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ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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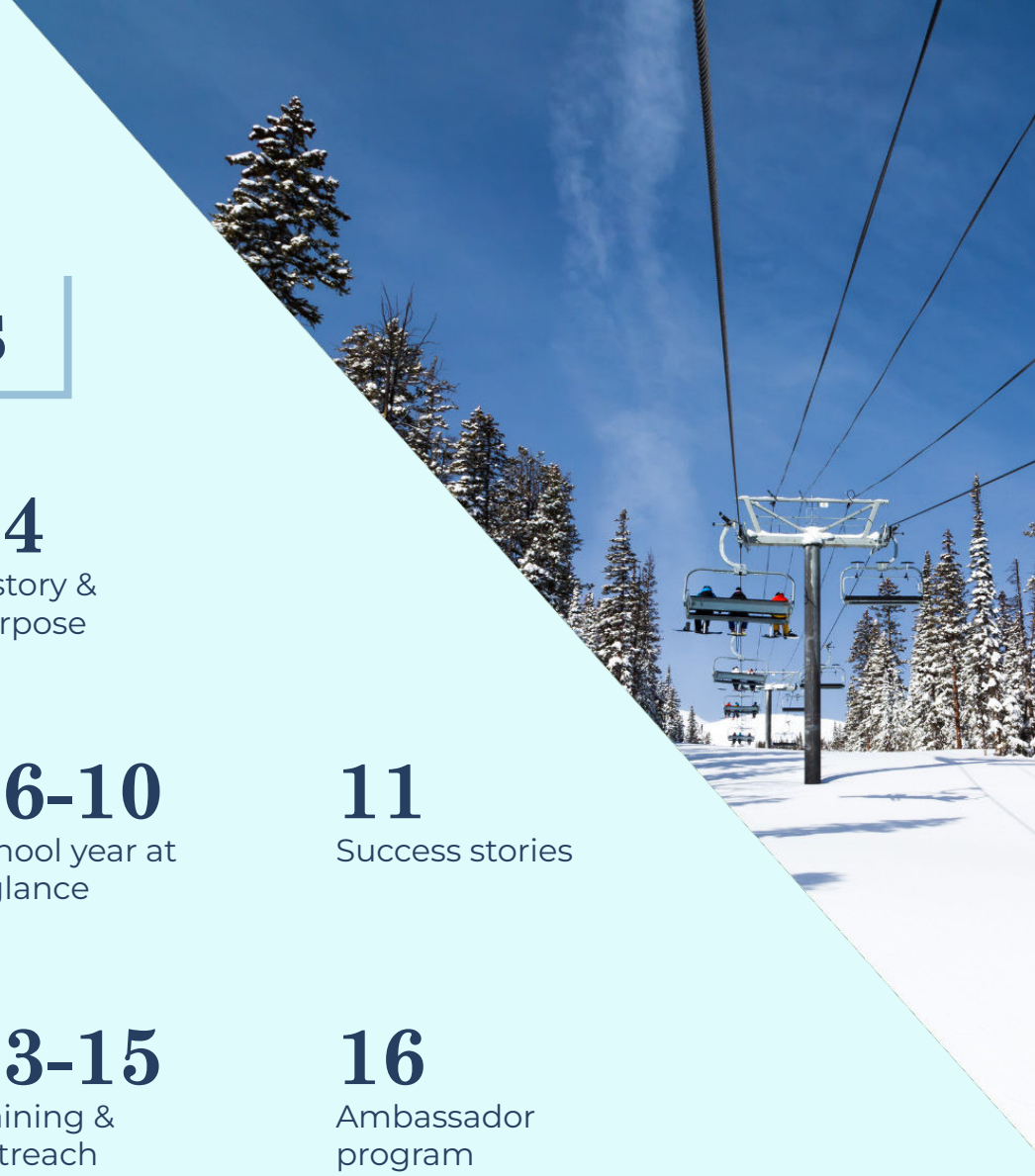


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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear School Safety Advocates and Partners,

Safe2Tell and Attorney General Phil Weiser continue to advance their mission of building safer schools and communities across Colorado. Since 2004, our focus has been on equipping students with the confidence and tools to speak up when they're concerned, because every voice can spark change and make a difference.

During the 2025-2026 school year, Colorado students continued to navigate challenges such as bullying, substance use, and mental health concerns. These ongoing issues highlight the critical role Safe2Tell plays in helping to prevent harm and supporting the well-being of students across our state.

This past year was one of the highest reporting years in Safe2Tell's history. Thousands of students and community members used the program to speak up about concerns, taking meaningful action to protect their peers and school communities 29,302 times. Safe2Tell continues to be a trusted resource for students - especially in moments when a trusted adult isn't available - providing a safe, anonymous way to seek help and prevent harm. We're proud to be a resource that students trust.

This year also marked significant progress in the quality and reliability of reports submitted to Safe2Tell. In 2025-2026, 97.6% of all reports were valid, the highest percentage recorded since consistent tracking began in the 2015-2016 school year. Misuse reports accounted for just 0.6% of submissions, tied for the lowest rate on record. These are reports made without malicious intent but outside Safe2Tell's scope, such as questions about school closures due to inclement weather. False reports, which are deliberately submitted to spread misinformation, accounted for 1.8%, the second-lowest rate on record. These results reflect continued progress in helping students and community members understand when and how to use Safe2Tell.

To strengthen student awareness, Safe2Tell launched a comprehensive digital campaign across TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, and premium digital streaming services. This effort helped expand our reach and engage students and their parents where they spend their time. Safe2Tell posters, bus stickers, videos, and other materials remain available at no cost to help schools and communities promote Safe2Tell's message: "If you see something harmful, do something helpful."

Safe2Tell also launched a newly refreshed, easier to navigate website in June designed to improve user experience and make it simpler for students, educators, and community partners to access key resources. The updated site enhances clarity, accessibility, and usability to ensure Safe2Tell information is readily available when it's needed most.

Safe2Tell remains available around the clock, offering students and community members a safe, anonymous way to report concerns. We appreciate your continued partnership in supporting safer school communities.



Wishing you a safe and successful school year,

Stacey Scardino

Stacey Scardino
Safe2Tell Director

HISTORY & PURPOSE

2004

Safe2Tell began operations as a non-profit organization in close collaboration with Colorado government.

2007

First Safe2Tell legislation is passed to establish anonymous reporting, known as the "Safe2Tell Act 24-31-601."

2014

As part of Senate Bill 14-002, Safe2Tell is incorporated into the Colorado Office of the Attorney General.

2016

Senate Bill 16-193 appropriated funds for training and outreach materials and a training specialist position.

2018

Safe2Tell received an appropriation of funds for a second training specialist, a data analyst, and additional training materials from Senate Bill 18-1434.

2019

The Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) began to handle Safe2Tell reports.

2020

With Senate Bill 20-1113, Safe2Tell began sharing Colorado Crisis Services (now 988) contact information on every report.

2021

Senate Bill 21-081 broadened exceptions under which anonymity may be lifted in situations involving imminent harm or the false reporting of an emergency.

2022

House Bill 22-1052 required each student identification card issued to a public school student to contain the phone number, website, and text talk number for the 24-hour telephone crisis service center (988) and Safe2Tell.

2023

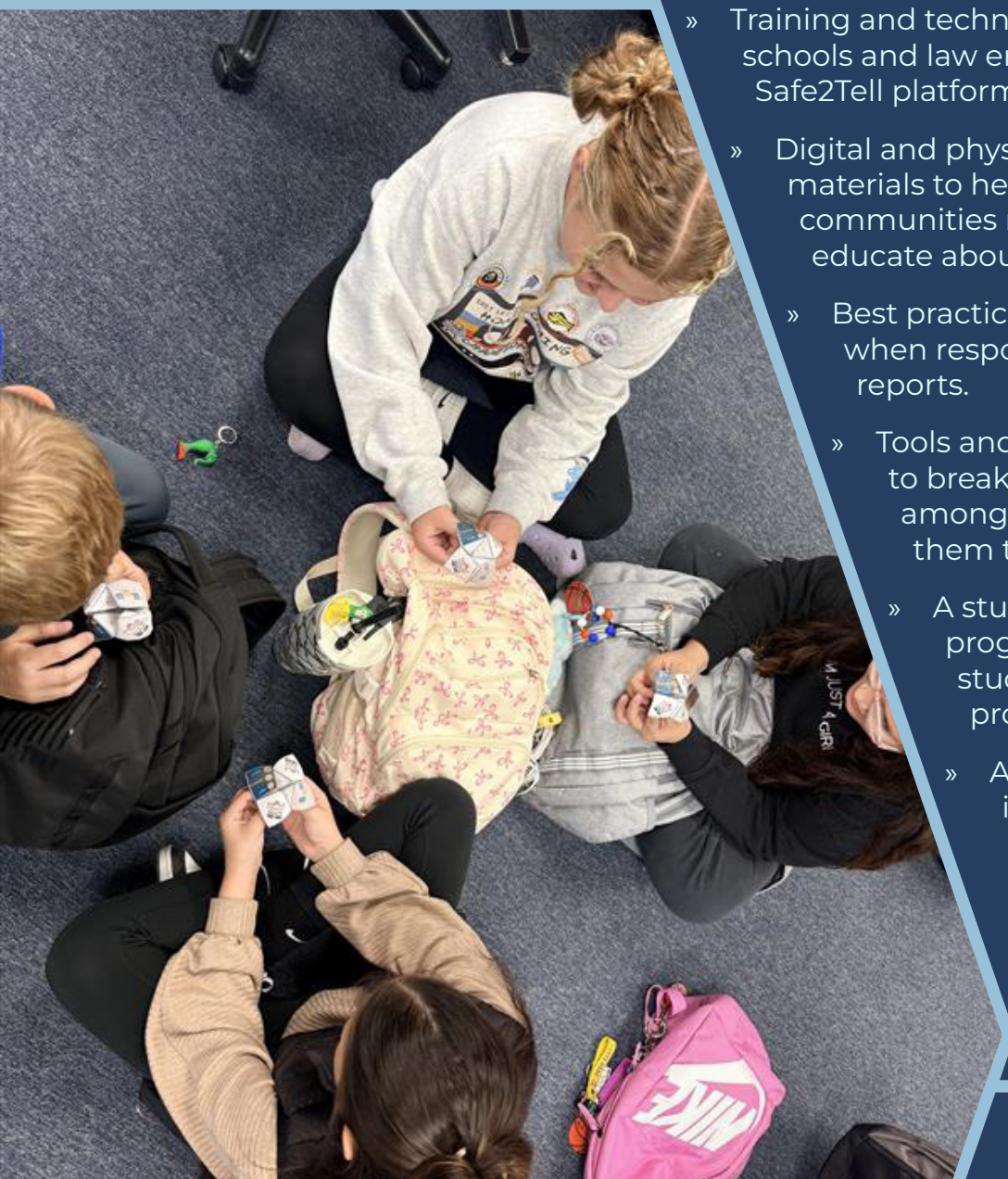
Senate Bill 23-070 created a requirement for Safe2Tell to offer mandatory annual training for school resource officers.

