

"At what point do you ask a suicidal teen to do their math homework?"

HOW LOS ANGELES TEACHERS ARE
NAVIGATING THE IMPACTS OF
COMMUNITY VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA

Case Study #1

1. How do you think the little girl is feeling after this?
2. Do you think that a teacher, or other school staff, have noticed the student's behavior change?
3. If so, how do you think they would respond?
4. In your role (social worker/teacher/staff) respond to the little girl after the call from her mom?
5. What ways do you think you could connect with and support the student?
6. What are your school's current policies that would reinforce or inform the teacher's response?

Case Study #2

1. Why do you think the 15 year old took his gun out? Was this stranger a threat to the 15 year old?
2. Without knowing what is going on with the student what consequences do you think the school will give to the 15 year old?
3. If the school knew the impact of trauma, in what way could they respond to help the student?
4. Create a plan of action to respond to the student for your school. Include what school and community resources you have available to you.
 1. As a teacher how would you respond?
 2. As a school social worker how would you respond?

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