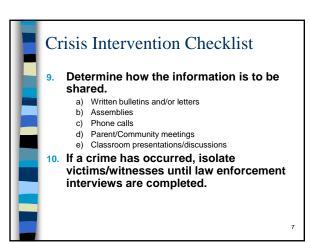
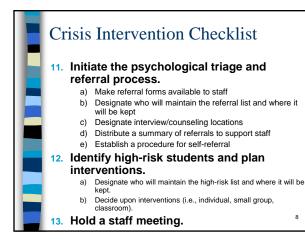


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Crisis Situation #1

A freak tornado has occurred on a very rainy Friday afternoon. This unusually powerful storm hit just as the primary grade students were sitting down to lunch in the cafeteria. The force of the storm has blown the roof off of the building and caused significant property damage to the school. Emergency response personnel have already responded and transported 13 students to 5 different regional hospitals. Your crisis response team is sitting down to plan the next intervention steps. The meeting begins with the principal informing the team that as far as he knows three students were killed and several appeared to be seriously injured. News of this freak storm is all over the airwaves and large numbers of additional media personnel and parents are arriving on the scene. Both particular, parents want to retrieve their children and take them home immediately. They are, in fact, becoming very agitated. Some of the children are very frightened and are becoming hysterical.

Crisis Situation #2

A car crash has occurred in front of high school on a Tuesday morning. This crash does not appear to be an accident. The parent of a child who had recently been suspended from school (and who was very angry at the school), has driven her car into a crowd of students as school was about to start. This mother also has a history of mental illness. Emergency response personnel have already responded and transported 10 students to 3 different regional hospitals. Your crisis response team is sitting down to plan the next intervention steps. The meeting begins with the principal informing the team that as far as he knows one student was killed and several appeared to be seriously injured. As news of the crash spreads throughout the community large numbers of additional media personnel and parents are arriving on the scene. Both groups are very demanding of news of what has happened. In particular, parents want to retrieve their children and take them home immediately. They are, in fact, becoming very agitated. 11

Role Play Directions What is your immediate crisis response? What are some of your thoughts regarding the immediate and long-term crisis intervention plan? If you require additional factual

information about the crisis event you may obtain such from the instructor.

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