SAFE2TELL PROVIDES

Safe2Tell provides Colorado youth and community members with an anonymous way to share concerns about safety. The program supports early intervention by helping information flow quickly from concerned individuals to local partners, such as schools and law enforcement. Safe2Tell emphasizes the importance of engaging resources, such as trusted adults and mental health professionals, to intervene early and address concerns before they escalate.

Safe2Tell provides at no cost:

- An anonymous resource for students, parents, school staff, and community members to voice safety concerns.
- Training and technical support for schools and law enforcement on the Safe2Tell platform.
- Digital and physical marketing materials to help schools and communities raise awareness and educate about Safe2Tell.
- Best practices for Safe2Tell recipients when responding to Safe2Tell reports.
- Tools and educational strategies to break the "code of silence" among youth by encouraging them to report safety concerns.
- A student ambassador program to incorporate student voice into Safe2Tell programming.
- Aggregate data reports including monthly, mid-year, and annual data summaries. Visit our Safe2Tell Data page (opens new window) for more information.

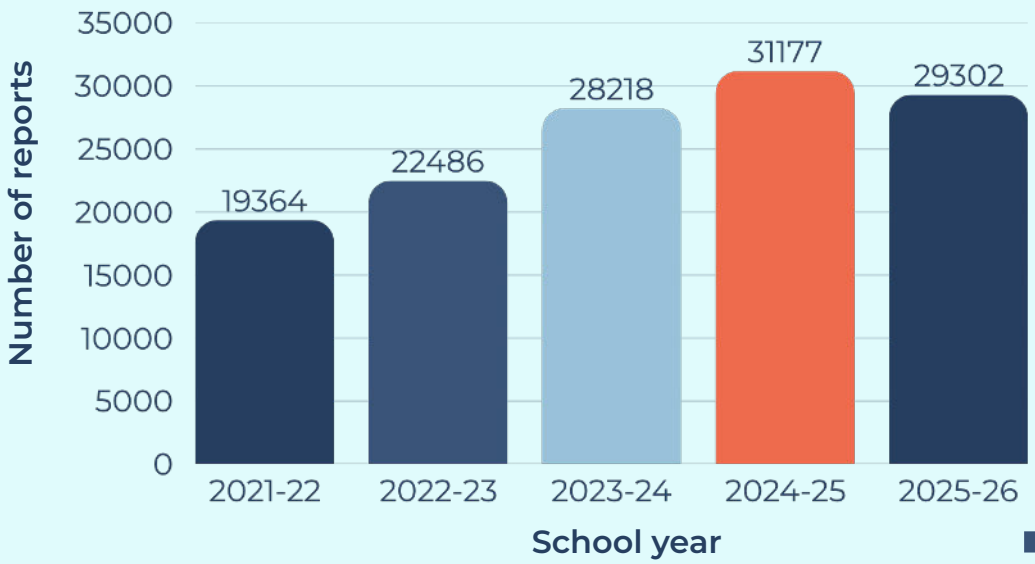


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SCHOOL YEAR AT A GLANCE

The statistics below include data from August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026.

Report volume by year





Safe2Tell experienced a 6% decrease in report volume compared to the previous school year, however, had the second highest ever report volume since its inception in 2004. School Safety Concern: Staff was Safe2Tell's most frequent report type, accounting for 9% of all reports made in the 2025-2026 school year. Other top report types included suicide threats, bullying, drugs, and self-harm. Four of these types account for 27% of all reports submitted to the program. *See Appendix A and B for report totals by type and month.*

Outcomes

During the 2025-2026 school year, the common report outcomes were:

10,774 Parents/ guardians notified

5,111 Counseling/ mental health services provided

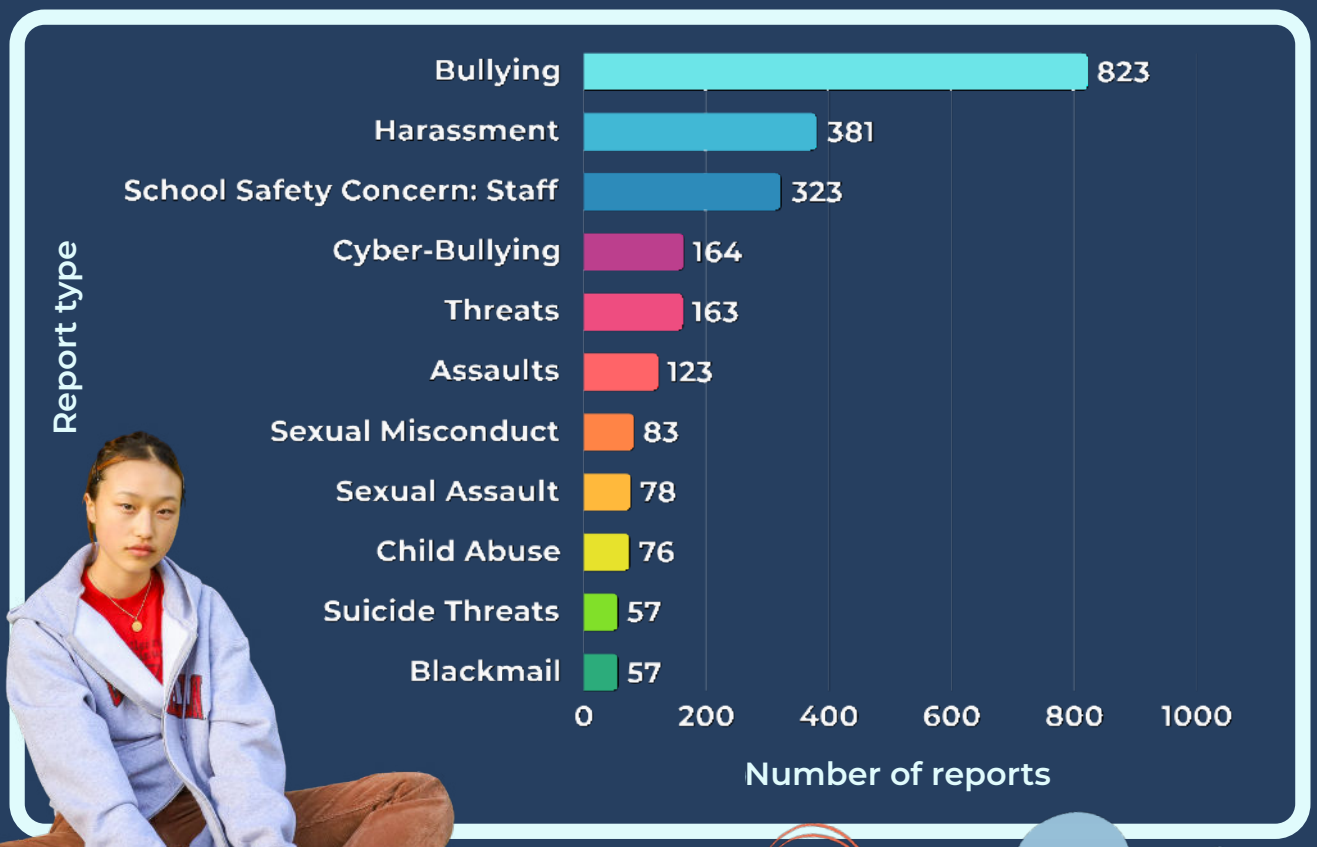
3,621 Welfare checks conducted

See Appendix G for more information.

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Self-reports

Individuals can submit a report to Safe2Tell about themselves or on behalf of someone else. 90% of reports received were from bystanders while the other 10% were self-reports. Here are the most common types of self-reports:





Mental health related self-reports

Safe2Tell received 114 mental health-related self-reports during the 2025-2026 school year. These are reports that people have made for themselves in the following categories: depression, suicide, self-harm, and eating disorder. Safe2Tell offered all reporters the option to connect with 988-Mental Health Colorado and the only transfer during this reporting period was made in less than one minute. Additionally, 38 individuals received counseling services, and 5 resulted in holds or hospitalization. *To learn more about other outcomes, see Appendix E.*

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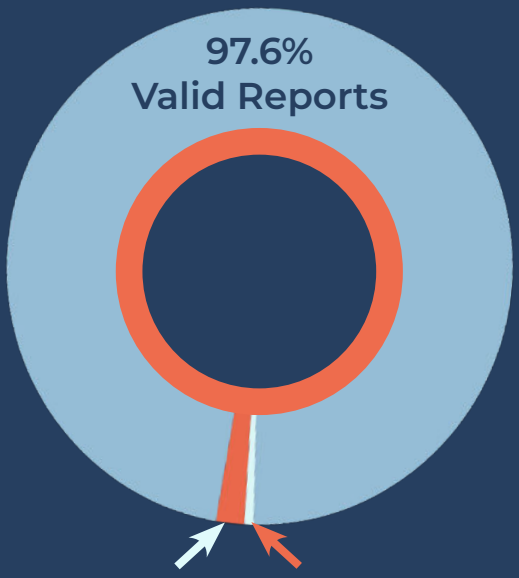
Safe2Tell reports during the 2025-2026 school year. Of these reports, 2.5% were documented to have had some form of social media involvement.

Reporting methods

- 19% Phone call
- 44% Mobile web
- 32% PC web
- 3% Mobile app
- 1% Text shortcode

*percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding

Valid Reports



Valid reports are those submitted in good faith for early intervention. This does not include misuse or false reports. Valid reports accounted for 97.6% of all reports the program received during the 2025-2026 school year.

2.3 minutes

From the time that the reporting party submits a report to the time that the report is sent to multidisciplinary teams, most of the time.



Misuse: Outside Safe2Tell Scope reports are those received with non-malicious intent. *For reference, see Appendices C and D.*

False reports are non-actionable reports created with malicious intent, which may include false information to harm, injure, or bully another person. Safe2Tell provides comprehensive training about the proper use of the program and collaborates with local partners to reduce false reports. See Appendix D for more information.

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Top Report Categories

4,282 Duplicate Reports
Reports made regarding a concern already reported. Duplicate reports are indicators of a healthy reporting culture within a community.

