

Workshop on Establishing a Teen CERT Program in High School



Meet Concord CERT's Teen CERT Team!



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What is CERT?

(Community Emergency Response Team)

- A national program of volunteers trained in disaster preparedness and emergency response
- Administered by FEMA
- Implemented locally – the CERT program is in every state and territory in the United States
- Volunteers come from all ages, including teenagers, and all walks of life
- Volunteers are trained to protect themselves, their family, their friends, and their neighbors in case of a disaster



What is the CERT Curriculum?

1. Introduction to the CERT Program

2. Disaster Preparedness

3. Incident Command System (ICS)

4. Disaster Communications

5. Utilities, Hazmat, Fire Safety

6. Disaster Medical Operations, Part I

7. Disaster Medical Operations, Part II

8. Light Search & Rescue

9. Pet Preparedness

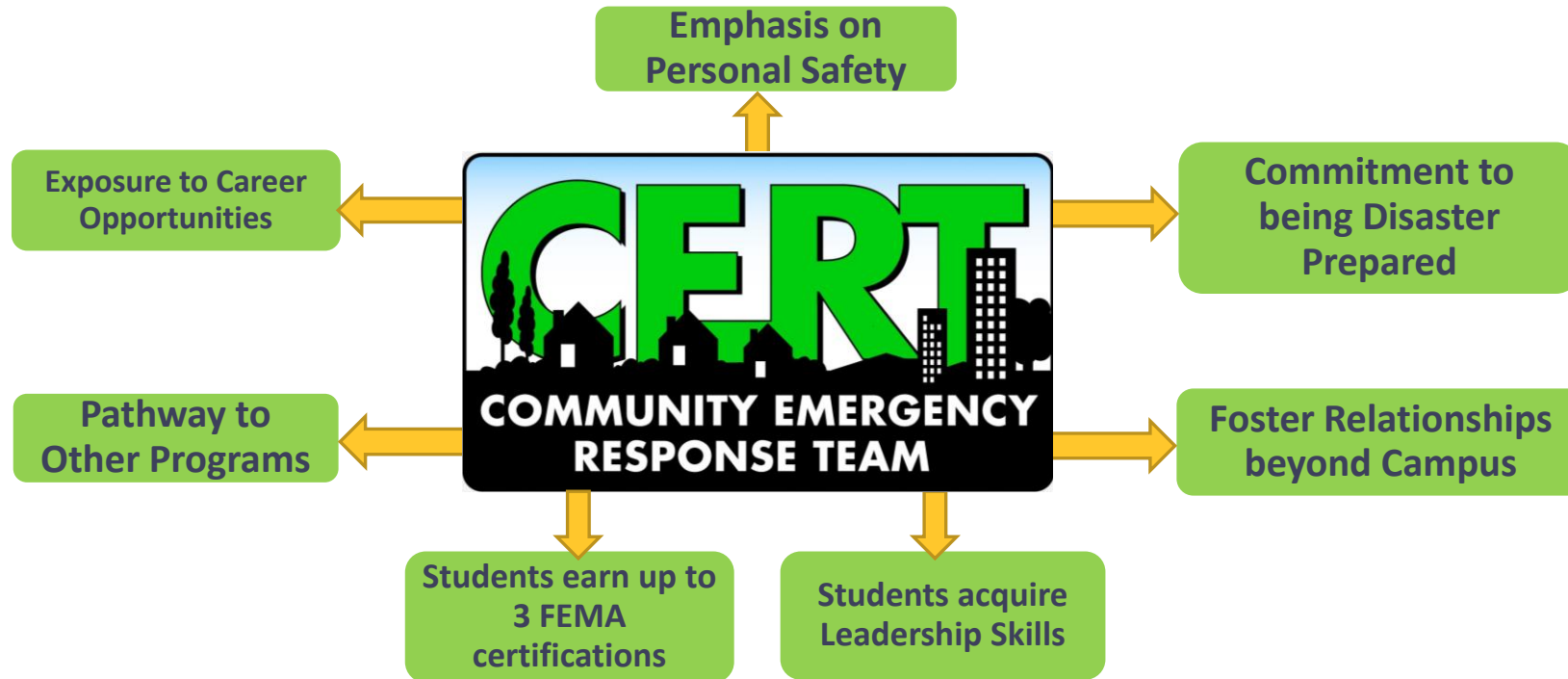
10. Disaster Psychology

11. Terrorism

How does Teen CERT Program Benefit the **School Campus**?



