



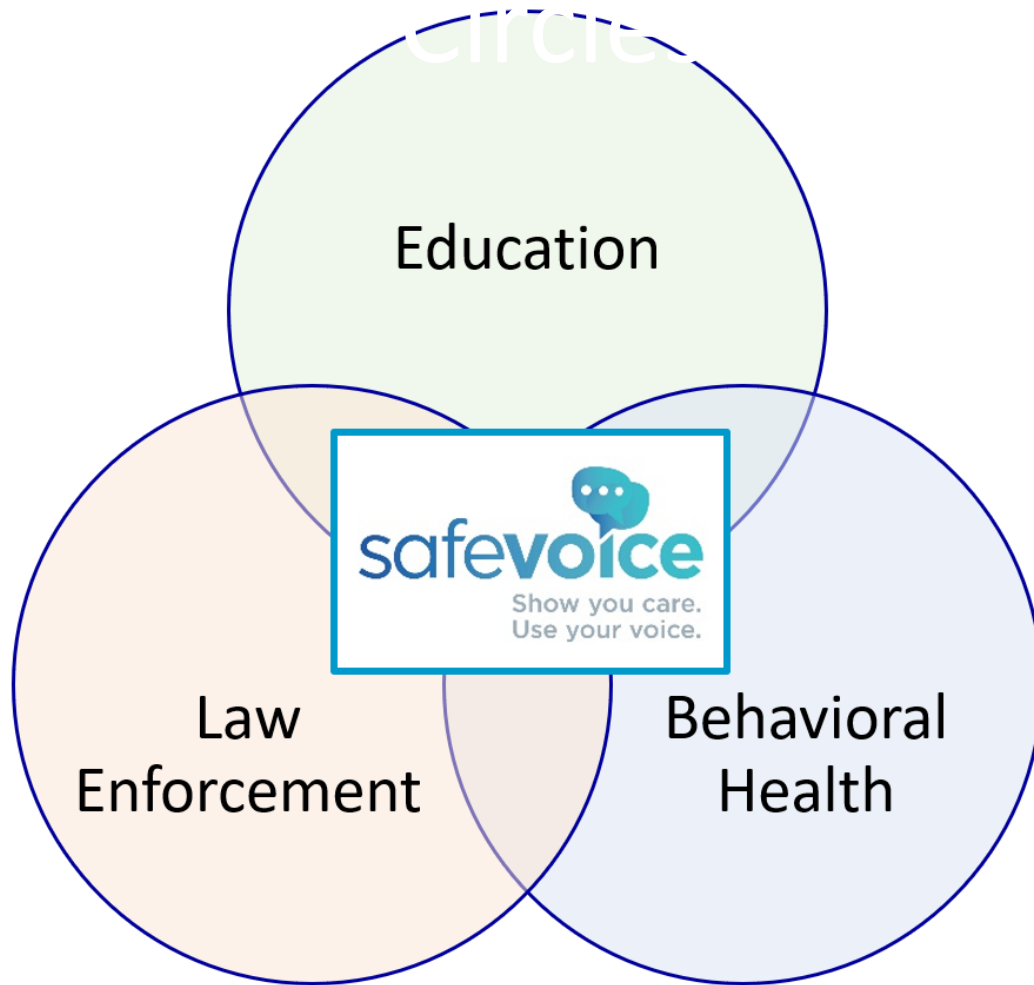
Nevada Ready!



safevoice

The logo for "safevoice" consists of two overlapping speech bubbles in shades of blue and teal, positioned above the word "safevoice" which is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

Departments
of Education and Public Safety



What is SafeVoice?

- A tip reporting system available to students, parents, and members of the community 24/7/365
- Available through mobile app, website, or hotline
- All reports are completely confidential
- Reporter may be **anonymous** or may choose to self-identify; to date, many parents, grandparents, and students have used SafeVoice to make their school officials aware of concerns.

Nevada's Approach to Anonymous Tip Systems

Theory of Change

Safe Schools +

Student Care +

Student Empowerment =

Positive School Climate → Student Success

SafeVoice is another door in the No Wrong Door approach to school safety and student wellness.



When they go through this door, a system of supports is waiting for them.

SafeVoice does not replace existing school protocols; it offers a live 24/7/365 opportunity to communicate.

