

The DVERT Center

DVERT Domestic Violent Extremism
Research and Translation
A Collaboration with Practitioners and the Community

The Domestic Violent Extremism Research and Translation Center (DVERT)—a national center of excellence embedded within CNA—is dedicated to building knowledge that has practical utility for those standing at the front lines of our nation’s efforts to prevent targeted violence and violent extremism. Our mission is to deliver timely research, evidence-based insights, and actionable recommendations to allied professionals. We execute this mission through our four core functions: assess, research, translate, and train.



Assess



Research



Translate



Train

Assess

We collaborate with practitioners to learn what information and resources are needed to prevent targeted violence and violent extremism.

- We leverage our partnerships with practitioner organizations, such as the National Sheriffs’ Association and the National Association of School Resource Officers to deliver evidence-based resources directly to frontline practitioners.
- After our law enforcement partners expressed a need for resources to better train the public, DVERT designed a series of training snapshots (mini slide decks on emerging topics) that practitioners could incorporate into their own presentations.

Research

We conduct rigorous research on topics with immediate implications for the field and provide evidence-based, actionable insights to those working to combat targeted violence.

- DVERT’s research combines quantitative analysis with qualitative case studies to provide comprehensive answers to key questions. A regularly updated list of our current research efforts can be found on our website, but our most recently started project is:
 - **Stopping Targeted Violence: An Empirical Assessment of Failed, Foiled, and Successful Mass Casualty Plots in the US—** The objective of this project is to conduct an analysis of mass casualty plots in the United

Online Ecosystems of Harm

In response to practitioner feedback, DVERT developed a series of explainers that look beyond ideology to reveal the online dynamics and ecosystems that accelerate youth radicalization by normalizing violence and rewarding cruelty and harm. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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States—including those that were successful, those that failed while being attempted, and those that were foiled before they could be attempted—to (a) determine the efficacy of different intervention strategies in stopping targeted mass violence and (b) provide practitioners with actionable guidance for intervention.

Translate

We translate critical research findings into accessible, actionable formats for practitioners and community members, bridging the gap between cutting-edge evidence-based findings and frontline prevention work.

- We distill cutting-edge research into quick reads, infographics, podcasts, and videos, making new findings easily accessible to a wider audience.
- Our core team and partners regularly present at practitioner conferences, including the National Homeland Security Conference. We also publish in practitioner journals, such as the *Journal of School Safety* and the *Domestic Preparedness Journal*.

Click [here](#) to access our resource library.

Train

We develop and deliver evidence-based in-person and virtual trainings for practitioners working in targeted violence and violent extremism prevention.

Training topics include the following:

- Extremist recruitment of law enforcement
- Trends in the targeted violence threat landscape
- Key considerations for new BTAM teams
- Targeted violence prevention for mental health professionals

Visit our website to propose a new training topic or request a **free** training from our course library.

DVERT leverages artificial intelligence tools to create short podcasts and summary reports, highlighting key research findings and making vital insights accessible in multiple formats.



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