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Past-President of the National Association of School Psychologists,
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Dr. Melissa Reeves, Ph.D., NCSP, LPC is the past-president of the National Association of School Psychologists (2016-17). She is also a national certified school psychologist, licensed special education teacher, licensed professional counselor, and former district coordinator of social/emotional/behavioral services. She formerly worked for the Cherry Creek School District in Colorado and is currently an associate professor at Winthrop University. She most recently worked as a school psychologist at a preK-12 grade school. She teaches both undergraduate and graduate psychology courses for Winthrop, in addition to supervising graduate school psychology students in their field-based traineeship and internship placements. She has also previously provided mental health services in day treatment and residential treatment settings.



Dr. Reeves is a co-author of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) PREPaRE School Crisis Prevention and Intervention curriculum, the first nationally disseminated school crisis prevention and intervention curriculum. She is also former Chair of the NASP National School Safety and Crisis Response Committee which provides consultation and support to school districts across the country after large scale crisis events including school shootings and natural disasters. She was a founding member of the Colorado Society of School Psychologists State-Wide Crisis Response Team, which trained school districts across Colorado in crisis response and was also a crisis responder to support students after Columbine. In addition to responding to various crises over the years, she travels both nationally and internationally training professionals in the areas of crisis prevention and intervention, threat and suicide assessment, the impact of trauma and PTSD on academic achievement, and cognitive behavior therapy in the school setting. She has conducted more than 250 workshops and presentations and works with schools on establishing a positive and safe school climate that focuses on prevention programs and positive discipline measures to decrease behavioral incidences while increasing academic achievement. She has also provided consultation and staff development training to United States Department of Defense Educational Activity Schools located on military installations. She also is involved in school safety and advocacy work with two parents who lost their children in the Sandy Hook tragedy.

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Dr. Reeves is co-author of four books: *School Crisis Prevention and Intervention: The PREPaRE Model* (original and 2nd Editions); *Identifying, Assessing, and Treating PTSD at School*; and *Comprehensive Planning for Safe Learning Environments: A School Professional's Guide to Integrating Physical and Psychological Safety: Prevention through Recovery*. She has contributed multiple articles to the *Communiqué*, the nationally disseminated publication for the National Association of School Psychologists and has co-authored numerous book chapters and journal articles. In addition she has testified, at the invitation from United States Senator Mary Landrieu from Louisiana, in front of the U.S. Senate Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Disaster and Recovery regarding "Children and Disasters: A Progress Report on Addressing Needs." Dr. Reeves has twice been awarded the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Presidential Award (2006, 2012) and NASP Crisis Interest Group Award for Excellence (2007, 2011). She was a 2007 national finalist for the Joseph E. Zins "Purpose" Award for Early Career Practitioners in Social Learning; in 2006 awarded Golden Heart Award, presented by Cherry Creek School District Parent Special Education Advisory Council; and received the University of Denver, College of Education Leadership in Learning Alumni Award (2006). She has received numerous other awards throughout her career in addition to serving elected terms as a NASP Delegate and Executive Council leader.

Hear from Melissa Reeves, along with survivors of school shootings and safety incidents, at the **National Summit on School Safety**, March 28-30, 2019 in Houston, Texas. This conference is presented by Safe and Sound Schools and Region 4 Education Service Center and will focus on comprehensive school safety. With deep-dive breakout sessions, hands-on workshops, leadership round tables, inspirational keynotes, and dedicated networking, attendees will add to their school safety toolbox to better meet their community's school safety needs. Register here: <https://www.safeandsoundschools.org/national-summit-on-school-safety/>.