- 9.4% School Safety Concern: Staff
- 9.3% Suicide Threats
- 8.4% Bullying
- 4.7% Drugs
- 4.4% Welfare

The most common outcomes related to School Safety Concerns: Staff were 1,759 internal investigation/personnel matter, 637 unfounded, 281 not a law enforcement issue, and 275 parents notified.

During the 2025-2026 school year, individuals who made a report stayed logged in 16% of the time to answer a Safe2Tell analyst's follow-up question. This means that about 1 in 6 individuals who made a report provided additional information after submitting their initial report.





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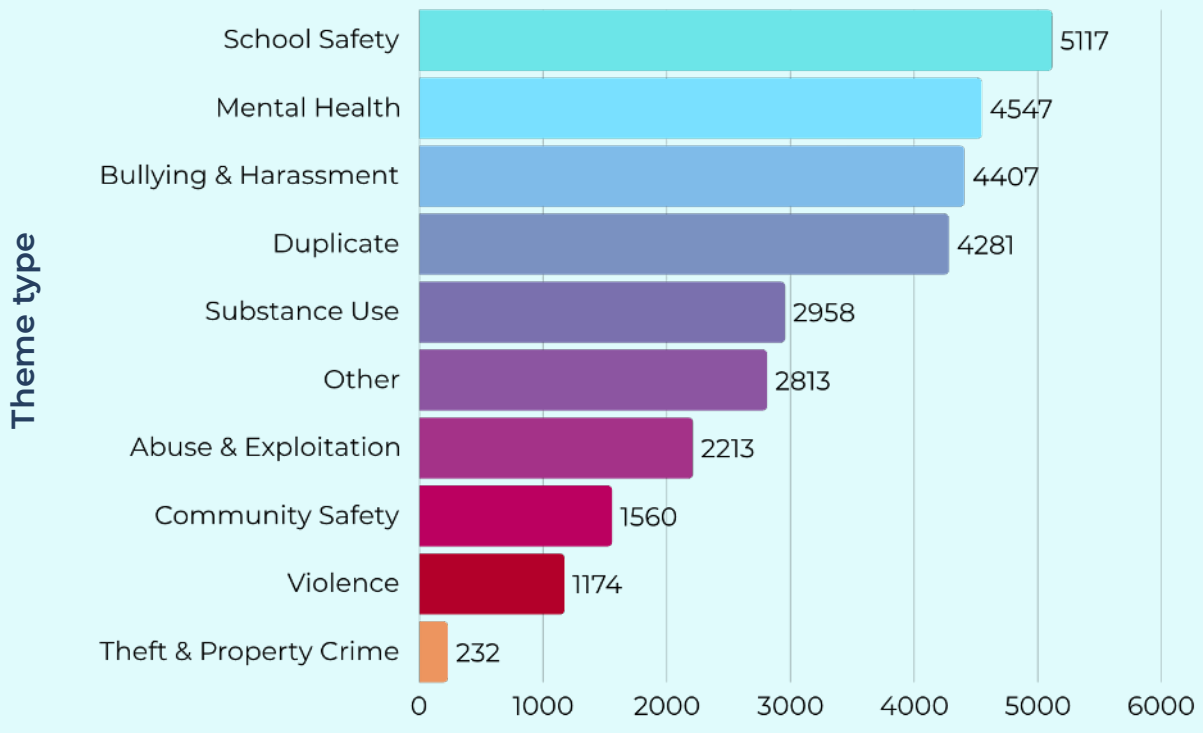


Report volume by theme - 2025-26 school year

Safe2Tell introduced a new monthly reporting method in January 2025 that groups 54 types of reports into 10 broader categories, providing a more comprehensive view of school safety concerns across Colorado.

The graphic below demonstrates how many reports the program received in each of the 10 reporting themes throughout the school year. School Safety, Mental Health, and Bullying & Harassment were the highest reported themes and accounted for 48% of all reports submitted. These themes include a range of serious concerns. For example, School Safety reports can involve weapons such as explosives, guns, or knives as well as planned school attacks. Mental Health reports commonly include concerns related to depression, self-harm, or suicide. Bullying and Harassment encompasses both in-person and cyberbullying. These themes reflect the issues students are most frequently experiencing or witnessing and highlight the critical role Safe2Tell plays in helping adults intervene early.

For a more comprehensive look at Safe2Tell's reporting themes and how each report type is grouped, see Appendix F.



2025-2026 SUCCESS STORIES

Two recent stories highlight the different ways Safe2Tell helps protect Colorado students. In one case, a Safe2Tell report prompted an investigation that stopped ongoing harm and ultimately led to a successful prosecution. In another, a student turned to Safe2Tell out of concern that a friend might hurt themselves, connecting that student with help when they needed it most. Together, these stories show why students continue to speak up through Safe2Tell when they are concerned about their own safety or the safety of someone else.

In the first case, a former Green Mountain High School psychologist was sentenced to five years in the Department of Corrections after being convicted of sexually assaulting a minor, along with related drug and delinquency charges. James Chevrier was arrested in May 2025 while he was working at Green Mountain High School after Lakewood police received a Safe2Tell report, accusing Chevrier of sexual assault.

The subject of the Safe2Tell report and the victim's father spoke at Chevrier's sentencing hearing, asking for him to face the maximum sentence. The victim recounted the abuse in court and said Chevrier robbed her of her entire freshman year and her trust in adults. “I wouldn’t want him to have that power over people. It’s easy for him to manipulate,” the victim said.



Sometimes, the impact of a Safe2Tell report is measured by what happens before a tragedy occurs.

Safe2Tell received a message from a student who had submitted a report because they were worried a friend might hurt themselves. The student later thanked Safe2Tell for responding quickly and connecting their friend with help:

“Today I made a report about my friend because I was really worried about them. Safe2Tell stepped in fast, and now they’re getting the help they need instead of hurting themselves. I just want to say thank you. You seriously made a huge difference. I’m really grateful.”

This statement has been paraphrased to protect the student’s privacy.

2025-2026 SAMPLE REPORTS

Below are examples of valid reports sent to Safe2Tell during the 2025-2026 school year. Identifying information has been removed from these examples. *For additional examples of other report categories including misuse and false reports, see Appendix E.*



A person reported seeing alcohol in a student's car and expressed concerns that the student was drinking and driving. School teams investigated, and it was determined that the student had alcohol in their car. The parents were notified, and school disciplinary action was taken. - ***September 2025***

Safe2Tell received a report regarding a student possibly experiencing abuse and food insecurity at home. The matter is under investigation by school staff and law enforcement. Colorado Department of Human Services has been notified, and the student receives support from the school counselor - ***November 2025***

A report indicated a student was experiencing abuse at home, arriving at school with bruises, and expressing thoughts of self-harm. The student's parents and the Colorado Department of Human Services were notified. The student now receives counseling services. - ***January 2026***

A person reported a student attempted to end their life. Law enforcement completed a welfare check and spoke with the student and their parents. The parent transported the student to the hospital, where the student was placed on an emergency mental health hold. The school conducted a suicide risk assessment and provided support - ***March 2026***

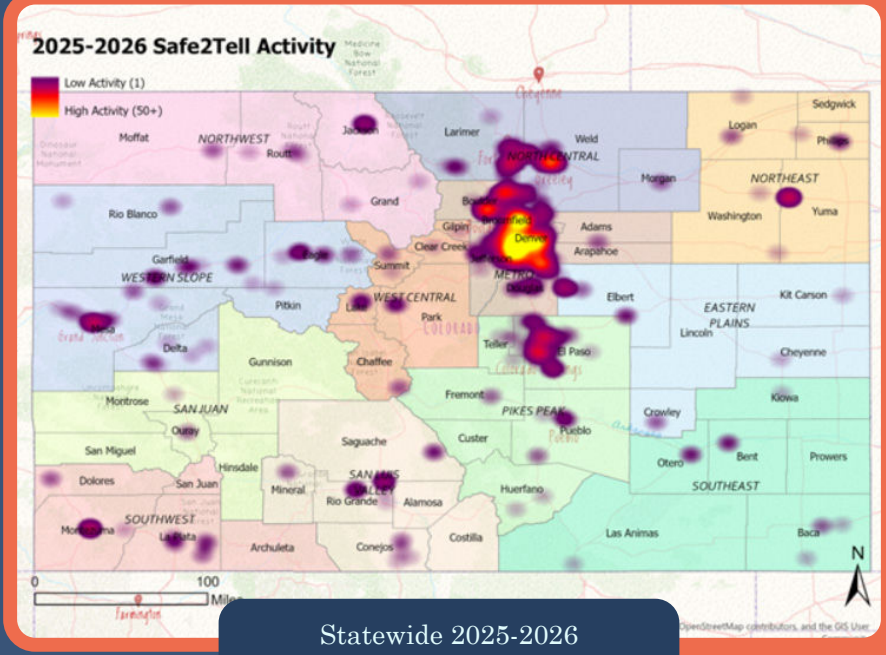


A person reported a student told peers not to attend school the next day, made gun-related gestures, and identified a person they intended to harm. Local law enforcement conducted a welfare check, spoke with the student and guardian, completed a threat assessment, and made mental health resource referrals. School disciplinary action was taken, including increased security and law enforcement presence the following day. - ***May 2026***



TRAINING & OUTREACH

During the 2025–2026 school year, Safe2Tell reached 825 unique locations across Colorado through its outreach efforts. Across these locations, the program delivered 79 student trainings, 46 school staff and multidisciplinary team trainings, 130 law enforcement trainings, and participated in 24 community trainings and public tabling events/resource fairs. The Safe2Tell training team continued to offer both in-person and virtual options to meet the needs of schools and communities.



Statewide 2025-2026
Training & Outreach Heat Map

Safe2Tell also conducted eight statewide Train the Trainer sessions, bringing the total number of trainers receiving monthly updates to 398 individuals, including those certified in previous years. Trainers facilitated 100 documented training sessions statewide. Schools downloaded Safe2Tell presentations 62 times for classroom use and requested materials 141 times throughout the year. Safe2Tell received eight requests for data training. Colorado Shakespeare Festival promoted the Safe2Tell program in their plays to 65 schools.

Safe2Tell now offers 11 updated YouTube videos (opens new window) created to help students, parents, and school communities better understand how the program works and how to use it effectively. These videos have been very well-received across the state, with many schools integrating them into classroom lessons, parent nights, and advisory periods. Educators shared that the videos make it easier to explain Safe2Tell and spark meaningful conversations about student safety and the importance of reporting concerns. A statewide parent survey also guided the creation of a new video: Safe2Tell for Parents—Your Questions Answered. This video directly addresses the topics parents said they needed the most clarity on. All videos include closed captioning for accessibility, and several are available in Spanish to better support our bilingual and Spanish-speaking families.



