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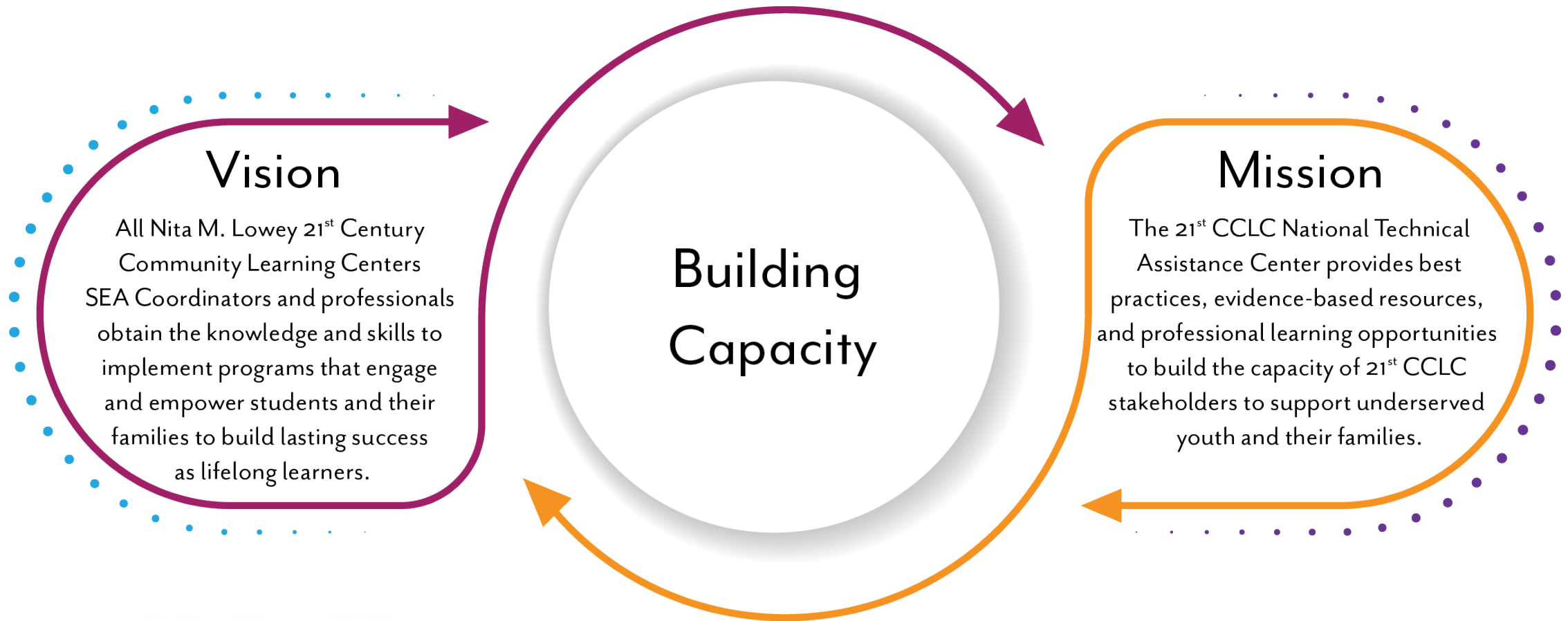
Asset-Based Approaches to Community Violence Prevention and Intervention: Engaging Students and Families to Build Safer Communities

