

BTAM FAQ

What is the BTAM Model?



- BTAM is a **public-health informed, restorative, prevention-focused** approach.
- An evidence-supported method that focuses on addressing concerning behavior to keep communities safe.

What do BTAM teams do?



- Receive information about concerning behaviors observed in the community.
- Intervene by providing assistance to those in distress as well as to anyone who may be the focus of a grievance before an escalation to violence occurs.

Why are BTAM teams important?



- Multi-disciplinary teams identify resources and create plans to keep communities safe.
- BTAM teams fill the gap where there is no apparent criminal activity or connection to terrorism.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ✓ Recognize the potential warning signs of violence and concerning behavior.
- ✓ Note key pieces of information.
- ✓ Tell a trusted person who can help such as a community leader, teacher, or employer.
- ✓ Know how to communicate your concerns.

WHEN YOU NOTIFY, KEEP IN MIND:

Use **facts** to determine concerning behavior.

Who did you observe? **When** did you see it?
Where did it happen? **Why** is it concerning?
What did you see? Be specific.

WHO CAN YOU CONTACT:

For more information on how to connect with your local TAM Team, email:
PreventDT@DHSES.NY.GOV

In an **emergency** situation call **9-1-1**.

If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal thoughts, text or call the **Suicide and Crisis Lifeline** at **9-8-8**.

If you suspect a connection to terrorism, contact the NYS Terrorism Tips Line at **1-866-SAFENYS** (1-866-723-3697)

BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT TEAMS



**Community partners
working together**
to help stop targeted violence
and domestic terrorism
before it happens



Homeland Security
and Emergency Services

What is Targeted Violence?

Targeted violence is a **premeditated** act of violence directed at a specific individual, group, or location, regardless of motivation, and generally unrelated to other criminal activity.¹

Targeted Violence Includes:

Mass Casualties

Domestic Terrorism

Hate Crimes

Foreign Terrorism

What is a Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Team?

BTAM teams are **multi-disciplinary** teams that take a proactive, prevention-based approach for **identifying, understanding, assessing, and managing** threatening or concerning behavior **before** an act of targeted violence occurs.²

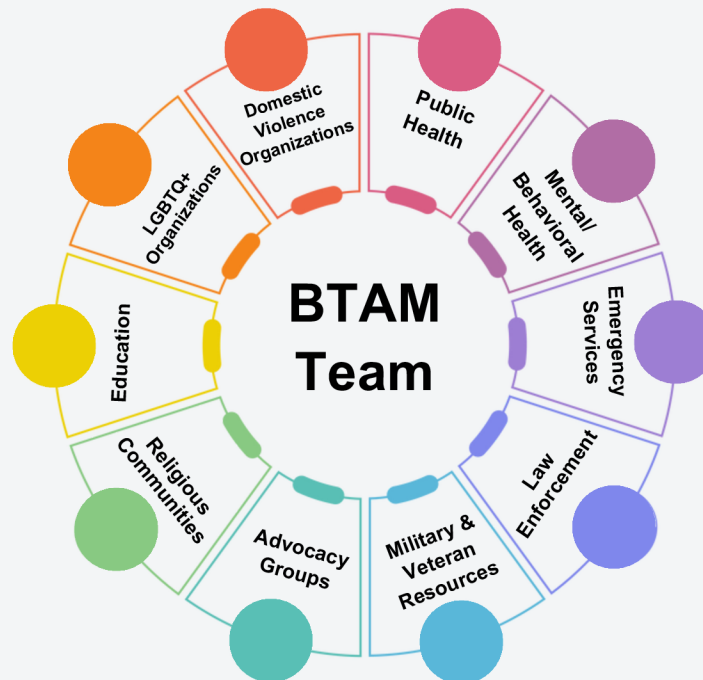
BTAM teams work together to collaborate, communicate, and coordinate when they are told about behaviors that demonstrate a person may be at risk of committing acts of targeted violence.

Members of BTAM Teams

Every county BTAM Team in New York State is led by and composed of local partners.



BTAM Team Members May Include Local Representation From:



& Others!

BTAM Teams in your community may also be known as:

Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) Team

Threat Assessment Team (TAT)

Behavioral Assessment Team (BAT)

Threat Assessment and Coordination Team (TACT)

Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT)

Threat Advisory Group (TAG)

Community Assessment and Risk Evaluation (CARE) Team

Threat Assessment and Threat Management (TATM) Team

Teams meet regularly to talk about concerning situations that are brought to their attention and to establish a course of action that helps reduce the threat of targeted violence.

1. U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center

2. FBI. (2019). Making Prevention a Reality