One of 11 new Safe2Tell videos
available on YouTube

TRAINING & OUTREACH

In July 2025, Safe2Tell launched a new asynchronous course for Colorado educators, available on the Connect With Us page of the S2T website. Upon completing the course, participants gain a clear understanding of the Safe2Tell reporting process, learn how to address common misconceptions, and explore practical ways to integrate Safe2Tell into lessons and everyday conversations with students. Each participant receives a certificate upon completion, and by the end of the year, 162 schools and 711 individuals have finished the course. *See Appendix H for more information.*

The Safe2Tell training team traveled to Rio Grande County for a two-day training trip, where they successfully delivered two law enforcement training sessions and three school-based training sessions. These sessions gave us a chance to strengthen our connections with partners throughout the county. This part of the state often invites the trainers back for additional training, which shows how much they value continued collaboration and support from Safe2Tell.



Table at the Estes Park PD Safety Fair

Resource fairs/conferences

- Evergreen Safety Fair
- Aurora Public Schools Behavioral Health Resource Fair
- Colorado Office of School Safety's School Safety Summit
- Colorado Society of School Psychologists
- Jefferson County School District Parent Night Academy (2)
- K-12 Education Security Summit
- You in Bloom
- Annual Charter School Conference
- Englewood School District Parent Night Event
- Denver Public Schools Parent Safety Night X5
- Shared Risks and Protective Factors Conference
- Estes Park PD Safety Fair
- Front Range Safety Summit

Handle with Care program

The three-year Handle with Care pilot program concluded at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Developed by the West Virginia Defending Childhood Initiative, Handle with Care is a trauma-informed model that helps schools support students who have experienced potentially traumatic events.

The pilot was a joint project of Safe2Tell and the Colorado Office of School Safety, funded by the National Institute of Justice. Safe2Tell trained law enforcement, while the Office of School Safety trained participating schools and districts. The pilot began with Summit School District in 2023-2024, followed by Lewis-Palmer School District and Durango School District over the next two school years.

Since 2023, 201 Handle with Care notifications have been submitted through Safe2Tell's P3 system. Summit School District leaders said the program gave educators greater awareness when a student experienced a potentially traumatic event, helping them respond with additional care and understanding without sharing unnecessary details about the incident.

Multiple school districts also implement Handle with Care independently through their own notification processes.

TRAINING & OUTREACH

Gold Star program

The Gold Star program completed its third year during the 2025–2026 school year, recognizing the outstanding efforts of Colorado schools in promoting Safe2Tell education and outreach for students, staff, and their broader communities. The program serves as a valuable tool for helping schools evaluate the key components of effective awareness and implementation, while also celebrating strong partners who model best practices. This year, nine schools earned Gold Star status for their commitment to creating safer, more informed learning environments.

- Century Middle School
- Running Creek Elementary School
- Morris Elementary School
- Yuma High School
- Elizabeth Middle School
- Elizabeth High School
- Singing Hills Elementary School
- Pioneer Elementary School
- Littleton Preparatory Charter School



The Rocky Top Middle School team stands with their new Safe2Tell Platinum Star banner.

Four schools reached Platinum status which means they have been a Gold Star school for at least two consecutive years.

- Yuma Middle School
- Stargate Charter School
- Rocky Top Middle School
- Colorado Early College - Online Campus

Trainers made updates to presentations based on feedback from student ambassadors and post-presentation surveys from school administrators, teachers, and law enforcement agencies. Implementing changes to meet the needs of various audiences is an important part of the continued success of the Safe2Tell program.



Safe2Tell gives a presentation in Del Norte, Colorado.

Senate Bill 23-070: Annual training for School Resource Officers

In 2023, Senate Bill 23-070 established a requirement for Safe2Tell to provide annual training for school resource officers. For the 2026 training, Safe2Tell delivered a 2.5-hour virtual training session via Zoom. The session covered program updates, historical data, outcome reporting, and instructional resources designed to support educating students about Safe2Tell and assisting recipients in effectively investigating reports. This year's training was a successful collaborative effort between the Safe2Tell teams at the Colorado Attorney General's Office and the Colorado Information Analysis Center. As in previous years, a recording of the session is available upon request through the Safe2Tell website for officers who could not attend live. As of the end of July, 229 School Resource Officers have completed the training. *See Appendix I for more information.*

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

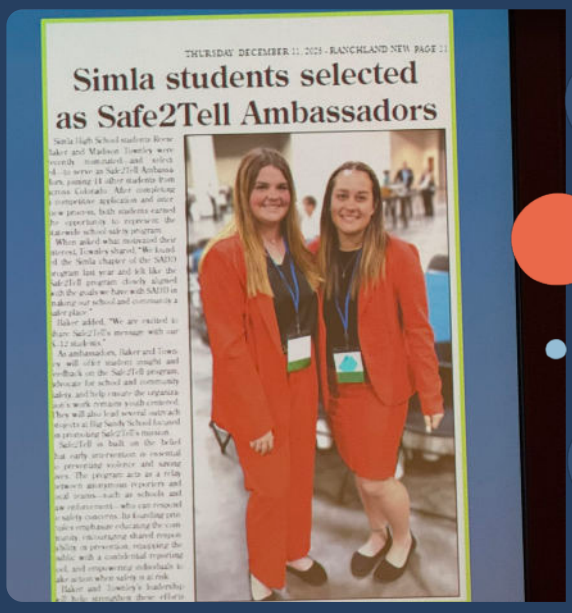






Since 2021, Colorado students with diverse backgrounds and from locations across the state have applied to take part in this year-long program. Ambassadors serve as positive role models for their peers, share Safe2Tell resources with their schools, and help the program connect with students through creative projects.

The Safe2Tell Student Ambassador program continued to be a success, with eleven students presenting their final projects to their peers, families, families, and members of the Colorado Department of Law leadership at the 2026 Celebration of Impact. While there were several students representing the Denver Metro area, the program also had students take part from the Western slope and Eastern part of the state. The theme for 2025-2026 was “Voices of Change,” encouraging students to use their voices to engage peers and their broader communities in promoting Safe2Tell. Students developed their projects by selecting components from four categories: Creative, Outreach and Leadership, Analytical, and Social Media. This structure gave students autonomy while supporting a wide range of outreach strategies.



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Simla students selected as Safe2Tell Ambassadors

For the 2025-2026 Student Ambassador program, Safe2Tell considered feedback from previous ambassadors and adjusted the timeline of the program. Applications began in the fall and students presented projects in the spring. This timeline resembled the school year that students are accustomed to and avoided students moving schools during the summer or over-committing to too many clubs/activities.

PARTNERSHIPS

P3 Working Group
Safe2Tell launched a working group of P3 report recipients during the 2021-2022 school year, bringing participants together virtually to share successes and identify opportunities to strengthen the P3 system. Now in its fourth year, this collaboration continues to offer valuable space for new and returning recipients to ask questions, exchange ideas, and connect with Safe2Tell and fellow users.

Safe2Tell accepts applications throughout the year for individuals interested in joining the working group. Virtual meetings take place throughout the school year, and the group looks to maintain a balanced mix of district staff, school administrators, and law enforcement participation. If you'd like to participate, please complete this form: P3 Working Group Sign Up (opens new window).

Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC)
The Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) serves as the state's fusion center, a multidisciplinary, multi-agency network of professionals from the private sector, local, state, tribal and federal partners conducting analysis and sharing information to prevent, protect and respond to crimes and potential or actual acts of terrorism. CIAC, in the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, partners with the Colorado Department of Law to answer and disseminate reports. Within the CIAC, Safe2Tell Analysts engage with reporting parties in a two-way dialog to maximize the information available for follow-up. Analysts directly connect or refer to 988 Colorado Mental Health Line as needed and distribute the information immediately to local responders.

Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV)
The University of Colorado Boulder's Institute of Behavioral Science houses the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV). Founded in 1992 with funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, CSPV helps groups committed to understanding and preventing violence and other problem behaviors and promoting positive youth development.



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988 Colorado Mental Health Line
988 is a national network of local contact centers offering free and confidential help to people feeling overwhelmed, panicked, or out of control, to experiencing suicidal thoughts or anything in between. Dial or text 988 to be connected with a trained specialist. Texting is available in both English and Spanish. Live chat is available on the national 988 website in both English and Spanish.

Colorado Office of School Safety
The mission of the Office of School Safety (OSS) is to assist educators, emergency responders, community organizations, school mental health professionals, parents and students to create safe, positive and successful school environments for Colorado students in all PreK-12 and higher education schools. Safe2Tell refers local partners to OSS for guidance on a range of school safety topics.

Colorado Department of Education
The Colorado Department of Education provides leadership, resources, support and accountability to the state's districts, schools, teachers and administrators. CDE supports Safe2Tell in aligning its messaging on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and helps identify a student's school when the school is unknown by the person submitting the Safe2Tell report.

Colorado Shakespeare Festival
Founded in 1958, the Colorado Shakespeare Festival celebrates the works of William Shakespeare and other classic playwrights through world-class performances. They also perform abridged versions of Shakespearean plays at schools throughout the state. CSF uses the depiction of violence in many plays to start a dialogue with students about violence prevention in a workshop immediately after a performance. During these workshops, CSF promotes Safe2Tell as a resource for reporting and provides students with educational materials to help raise awareness.