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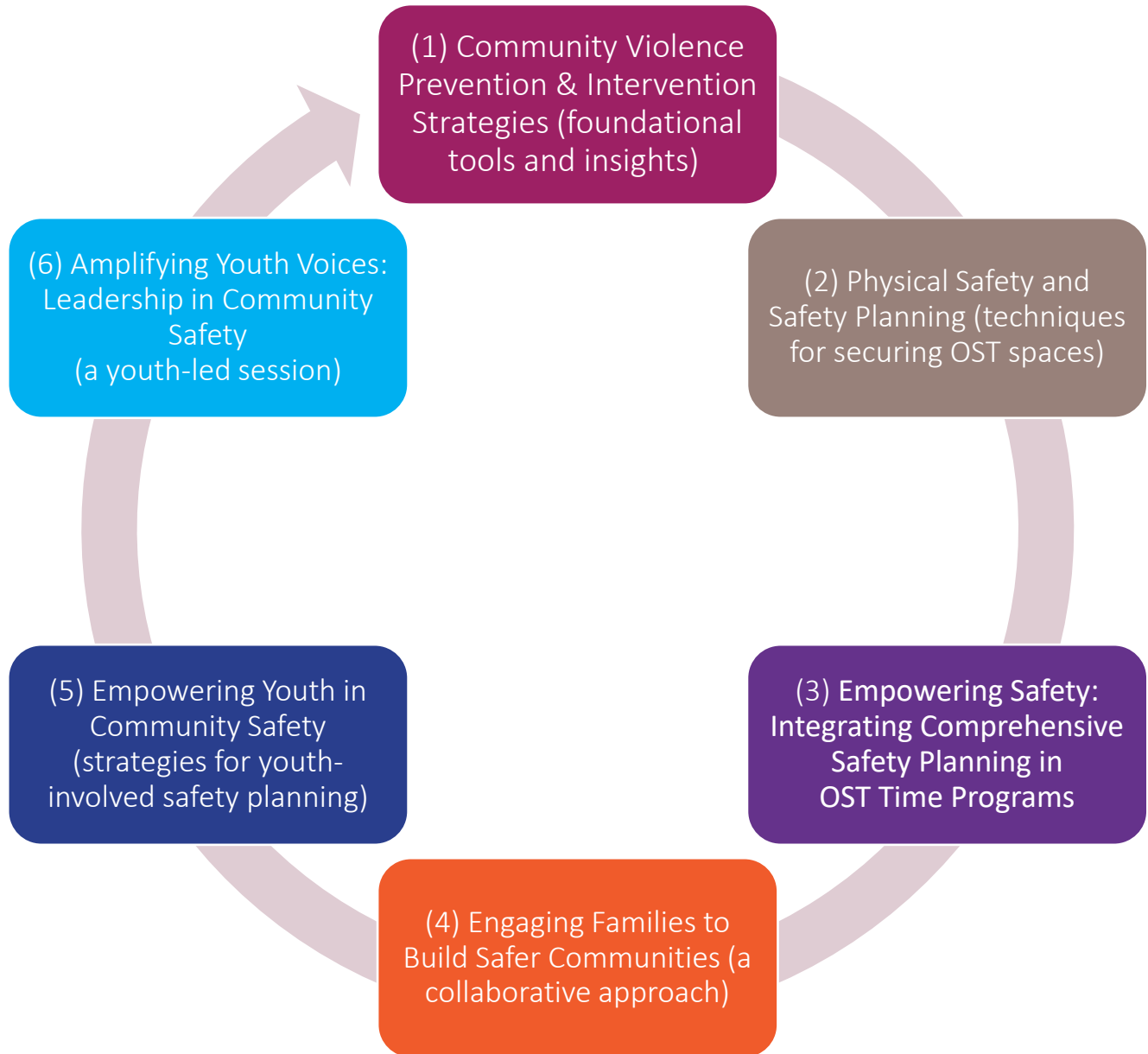
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21st CCLC NTAC Vision and Mission



Asset-Based Approaches to Community Violence Prevention and Intervention Six-Part Series





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State Implementation of Federal Guidance

