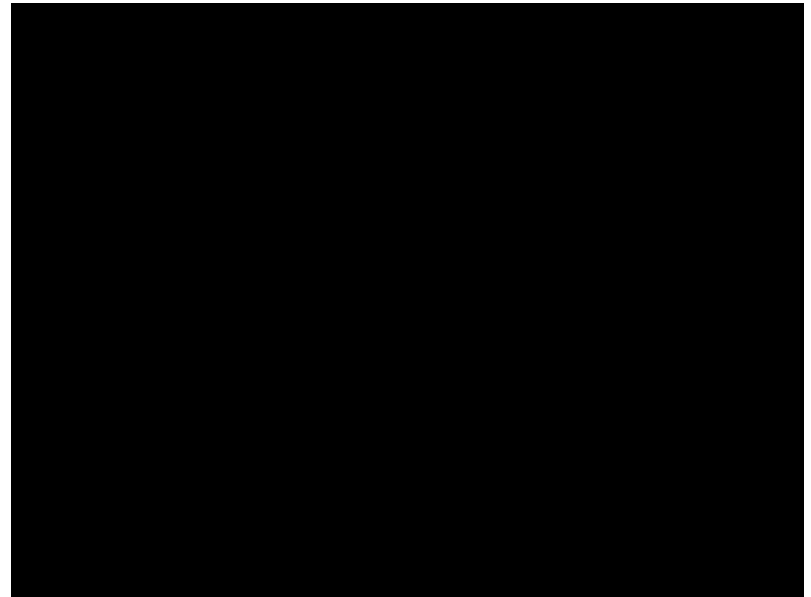


*TEEN CERT and the
Community*

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What is Allendale

- Allendale is a residential and therapeutic day school environment for children that are Emotional Disabled
- It has been part of the mental health community since 1897



What is TEEN CERT

- The purpose of the TEEN CERT course is:
 - Prepare adolescents in crisis mitigation, preparation, response and recovery from a disaster
 - Teach life long emergency preparedness / response skills

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- The TEEN CERT program established at Allendale has gone through human subject review at Eastern Michigan University.
 - Program utilizes curriculum from Citizen Corps and Homeland Security.
 - Instructors are content experts and represent first responders from this community.

What do they learn while in training

The scope of this course includes:

- Fire safety.



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- Disaster medical operations
 - Learn first aid and CPR from certified Red Cross trainers.



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- Light search and rescue



CERT organization



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- Disaster psychology
 1. Describe the disaster and post-disaster emotional environment.
 2. Describe the steps that rescuers can take to relieve their own stress and those of disaster survivors.
 - *The process of changes in the rescuer resulting from empathic engagement with survivors*

What's in it for us – the school?

An educated/trained student body will be available to provide assistance if a disaster strikes your location and if immediate professional responders are unable to reach your location.

What's in it for the student?

- *Community service hours, dual enrollment for college credit (optional), and the opportunity to learn important life skills, and the satisfaction that comes from helping others.*

What is our liability?

*No matter what you do you are still liable.
The question is, “can you reduce your
risk and liability by having trained student
responders who know how to react in the
face of danger or disaster”*

Won't Teen CERT training expose students to additional risk during an incident?

- The intent is not to expose the students to additional risk.
- Provide the school with trained personnel who are able to render aid to victims during an event when professional responders may be delayed.
- This program is about learning to respond SAFELY.

How much does this program cost, because we don't have any money to support these activities?

Instructional costs are free, and while the grant covers the initial expense for equipment, creative approaches will have to be developed for sustainability.

Who will deliver the TEEN CERT Curriculum?

All lead instructors are CERT trained instructors; however, other staff may be used as trainers and may include:

- *School Resource Officers*
- *Emergency Management professionals*
- *Local fire, police, and EMS personnel*
- *School nurses, health or physical education instructors, or school counselors*
- *Other disaster relief personnel (e.g., CERT volunteers)*

How long is the TEEN CERT program?

*The curriculum takes approximately **20-30** hours to cover in its current form. At Allendale we have done through the course of the year as well as over the summer as a class for credit.*

Special Education - Special Needs Students

- Special Needs students are successful
- Life long learning from program
- Self protection in an emergency/disaster situation.

Now that we have learned about
what we are suppose to do lets put
into practice



When the class is over

- We have had 2 classes graduate

When the students are done

- They get to keep their packs.
- They get pins from the RLB police department
- They get shirts
- They also get a name badge that they can wear when they are in a crisis.