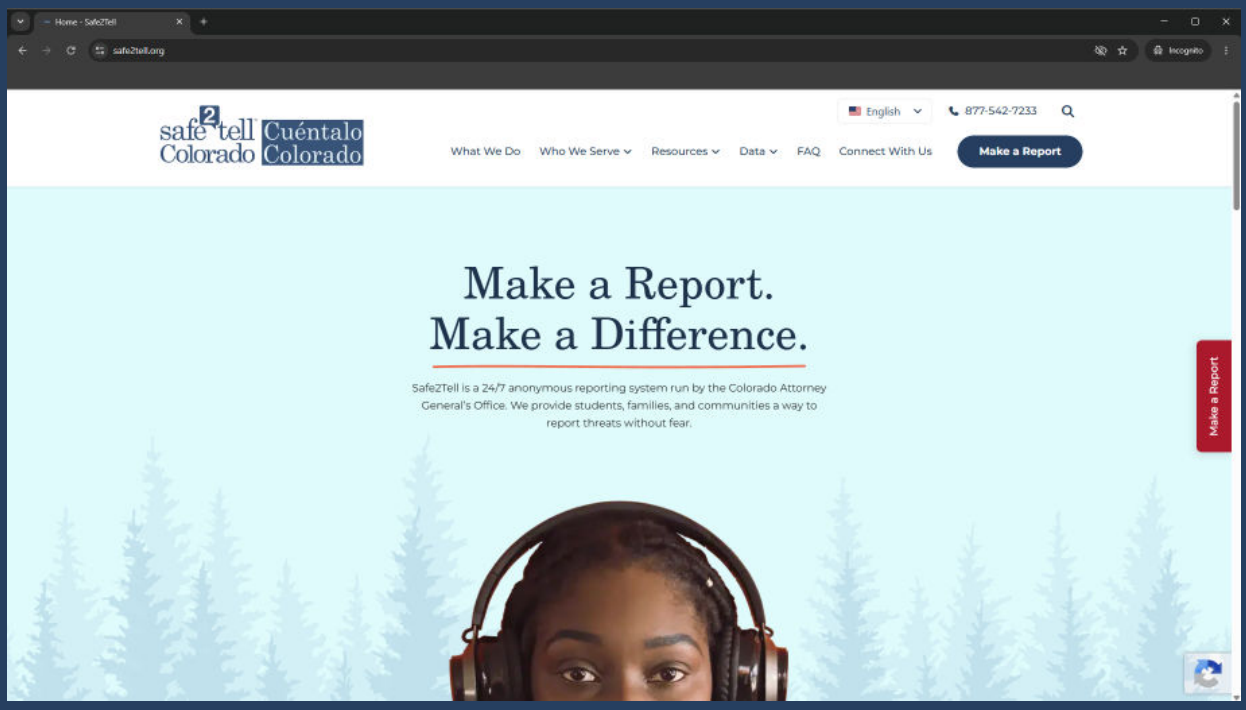
Safe2Tell Director Stacey Scardino with the Colorado Shakespeare Festival group

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website

The Safe2Tell website is the central hub where students, parents, educators, and law enforcement can access our program and learn how to get involved. The site allows users to:

- Submit reports anonymously about safety concerns.
- Ensure reports are followed up on by submitting a disposition report.
- Request training or presentations for schools, law enforcement and community groups.
- Download or request marketing and training materials for outreach and education.
- Ask questions and contact the Safe2Tell team directly.
- View report data from across the state.



Safe2Tell partnered with Fruition to refresh the Safe2Tell website and provide a more user-friendly experience, including updated translation capabilities. The newly redesigned website makes it easier than ever to submit anonymous safety reports, access resources, and find information quickly. The site features clear navigation, improved accessibility, and reporting options available by phone, web, app, or text code. It also offers updated materials for students, parents, schools, and community partners, along with transparent data and FAQs, to help users understand how Safe2Tell works and the reporting lifecycle.

During the 2025-2026 school year, 285,611 users visited the Safe2Tell website, with 99% visiting for the first time. Throughout the entire year, the program had 20,231 returning users.

Social

Safe2Tell maintains a presence on Facebook, Instagram, X, and YouTube to connect with students and supportive adults across Colorado. Social media serves as a platform to raise awareness of the program, promote Safe2Tell resources, and encourage reporting in an accessible and engaging format. This year, Safe2Tell's social media efforts showed:

- Non-paid social media received 760,817 impressions.
- Many people found our website through social media, with over 26,000 website visitors coming from Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

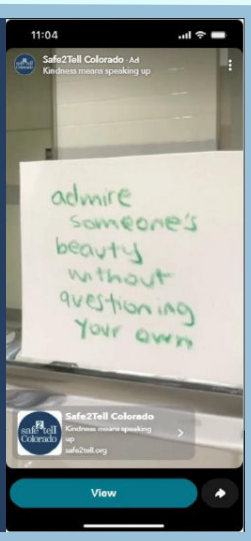
Under Senate Bill 16-193, the Safe2Tell program is required to provide marketing materials to every public, private, and charter school across Colorado. To meet these requirements for the 2025-2026 school year, Safe2Tell conducted an intensive month-long digital media-based campaign, to engage Colorado school-age children and their parents, teachers, administrators, education professionals, and youth-related organizations, and expand the reach of Safe2Tell messaging to stakeholders across the state.

This strategic, targeted digital campaign amplified Safe2Tell awareness efforts to students statewide. It engaged audiences ages 13 and older through high-traffic platforms including Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, and streaming TV like Hulu, Disney+, HBOMax, and others, as well as website ads providing Safe2Tell content to students on the platforms in which they spend their time. To ensure we reached younger audiences effectively, we used advanced targeting to ensure the campaign reached parents of children under 13, creating a layered approach that maximized reach and influence. This dual strategy positioned the campaign to drive awareness, engagement, and measurable results across Colorado.

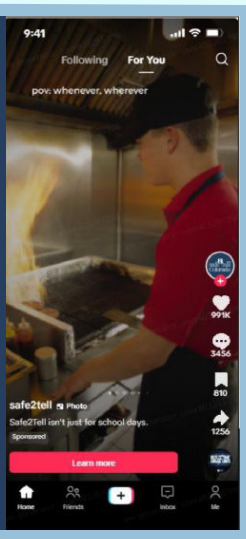
This awareness campaign built on previous messaging around the anonymous nature of the program, Safe2Tell's 24/7 availability, and how speaking up is an act of kindness. The campaign used a mix of branded Safe2Tell advertising and native advertising, a concept where the ad blends more naturally into the content of the platform. One of the more successful videos in the campaign was created by a former Safe2Tell student ambassador highlighting the importance of kindness. The campaign has been seen by over three million Colorado students and their parents, resulting in over 37,000 clicks and surpassing all performance goals.



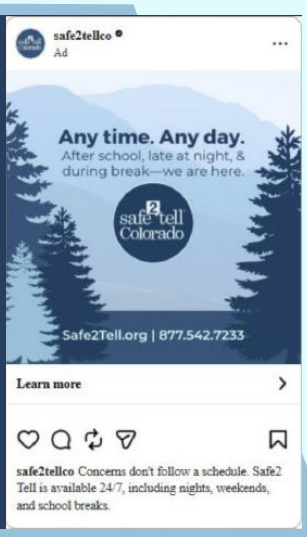
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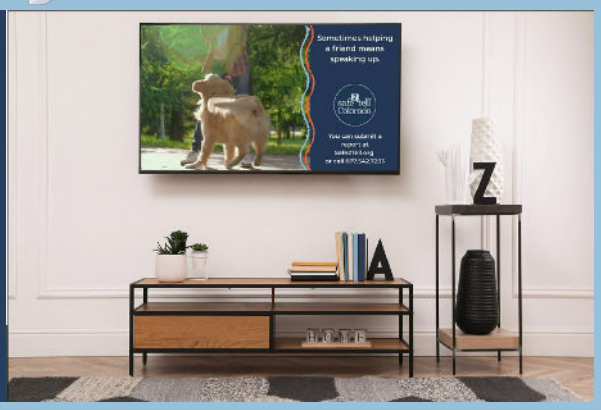
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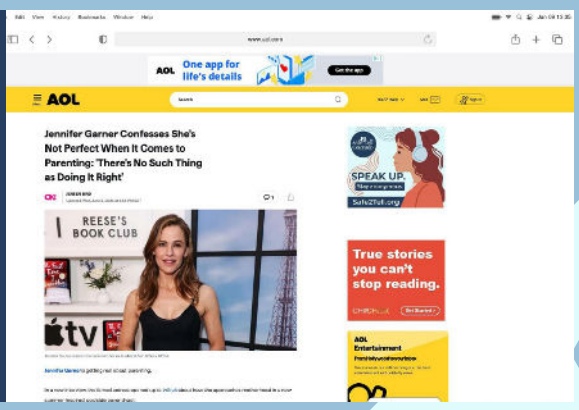
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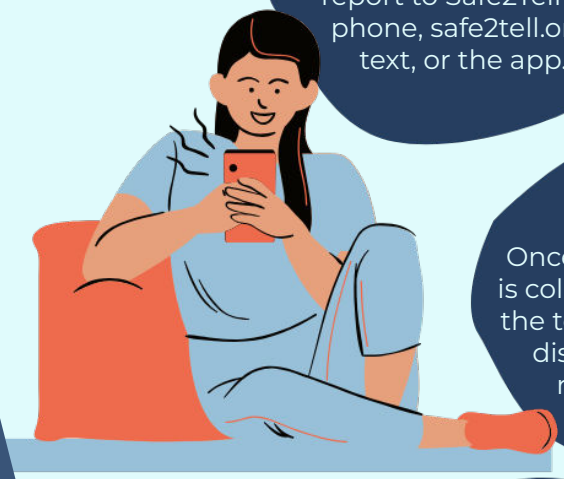
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What happens when I submit a Safe2Tell report?

1. You see a safety concern and submit a report to Safe2Tell via phone, safe2tell.org, text, or the app.



2. An analyst who analyzes the reports for Safe2Tell may ask you follow-up questions to learn more.

3. Once the information is collected, it is sent to the team in the school district where the report is from.

4. You remain anonymous, and your information is not collected by Safe2Tell.



5. The local team that receives the report always includes school district employees and law enforcement, and can also include mental health professionals.



6. That team will decide how to respond to a Safe2Tell report, whether it's about someone who needs mental health support or who may pose a threat to their school community.

7. Teams then tell Safe2Tell how they responded to the report. The most common responses to a report include mental health counseling, parent notification, or check-ins to make sure that the person who the report is about, is okay.



OUTCOMES



What happens after a recipient team looks into the report?

After the recipient team reviews and investigates a Safe2Tell report, they select the most appropriate outcome in the disposition form and change the status of a report from “open” to “closed.” This informs the Safe2Tell analysts that the school and/or law enforcement have addressed the report and that they no longer need to follow up. Report recipients also have the option to select “ongoing investigation” if more time is needed for investigation of the report. Safe2Tell outcome data is based on the information report recipients provide in their disposition.

Safe2Tell offers a variety of resources to support report recipients when responding to Safe2Tell reports. Besides technical guidance and process recommendations, recipients have access to tools such as training presentations and guides, data dashboards, and communication materials that help schools and agencies better understand trends and improve their local practices. Safe2Tell designed resources to assist partners in managing reports effectively, enhancing follow-up protocols, and fostering a safer environment for students statewide.

