



**Tuesday, March 20, 2018 8:15AM-4:15PM**  
**Center for the Arts University at Buffalo (North)**

## **Collaborating to Address Safety & Mental Health Issues, and to Recover from Crises**

*The goal of this seminar is to help participants enhance collaboration, address mental health issues, de-escalate crises, and learn lessons about response and recovery from school-based tragedies.*

**PRESENTERS: Michele Gay and Mo Canady**

*Michele Gay is a mother, former teacher, and one of the founders of **Safe and Sound Schools: A Sandy Hook Initiative**. After losing her daughter, Josephine Grace, on Dec. 14, 2012, she chose to take action as an advocate for improved school security and safety in our nation's schools.*

*In 2011, after completing a 25-year career in law enforcement with the City of Hoover, Alabama Police Department, **Mo Canady** became the Executive Director for the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO). A Law Enforcement Instructor since 1993, Canady became an instructor for NASRO in 2001, and a board member in 2005. He is a past President of the Alabama Association of School Resource Officers.*

**SCHEDULE:**

**7:15-8:15AM Sign-in & Registration with Coffee-Tea-Baked Goods**

**8:15-8:30AM Welcome and Program Overview**

**8:30-10:00AM Beyond Tragedy: Response and Recovery (Michele Gay)**

Participants will identify the critical needs and challenges of the school community during crisis, response, and recovery based on Michele's personal perspective on the Sandy Hook School response & recovery efforts.

**10:20-10:35AM Q&A Session with Michele Gay**

**10:35AM-Noon Collaboration between Education and Law Enforcement (Mo Canady)**

Participants will learn about effective collaboration between law enforcement and schools, highlighting the unique knowledge and skills of school resource officers as law enforcement, counselor, and educator.

**Noon-1:15PM Lunch – on own**

**1:15-2:15PM Addressing Mental Health & Safety with Adolescents: Understanding the Teen Brain (Mo Canady)**

This session highlights information about the adolescent brain in order to help law enforcement and others working in school settings to better understand predictable behavioral issues that are commonly observed.

**2:15-3:15PM Developmentally Appropriate Education (Michele Gay)**

This presentation will identify age and developmentally appropriate educational and training activities to increase safety awareness and readiness for K-12 students and staff.

**3:30-4:15PM De-Escalation Strategies (Mo Canady)**

Participants will learn how to recognize signs of an individual in crisis and how to de-escalate these situations.

*This seminar is **FREE** and open to all who deal with school safety issues, including grade school, middle school, high school and district faculty, staff (administrators, counselors, psychologists, school resource officers, etc.) and school board members; college/university administrators; police officers and other law enforcement officials; first responders; elected officials; and transportation professionals.*

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