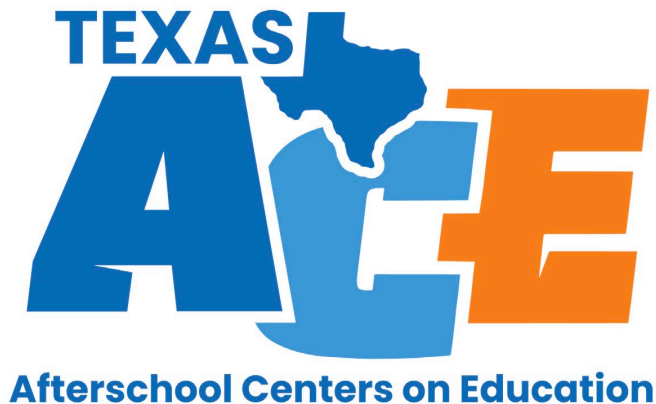
Emergency Protocols Required

Families as Planning Partners

Use of National Resources Encouraged



State Leadership in Action



- ✓ **Built on Federal & State Priorities** – Federal funding was used to expand OST safety supports.
- ✓ **Embedded in Statewide Practice** - Implemented via Texas ACE programs (21st CCLC) serving grades 6–12, focusing on student engagement and safety.
- ✓ **Career Readiness & Mental Health Focus** - Programs selected either Work-Based Learning or Mental Health Support as their primary safety strategy.
- ✓ **Comprehensive State Support** – Texas Education Agency (TEA) provided training, virtual PD, and statewide meetups to guide implementation.
- ✓ **Sustainable Planning Infrastructure** - Grantees will submit enrichment plans to build a shared library of safety-aligned practices at the conclusion of the initiative.



Laying the Groundwork

Tools to Engage Families and Youth

Why Families Are Vital in School Safety Planning:

- Experts on their child's needs
- Advocates for student wellbeing
- Partners in emergency preparedness
- Crucial communication channels before, during, and after incidents



Source: National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments (NCSSLE)

Resource: [Talking With Your Child's School About Preventing and Addressing School Violence](#)

Interactive Poll

How are families currently engaged in safety planning within your OST program?





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Centering Families in OST Emergency Preparedness

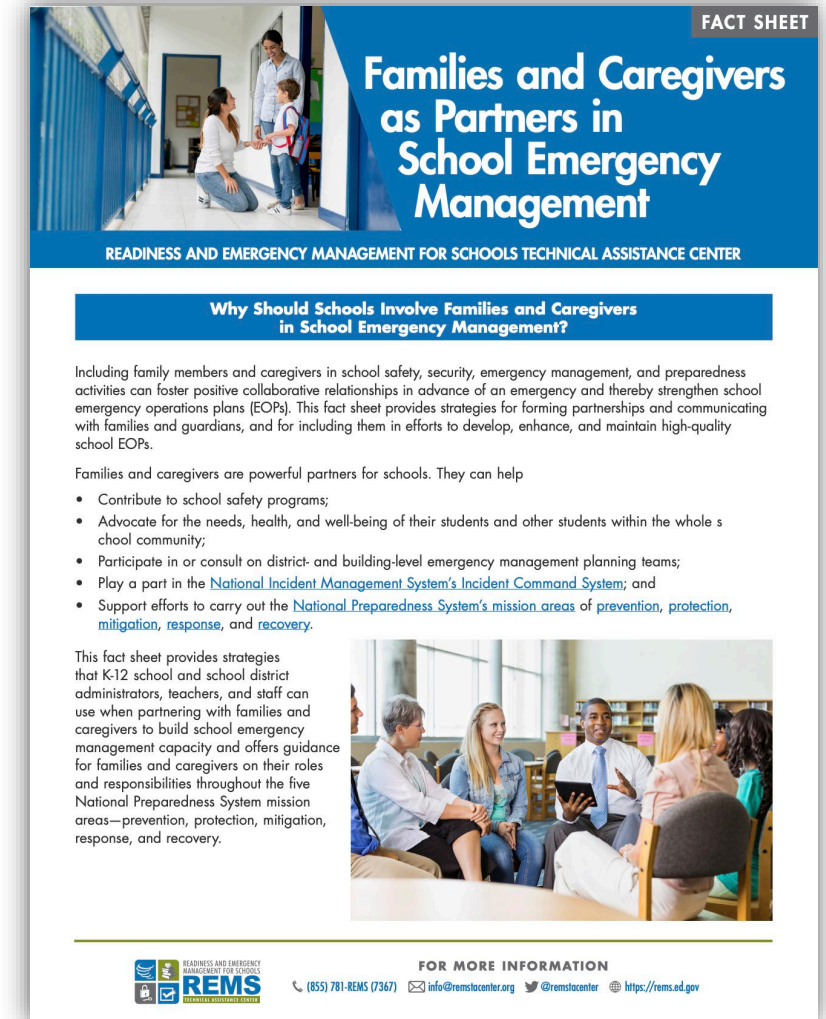
Key Topics:

Preparing families to support students during incidents

Including family perspectives in communication protocols

Supporting families and students after an incident

Creating community healing opportunities



Source: Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance Center
Resource: [Families and Caregivers Fact Sheet \(U.S. Department of Education\)](#)

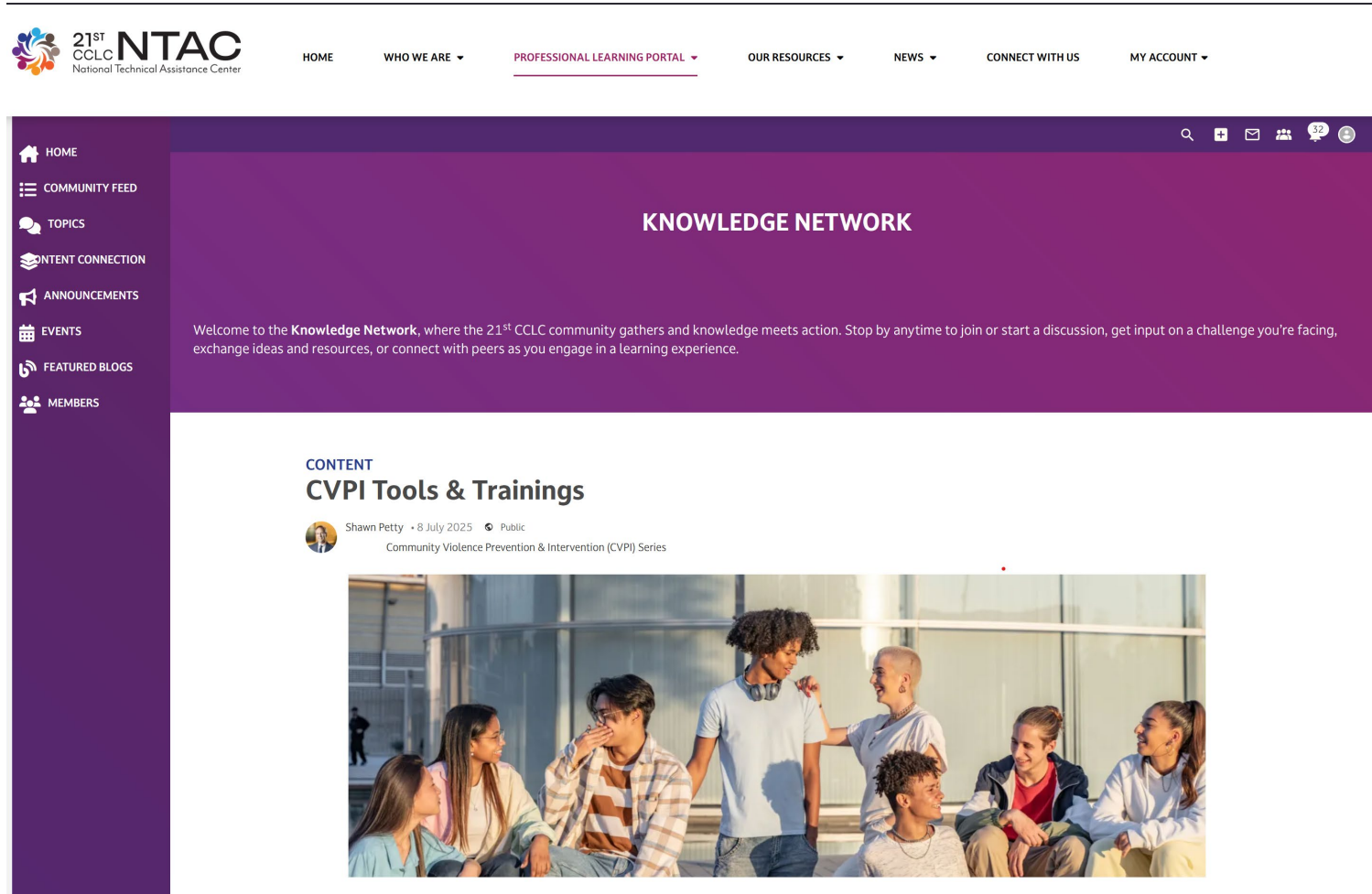


Conclusion

- Final Reflections
- Key Takeaways
- Call to Action



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