Valid Safe2Tell reports include those classified as unfounded, and reports marked with not enough information. Safe2Tell categorizes these as valid because they submitted the report with good intentions, even if the outcome is unfounded or the information provided is incomplete.

Does Safe2Tell decide how multidisciplinary teams respond to a report?

No. Safe2Tell serves as a relay of information between concerned parties who wish to make a report and local teams who respond to the information. Safe2Tell does not determine response methods. Local multidisciplinary teams have jurisdiction and control over report investigation and response. Local multidisciplinary teams enter outcome data into the Safe2Tell database.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on a review of the data, Safe2Tell has identified the following recommendations for improving the Safe2Tell program:

Training, Education, & Awareness

- Promote the asynchronous Safe2Tell student course to teachers and districts
- Increase the percentage of students who engage in two-way dialogue after submitting a report.
- Incorporate feedback from previous years' training when planning future Safe2Tell SRO training sessions.
- Minimize instances of false reporting and misuse of the program by educating students, school teams, and districts on the proper use of the program and best practices for cultivating a healthy Safe2Tell culture.
- Promote Safe2Tell's data training so that recipients feel empowered to view and create their own reports.

Student Engagement & Ambassador Program

- Increase online presence incorporating student voice through student ambassador and intern work.
- Implement recommendations from the 2025-2026 student ambassadors.
- Expand the student ambassador program by increasing application outreach and recruiting school districts not previously represented in the program.
- Continue to promote Safe2Tell as a resource for students during summer and planned school breaks, through youth driven social media messaging.

Partnerships & Collaboration

- Facilitate P3 working group meetings more frequently and promote registration throughout the year.
- Keep P3 recipients apprised of important updates through pop-up messages within P3.

Program Expansion & Recognition

- Promote the new Safe2Tell website launched in June 2026.
- Help additional schools meet Safe2Tell Gold and Platinum Star status.



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Accessibility & Program Integrity

- Meet or exceed accessibility requirements on Safe2Tell.org and when developing new awareness materials.

APPENDIX A

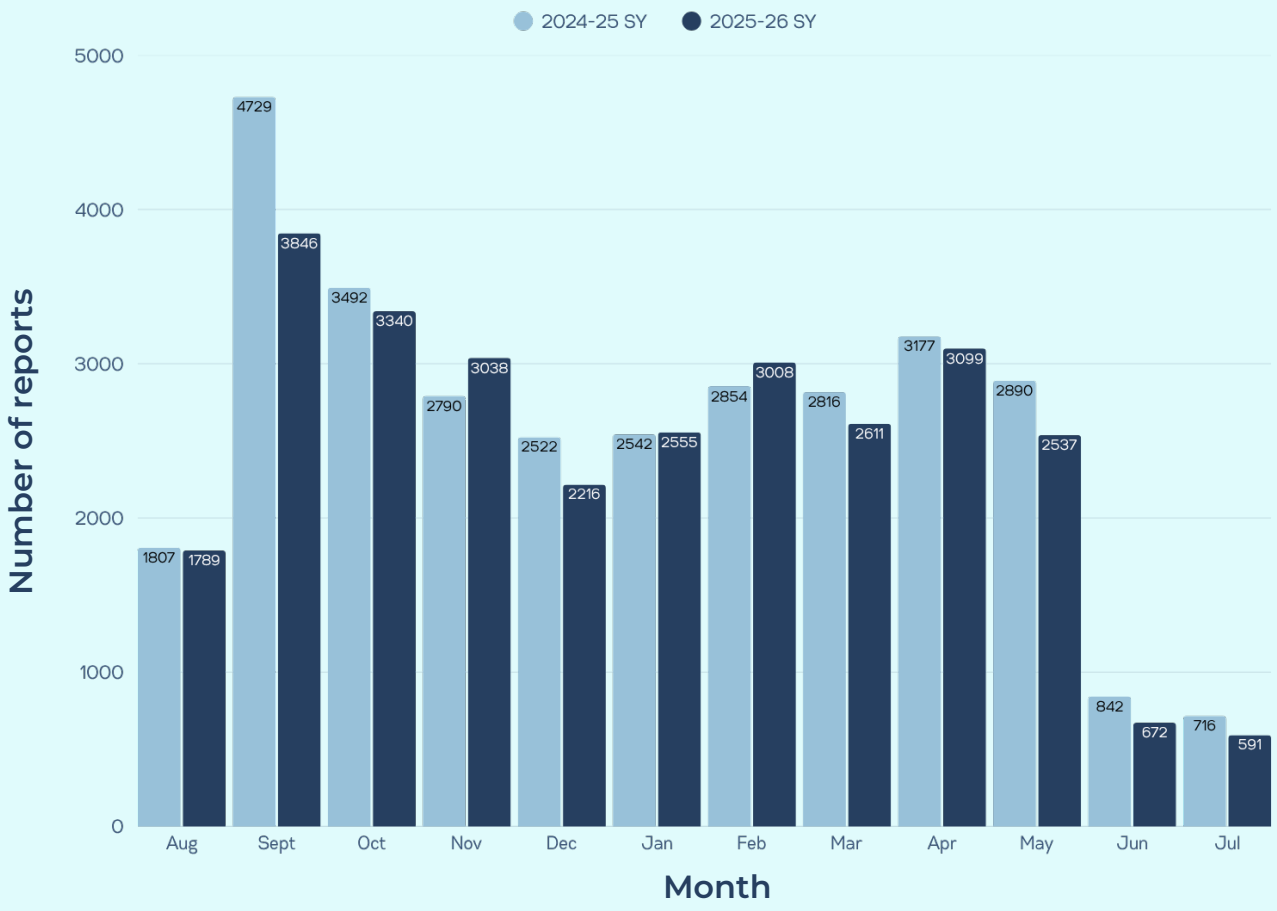
Number of reports by report type and month - 2025-2026 school year

Report type	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Total
Alcohol	29	42	55	36	17	34	32	40	41	34	9	11	**380**
Anger Issues	1	15	14	19	12	18	25	13	17	12	1	2	**149**
Animal Cruelty	2	7	5	1	6	0	2	2	3	3	1	4	**36**
Assaults	22	62	63	54	39	41	48	40	58	59	4	3	**493**
Blackmail	3	11	11	6	12	12	13	11	17	13	3	8	**120**
Bullying	132	296	281	283	194	218	262	246	294	214	30	7	**2,457**
Child Abuse	65	106	115	91	83	76	84	85	101	81	31	35	**953**
Crime Stoppers	6	3	5	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	**20**
Cyberbullying	42	72	59	42	37	48	44	53	51	57	30	16	**551**
Dating Violence	4	4	16	5	6	11	11	10	13	7	3	4	**94**
Depression	25	52	53	46	34	44	45	39	47	39	8	3	**435**
Discrimination	11	29	30	27	13	19	38	37	33	31	1	0	**269**
Ditching	1	11	7	3	4	2	12	4	6	7	0	0	**57**
Domestic Violence	1	6	10	11	8	9	5	4	8	6	3	4	**75**
Drugs	79	115	173	139	118	114	137	143	173	130	30	27	**1,378**
Duplicate	284	879	515	579	268	372	480	254	324	223	56	47	**4,281**
Eating Disorder	9	12	5	9	5	7	11	5	7	3	3	1	**77**
Explosives	0	2	4	0	4	8	2	6	9	2	0	0	**37**
Extremism	1	7	10	5	3	2	8	4	12	8	2	1	**63**
Fighting	11	33	25	34	29	30	24	28	26	21	1	2	**264**
Fire Starting	1	1	2	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	0	2	**16**
Follow Up	3	3	26	22	36	32	27	39	39	27	4	17	**275**
Gangs	0	4	4	3	0	4	2	2	5	2	2	2	**30**
Guns	43	109	52	37	32	45	52	37	42	38	12	11	**510**
HandleWithCare	2	10	13	7	1	5	3	2	3	5	1	0	**52**
Hang-Up	66	90	78	95	88	76	83	80	72	62	33	35	**858**
Harassment	71	119	134	97	72	93	121	101	144	114	38	26	**1,130**
Knives	7	12	12	9	6	6	5	9	11	8	0	0	**85**
Misuse: Outside S2T Scope	18	35	21	7	6	19	30	13	14	8	2	1	**174**
Planned Parties	4	12	16	4	3	2	3	10	2	14	6	1	**77**
Planned School Attack	10	60	25	18	13	17	20	16	18	13	0	0	**210**
Prank Call	6	17	10	16	3	12	4	14	10	5	2	2	**101**
Requesting Information	124	167	116	104	73	90	95	72	89	84	49	45	**1,108**
Runaway	5	10	6	12	5	4	4	12	4	9	3	3	**77**
School Safety Concern: Facility	13	17	14	18	5	8	12	10	8	8	2	2	**117**
School Safety Concern: Policy	25	35	35	23	29	22	35	37	62	34	6	1	**344**
School Safety Concern: Staff	122	319	300	236	217	217	336	277	323	305	47	45	**2,744**
Self-Harm	65	151	130	145	121	106	146	140	130	117	25	23	**1,299**
Sexting	5	17	24	12	25	13	11	15	18	11	5	5	**161**
Sexual Assault	31	39	38	29	21	36	50	35	39	36	10	17	**381**
Sexual Misconduct	29	65	68	64	50	48	65	53	74	55	15	12	**598**
Smoking/Tobacco	9	14	19	11	8	13	14	16	13	9	1	1	**128**
Suicide Threats	176	278	295	284	211	239	245	251	294	266	111	86	**2,736**
Test Tip	5	0	1	3	2	4	2	4	4	0	4	2	**31**
Theft	6	16	13	5	8	16	13	13	12	9	2	0	**113**
Threats	54	170	134	99	69	91	101	89	103	91	17	21	**1,039**
Transportation Complaints	0	8	7	4	7	9	4	2	5	6	0	1	**53**
Trespass	3	3	2	0	1	6	2	3	6	4	3	1	**34**
Unsafe Driving	15	19	16	14	7	22	16	16	19	13	4	3	**164**
Vandalism	2	7	10	15	4	5	5	5	9	6	1	0	**69**
Vaping	60	107	127	123	96	117	102	94	143	92	7	4	**1,072**
Weapons	1	6	3	1	3	1	4	4	7	0	1	0	**31**
Welfare Check	78	156	125	117	91	87	94	94	121	114	31	31	**1,139**
Wrong Number	2	5	8	11	9	22	16	20	14	19	11	16	**153**
Unknown	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	**4**
Total	**1,789**	**3,846**	**3,340**	**3,038**	**2,216**	**2,555**	**3,008**	**2,611**	**3,099**	**2,537**	**672**	**591**	**29,302**

Note: The Safe2Tell program received 29,302 reports during the 2025-2026 school year. The top 10 report types totaled 16,102 reports which accounted for 55% of all reports submitted.

