within the consortium will receive:

Technical Assistance

SPSG will work with your school site to create or enhance your safety program, which could include any of the following:

- » SAVE Plan required by NYS Department of Education
- » School Emergency Response Plan, required by the NYS Department of Education and federal government
- » Policies and procedures for students, staff members and families, which could include a Code of Conduct and handbooks
- » Development of flyers and web pages for your parents and families
- » Assistance preparing for audits and compliance reviews
- » Representation for your school community with community partners on topics such as: safe passages, truancy, internet security and safety
- » Creation of student-based programs like Peer Leaders, Student Courts, Student Cadets and Student Mentors
- » 24/7 to assistance in responding to threats or actual incidents that occur on or around school property

What our clients are saying about SPSG:

"Yesterday, a bomb threat was called into the school. **Due to the plan, maps, and training that you provided our staff, we were able to successfully evacuate the building and get to our evacuation site safely.** As you may remember, prior to our engagement, the Fire Marshall had written up the school for non-compliance on several issues. And yesterday, the fire department was so happy with the work that we had accomplished to address these issues. All of your hard work paid off. Thank you again for all of your support."

—Principal, D.C. Public Charter School

Stacey was always very accessible through the duration of the grant. **Ms. Newton and her team were extraordinarily generous with their time,** assisting our school on a wide range of issues – some of which were outside the scope of the project.

—Principal, Los Angeles Charter School

Stacey, I wanted to share a copy of this card that my second grade students made for me. I love the fact that I am no longer just Sue, the Principal. I am now Sue, the Principal that keeps us safe. **Your work has made such a positive impact on the entire school,** including students and parents. We are ready and up for the challenge of your next drill. I look forward to seeing you next month.

—Principal, New York City Charter School

Stacey has a thorough and wide range of knowledge of school safety issues, and she communicates her subject matter expertise with excellent verbal and written skills. Her research abilities are also excellent, as evidenced by comprehensive written reports and financial analyses. Stacey's work products are invaluable to MPD and USDOJ.

—U.S. Department of Justice

Ms. Newton, thank you for taking the time to talk with me today. **I, along with several parents from the school, appreciate you alleviating my fears** and am very happy you are working with the school.

—Parent, Los Angeles Charter School

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What Do You Get, cont.

Training

Each participating school site will receive two (2) training sessions conducted at your school site. Each participating school site will choose the topics for the training sessions. Moreover, each participating school site will send representatives to three (3) consortium-wide trainings presented in a central location for all school sites participating in the consortium.

Sampling of trainings to choose from:

- » School Emergency Response Team Training (Basic and Advanced)
- » Conducting School Safety-Related Training
- » Parent Reunification
- » Crisis Communication
- » Psychological First Aid: The Recovery Phase
- » Emergency Response Training for Students
- » Bomb Threats and Explosive Devices
- » National Incident Management System Training
- » Verbal De-escalation and Non Violent Physical Restraint
- » First Aid and CPR Training and Certification
- » Safe Passages
- » Sexual Predators
- » Bullying Behavior and Relational Aggression (including cyber-bullies)
- » Creating a Pro-Social School Climate
- » Weapons Abatement
- » Proper Searching and Handling of Firearms

Security and Vulnerability Assessment

SPSG will conduct a Security and Vulnerability Assessment (SVA) at each participating school site. The assessment will include a written report with recommendations, as well as a review of the results of the assessments with each school site.

Our background, credentials and experience affirm our ability to not only assess physical threats and hazards within the school and surrounding community, but also uniquely qualify us to assess and provide feedback on school climate, bullying and risk assessments.

Emergency Drills and Exercises

We believe an integral part of a successful emergency plan is practice. Properly executed emergency drills provide an opportunity for staff, students, and parents to internalize the emergency plan.

Each participating school will receive two (2) emergency drills conducted on their school campus. Each emergency drill will be customized to the needs of each participating school site.

For Additional Information

Go to www.spschoolsgroup.com or contact Stacey Newton at snewton@spschoolsgroup.com or 917.589.6093 and we will send you a comprehensive description of the services included in this consortium.

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