



## SIGMA Threat Management Associates Bio

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Dr. Melissa Reeves, Ph.D., NCSP, LPC is a Senior Threat Manager with SIGMA. Dr. Reeves recently served as President of the National Association of School Psychologists (2016-17). She is currently an Associate Professor at Winthrop University, SC in the psychology department and school psychology graduate program. Dr. Reeves is a nationally certified school psychologist, licensed special education teacher, licensed professional counselor, and former district coordinator of social/emotional/behavioral services. She has over 20 years' experience working in public schools and a private school, in addition to providing mental health services in day 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 and internationally disseminated school crisis prevention and intervention curriculum for K-12 schools. She is also former Chair of the NASP 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 through recovery, 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 200 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 to professionals in the United States Department of Defense Educational Activity Schools located on various military installations.

Dr. Reeves is co-author of four books and multiple publications. 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).