APPENDIX B

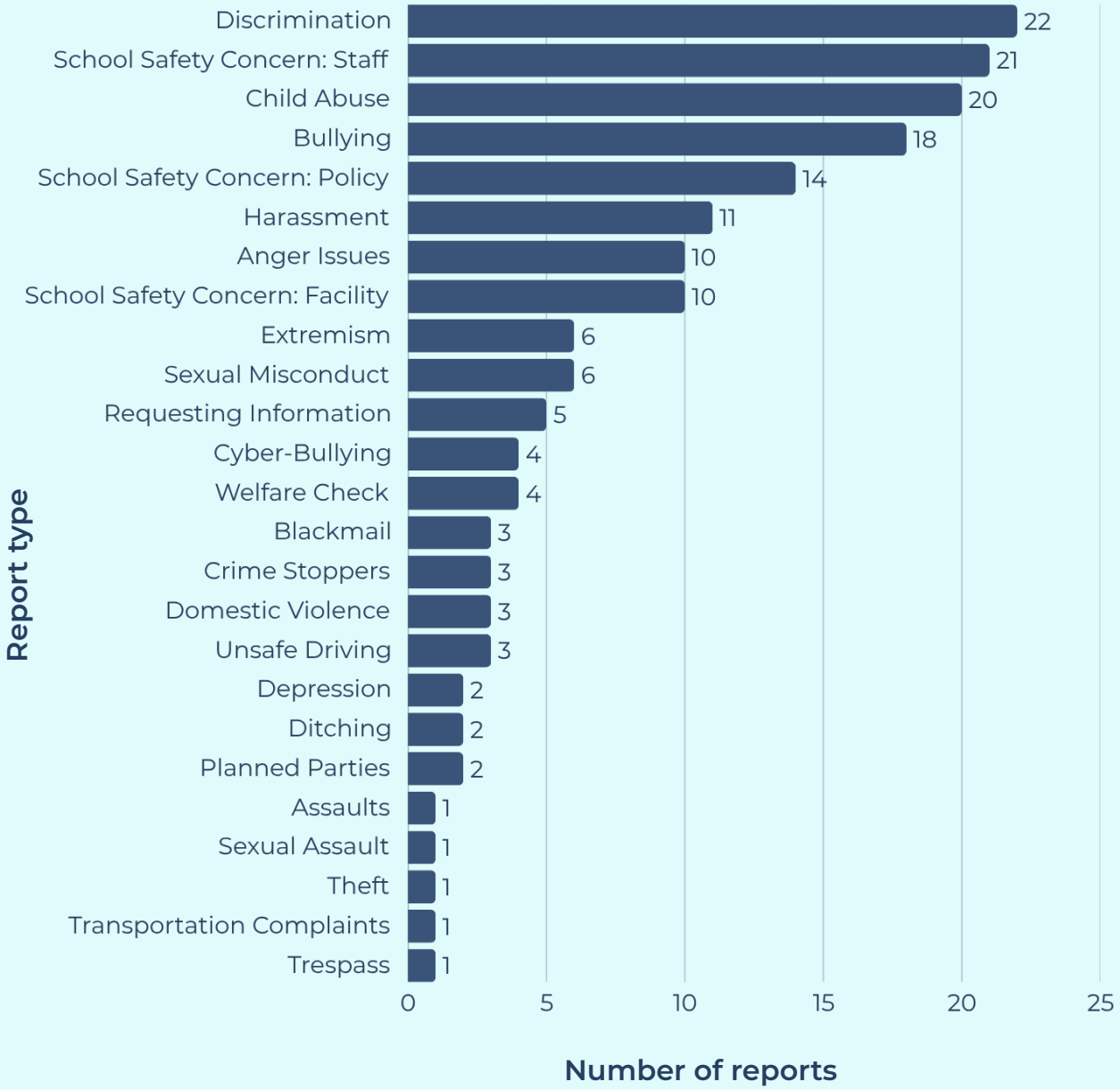
Number of reports by month



Note: This visual shows the number of reports submitted to Safe2Tell each month compared to the previous school year. The overall reporting volume decreased by 6% during the 2025-2026 school year when compared to the previous school year.

APPENDIX C

Misuse report categories - 2025-2026 school year



Note: This visual is an example of the subcategories that were reported within the “misuse” category. Safe2Tell received a total of 174 misuse reports during the school year.

Misuse reports are reports made outside of the scope of Safe2Tell, such as a report made over frustration of a school closure due to inclement weather.

APPENDIX D

2025-2026 Report type examples

Valid:
A person reported a student was using a social media account to catfish peers into sending explicit photos. School teams investigated, spoke with those involved, and confirmed the behavior occurred. The student's parents were notified, and school disciplinary action was taken.

A person reported a student expressed having suicidal ideation, that they were self harming, and told peers they felt unwanted. Local law enforcement conducted a welfare check and spoke with the student who admitted having suicidal thoughts. The student's parents were notified, they placed the student on an M-1 hold, and the student is now receiving counseling services.

Misuse - Outside Safe2Tell Scope:
A person reported a student completed an assignment on their Chromebook and was unexpectedly prompted to take a survey that led to a website containing explicit music. They were unsure whether the site was phishing and exited immediately. District security investigated and notified the IT department.

A person reported disagreeing with the language in their school's dress code for an upcoming dance, expressing concern about how it directed students on what they should wear. School administration was notified.

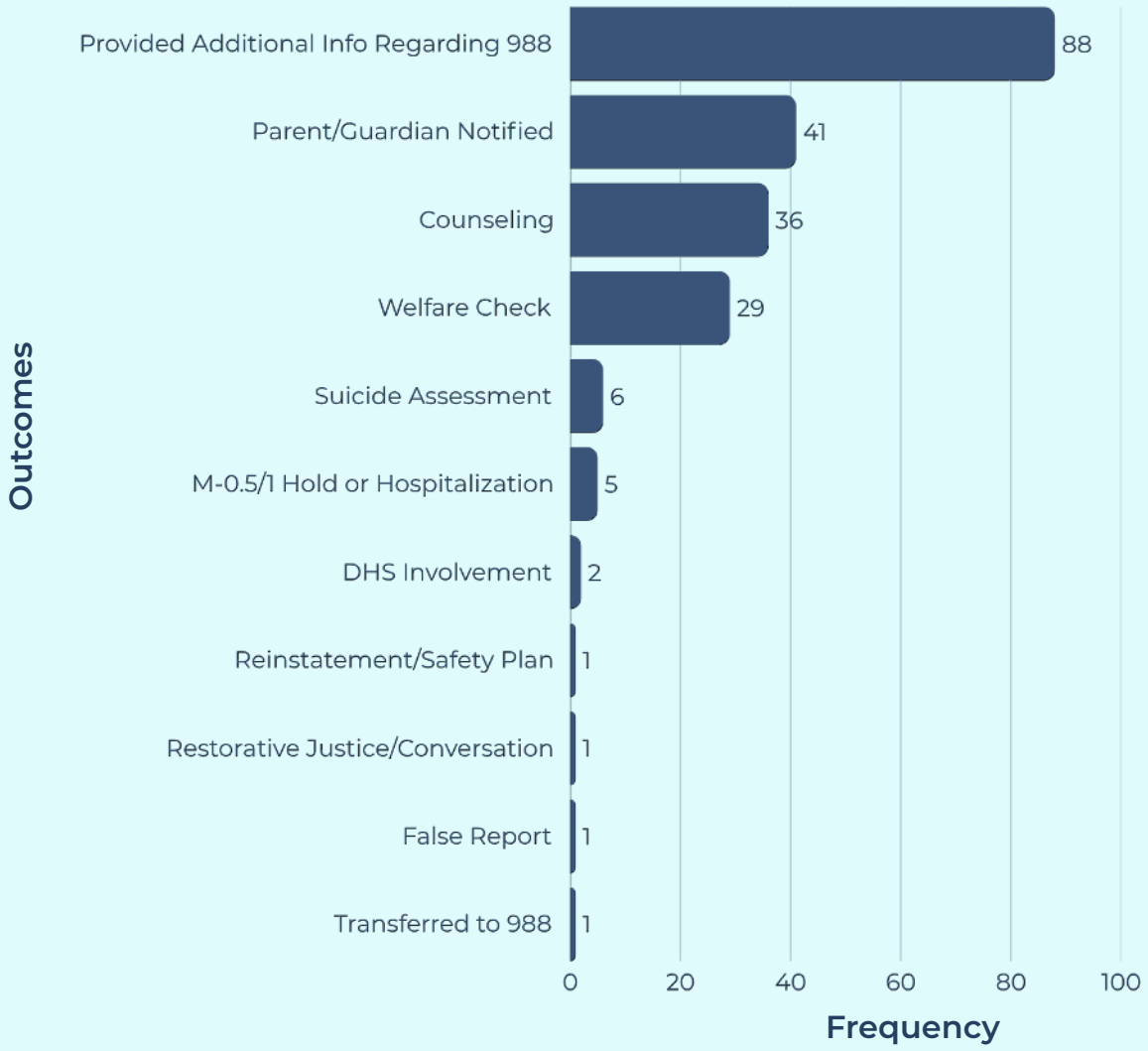
False:
A person reported a student expressed suicidal ideation. Local law enforcement conducted a welfare check, spoke with the student and their parents, and determined the student was safe. The student believed someone they previously reported filed reports about them in retaliation.

A person reported that a student did not feel safe at a parent's home and was being abused. School security spoke with the student, who stated they were not experiencing abuse and instead expressed interest in living with their other parent. Based on this conversation, school security determined the report did not reflect an actual safety concern and appeared to be made for reasons unrelated to the student's safety.

Note: This page is an example of the types of reports that have been submitted to Safe2Tell in the 2025-2026 school year. Valid examples are reports that are submitted in good faith for early intervention and prevention, misuse examples are reports created without intent to harm that are outside the Safe2Tell scope, and false examples are reports that were created with the intent to harm, injure, or bully another person. All report examples have been anonymized.

APPENDIX E

Mental health related self-report outcomes - 2025-2026 school year



Note: Safe2Tell received 114 mental health-related self-reports during the 2025-2026 school year, which is 0.4% of all reports. These are reports that individuals made for themselves in the following report types: depression, eating disorder, self-harm, and suicide. Outcomes above are non-exclusive, i.e., more than one outcome could exist for any report. The above graphic includes all outcomes for mental health-related self-reports.