Origins and Intent

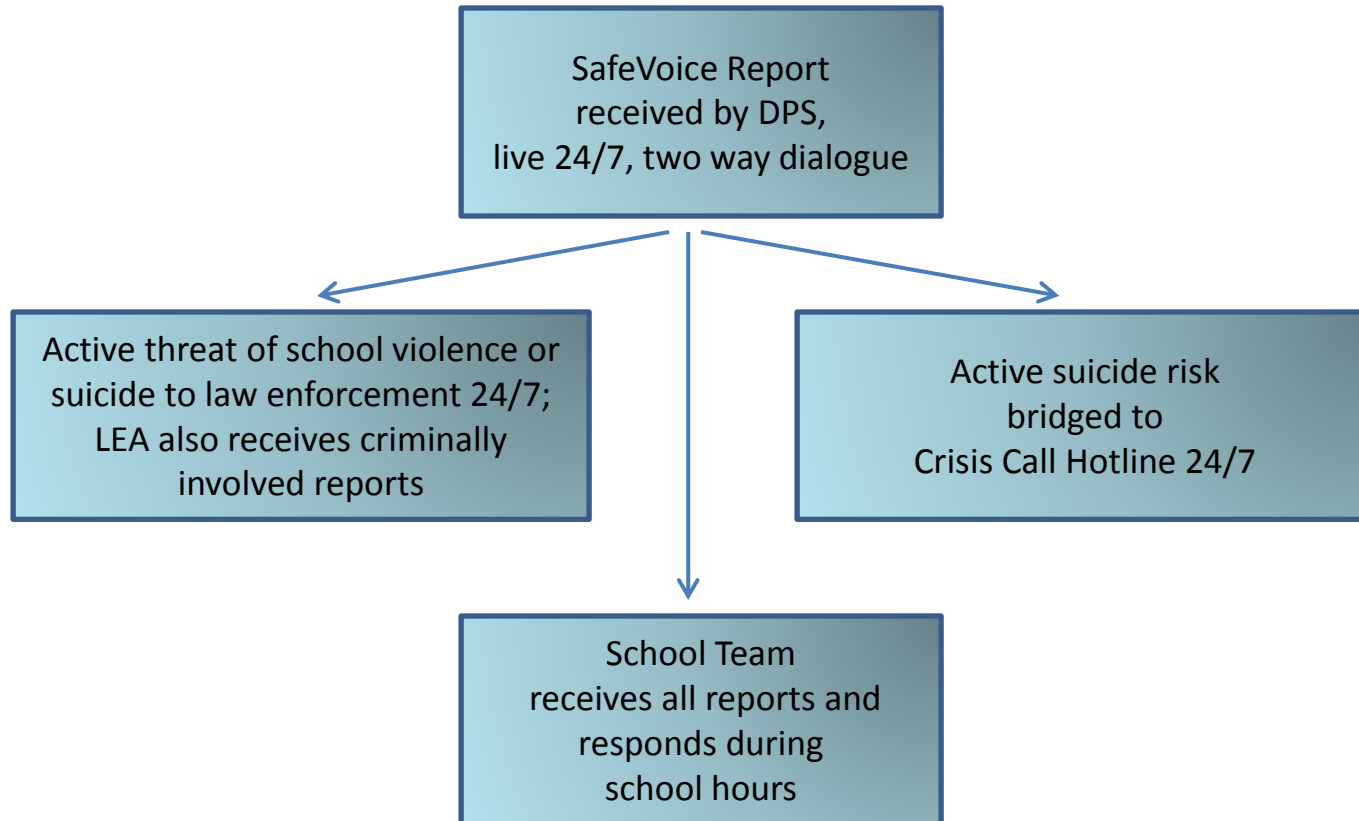
- 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature
- Senate Bill 338 (July 10, 2015) > **Advisory Committee to study tip systems**
- Senate Bill 212 (June 12, 2017) > **K-12 Tip reporting required by law**
- **INTENT:** Empower Nevada youth to actively engage in school and student safety and well-being



How is a report made?

- Tips can be submitted via mobile app (free on Apple/Android), website, or hotline
- All three options are staffed 24/7 by Dept. of Public Safety Communications Specialists
- For mobile app and website, it is important to log back in to SafeVoice to answer questions from DPS or to provide additional information

The Process



School Based Team

- All governing bodies of school districts and charter schools must appoint a three person team to receive tips
- The team must receive notification if the support center receives a report of any dangerous, violent or unlawful activity which is being conducted, or is threatened to be conducted, on the property of the school, at an activity sponsored by the school, on a school bus of the school or by a pupil enrolled at the school
- Required members include:
 - An administrator
 - A school counselor, psychologist, or social worker if one is assigned to the school full time

Integration with Existing Systems

- A district may choose to redirect a bullying or school Secret Witness website to SafeVoice.
- District and community systems must remain in place at least until Cohort 2 goes live, and can also continue on as complementary systems.
- **Result – Robust addition to No Wrong Door approach to student support ; full compliance with SB212**

SafeVoice Implementation

- Cohort 1 or half of Nevada's schools have been implementing SafeVoice since January
- 2500 tips have been submitted since January
- The top tip topics are: bullying, harassment, suicide, threat to others, self harm, threat to school
- Cohort 2 or the remaining half of Nevada's schools will implement in August at the beginning of the new school year.
- Charters will be part of Cohort 2
- Private schools can be added during cohort 2 or after on a voluntary basis

Research Grant with Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE)

Cohort 1:

- Went live to students in January and February 2018
- Includes 10 districts:
 - Clark Performance Zones 1,5,7,8,9,10, and 15
 - Washoe Areas 3 and 5
 - Douglas
 - Elko
 - Lander
 - Mineral
 - Nye
 - Lyon
 - Churchill
 - Storey
- All schools statewide have at least one SafeVoice team member in the system

Cohort 2

- Will go live to students in August 2018
- Includes remaining districts:
 - Clark Performance Zones 2,3,4,6,11,12,13, and 14
 - Washoe Areas 2 and 4
 - Carson
 - Esmeralda
 - Eureka
 - Humboldt
 - Lincoln
 - Pershing
 - White Pine
- All Charter schools will be incorporated as well
- Private schools may opt in



- To the adults in Nevada and Colorado who believed that all children should have many ways to express their concerns about themselves or others
- To all the school staff who worked to ensure their students got the SafeVoice message and who work daily to ensure our students learn in a safe and respectful learning environment
- To DPS, law enforcement, social workers, and school safety team members—your compassionate responses to the tips and willingness to work as a team has saved lives
- To Nevada’s students whose love and concern for each other and their teachers surprised us all on the first day of SafeVoice

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