

# What is NABITA?

NABITA, The Association for Behavioral Intervention and Treat Assessment, was founded in 2009 when Brett A. Sokolow, J.D. and W. Scott Lewis, J.D. saw a need to popularize behavioral intervention teams (BITs) as live-saving mechanisms after helping to establish and train over 800 teams in response to the Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University 2007 shootings. Today, NABITA is the leading association for behavioral intervention teams.

### ABOUT NABITA

Led by President Makenzie Schiemann, M.S., and Executive Director Jen Taylor, M.S., NABITA is an independent, not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It has more than 2,200 active members from colleges, universities, schools, and organizations. The Advisory Board consists of over 18 leaders in the field.

## WHAT WF DO

An active and engaging association, NABITA hosts an annual conference, many certification trainings per year, publishes a weekly newsletter, maintains a listserv, and provides frequent webinars to members and non-members. NABITA is a clearinghouse for BIT-related model policies, training tools, templates, and other BIT-related materials.

#### **OUR MISSION**

NABITA is committed to providing education, development, and support to professionals who endeavor every day to make their environments safer through caring prevention and intervention.

#### **OUR VISION**

NABITA's vision is to make our schools and workplaces safer environments where development, education, and caring intervention are fostered and encouraged. We bring together professionals from multiple disciplines who are engaged in the essential function of behavioral intervention in schools, on college campuses, and in workplaces and organizations for mutual support and shared learning. Our members are joined in common purpose and exploration of best practices.