APPENDIX F

Safe2Tell report type & themes/categories

School Safety
- Explosives
- Guns
- Knives
- Planned School Attack
- Weapons
- Threats
- School Safety Concern-Staff
- School Safety Concern-Facility
- School Safety Concern-Policy

Mental Health
- Depression
- Self-Harm
- Suicide
- Eating Disorder

Substance Use
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Smoking
- Vaping

Bullying & Harassment
- Bullying
- Cyberbullying
- Harassment
- Discrimination

Abuse & Exploitation
- Child Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Misconduct
- Blackmail
- Sexting

Violence
- Anger Issues
- Animal Cruelty
- Assaults
- Fighting
- Dating Violence
- Domestic Violence
- Extremism

Theft & Property Crime
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Trespass
- Fire Starting

Community Safety
- Crime Stoppers
- Welfare Check
- Runaway
- Planned Parties
- Transportation Complaint
- Gangs
- Unsafe Driving

Other
- Ditching
- Hang Up
- Misuse
- Pranks
- Requesting Info
- Test Tip
- Handle With Care
- Wrong Number
- Follow-Up

Duplicate (left as its own theme)

Note: Beginning in January 2025, Safe2Tell started grouping all 54 report types into ten reporting themes. The list above shows each theme and the report types included in it. Monthly theme data is included in Safe2Tell's monthly report found via the website: safe2tell.org/data (opens new window).

APPENDIX G

2025-2026 School year outcomes

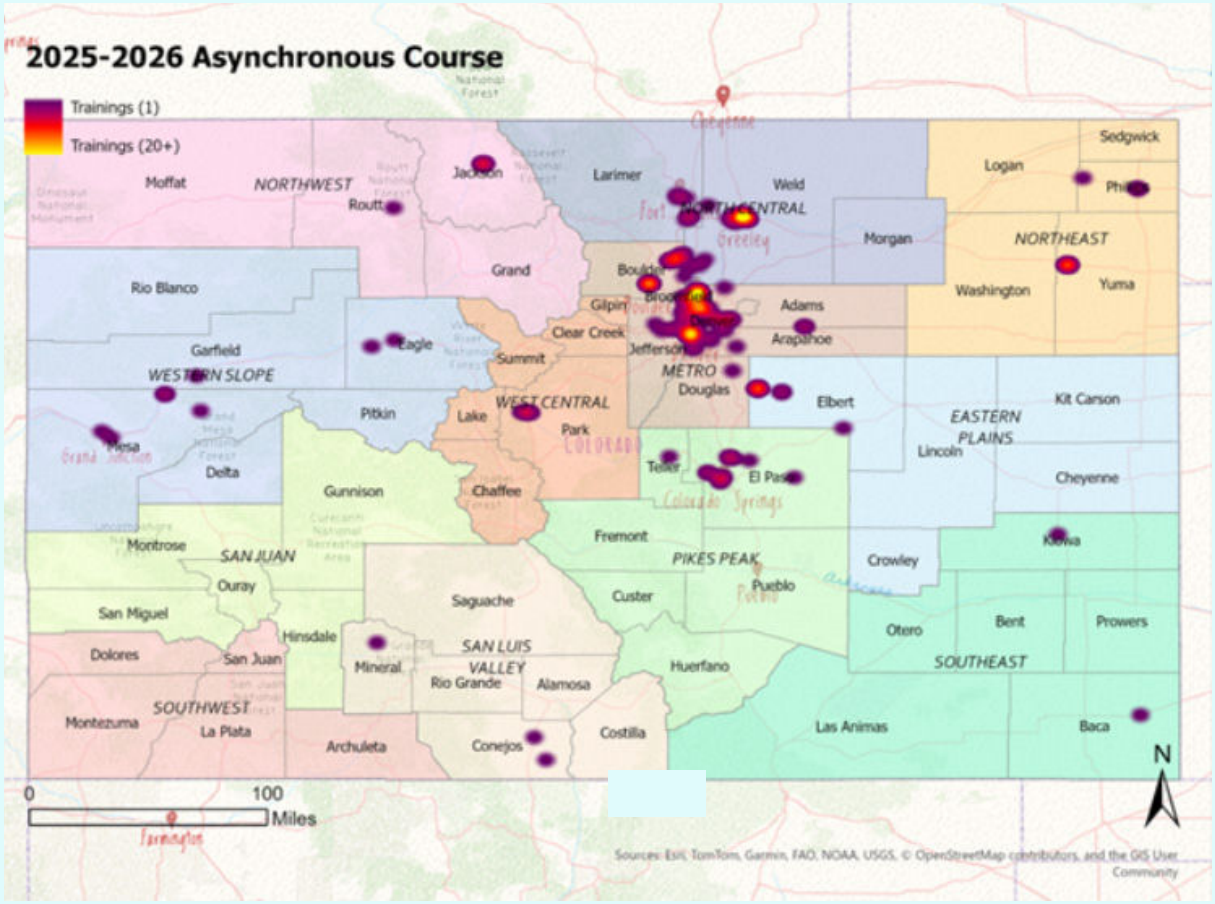
Outcome	Frequency
Parent/Guardian Notified	10,774
Unfounded	5,799
Counseling - Mental Health	5,111
Provided Information for 988-Mental Health Colorado	4,952
Duplicate	4,281
Welfare Check	3,621
Not Enough Information	2,600
Internal Investigation/Personnel Matter	2,488
School Disciplinary Action	2,316
Not a Law Enforcement Issue	1,024
Restorative Justice/Restorative Conversation	1,013
Social Media Involved	731
Incorrect School/Jurisdiction	528
Suicide Assessment Completed	546
False Report	528
Colorado Department of Human Services Involvement	380
Reinstatement/Safety Plan	293
Threat Assessment Completed	293
Additional Security/LE Presence at School	209
Misuse: Outside S2T Scope	174
Addressed by Co-Response Unit	106
Citation	106
M-0.5/1 Hold or Hospitalization	102
Transferred to 988-Mental Health Colorado	46
Account Reported to Social Media Platform	46
Arrest	46
Secure/Lockout	10
Lockdown	5
Transfer From 988-Mental Health Colorado	4
Total	**48,132**

All outcomes for all 29,302 reports submitted to the Safe2Tell program during the 2025-2026 school year. In total, the program received over 48,000 outcomes.

*Note, reports can have more than one outcome, i.e., parents can be notified, counseling services can be provided, and a welfare check can be completed all for one report.

APPENDIX H

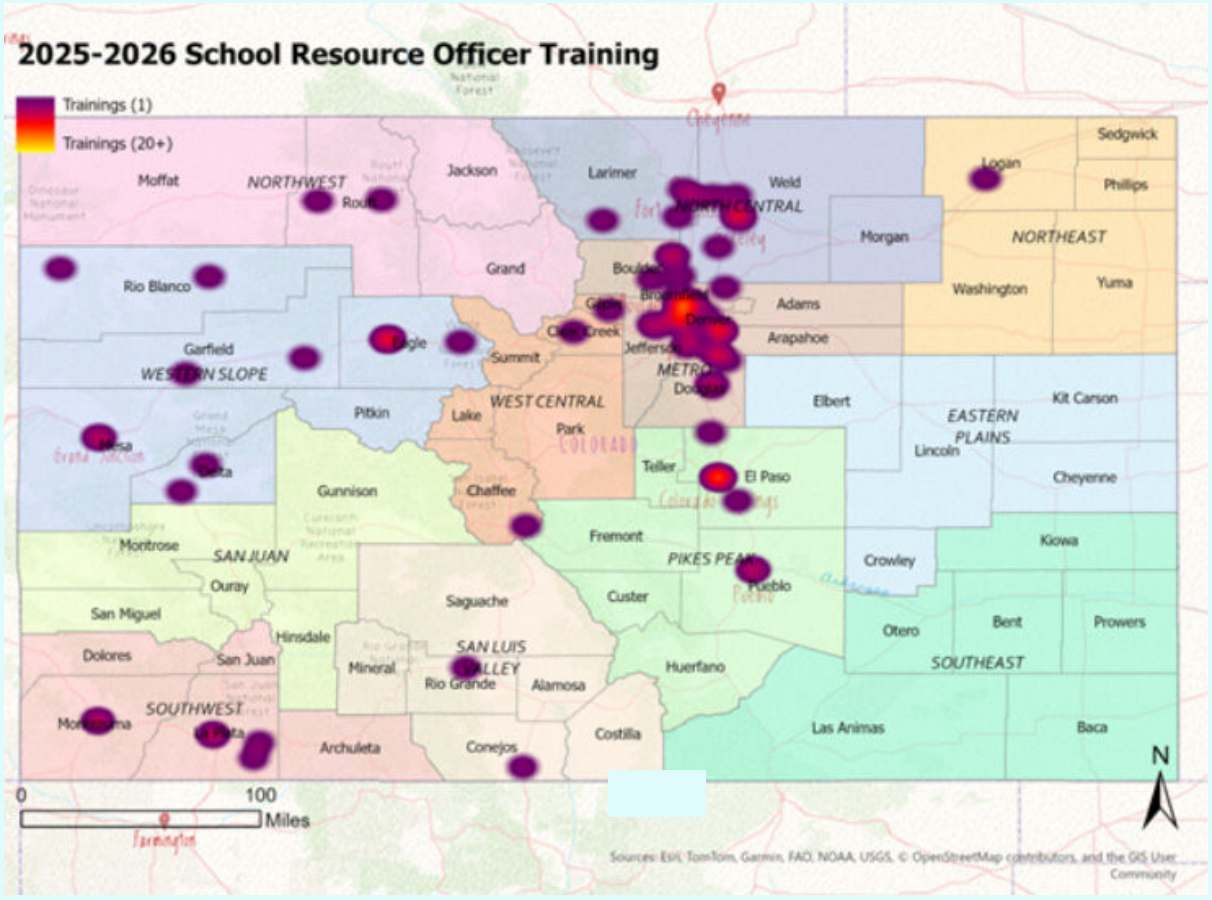
2025-2026 School year asynchronous course training



Note: This heatmap shows the regions where the Safe2Tell asynchronous teacher course was completed. A total of 162 schools and 711 individuals have finished the training. The data included reflects completion dates through July 31, 2026.

APPENDIX I

2025-2026 School year school resource officer (SRO) training



Note: This heatmap shows the regions where the 2026 Safe2Tell SRO training was completed. A total of 229 SROs from 71 agencies have completed the training. The data included reflects completion dates through July 31, 2026.

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