



**PARENTS
FOR PEACE**

RADICALIZATION IN SCHOOLS



It begins with **small shifts in behavior** — such as isolation, anger, fascination with hate online.



Students experiencing **trauma, anxiety, ostracization, or loneliness** are especially vulnerable.



Schools are on the front line: teachers, counselors, and peers often notice changes first.

EARLY WARNING SIGNS

- Sudden withdrawal or decline in grades
- Sharing extremist memes, slogans, or symbols
- Fixation on grievances or violent content
- Drawing hateful imagery or writing extremist notes
- Social isolation and secretive behavior

WHAT SCHOOLS CAN DO

1. Build Safety & Social-Emotional Skills

- Create trust, inclusion, and belonging
- Teach emotional regulation and empathy
- Strengthen critical thinking and peer support

2. Address Risk Factors Early

- Intervene non-punitively when warning signs appear
- Create safe spaces for dialogue and discussion
- Check in regularly with vulnerable students

3. Partner with Families & Communities

- Engage parents and caregivers as allies
- Connect students to positive groups, activities, mentors
- Use P4P as a resource when concerns arise

4. Document & Consult with Specialists



WHY WE EXIST

Violent extremism destroys families—let's stop it.

Parents for Peace is a national nonprofit founded by families, survivors, and experts to **prevent extremism across all ideologies.**

We help people leave hate behind and equip families and communities to prevent violence. Guided by a **public health approach**, we replace fear with compassion, prevention, healing, and hope.

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