How does the Teen CERT Program Benefit the Student?



How Can Teen CERT volunteers Assist During Blue Skies?



Teen CERT Volunteers are Trained to Assist During Normal Days?

Participate in Disaster Drills and exercises

Emergency Drill



Provide Peer Mentoring

Assist in Community Preparedness Outreach

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT



BE INFORMED



Assist with non-emergency events at school and in the Community

Present Fire Safety Education

HOW FIRE SAFE IS YOUR HOME?



Embedded in the School Safety Plan

How can Teen CERT volunteers help during an emergency?



Teen CERTs are Trained to Assist in an Emergency

Organize & Work in a Team



Conduct Assessments & Report on Damage



Extinguish Small Fires



Conduct Light Search & Rescue and Triage survivors



Conduct Head to Toe Assessment & Medical Treatment



What about Liability?

**Cover your Equus
Africanus Asinus!!**



California AB83 of 2010

Torts: Personal Liability Immunity

“This bill provides that no person who in good faith, and not for compensation, renders emergency medical or nonmedical care or assistance at the scene of an emergency shall be liable for civil damages resulting from any act or omission other than an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.”

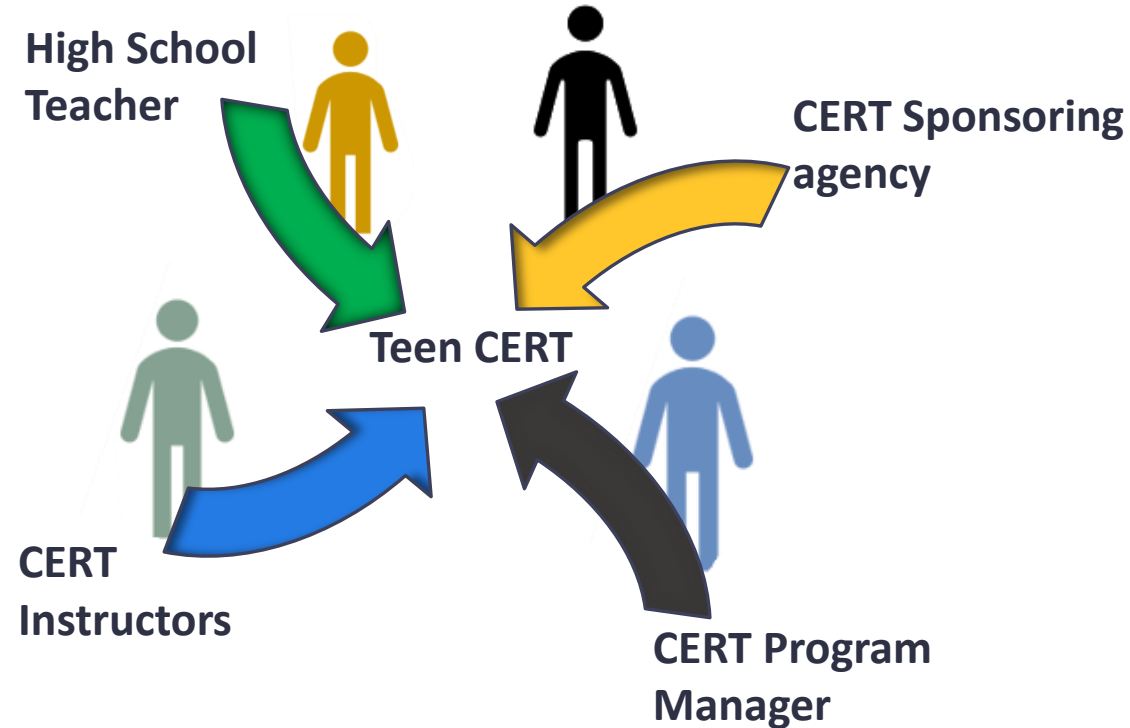
“Good Samaritan Law”

Act within the scope of your training in a prudent and reasonable manner.

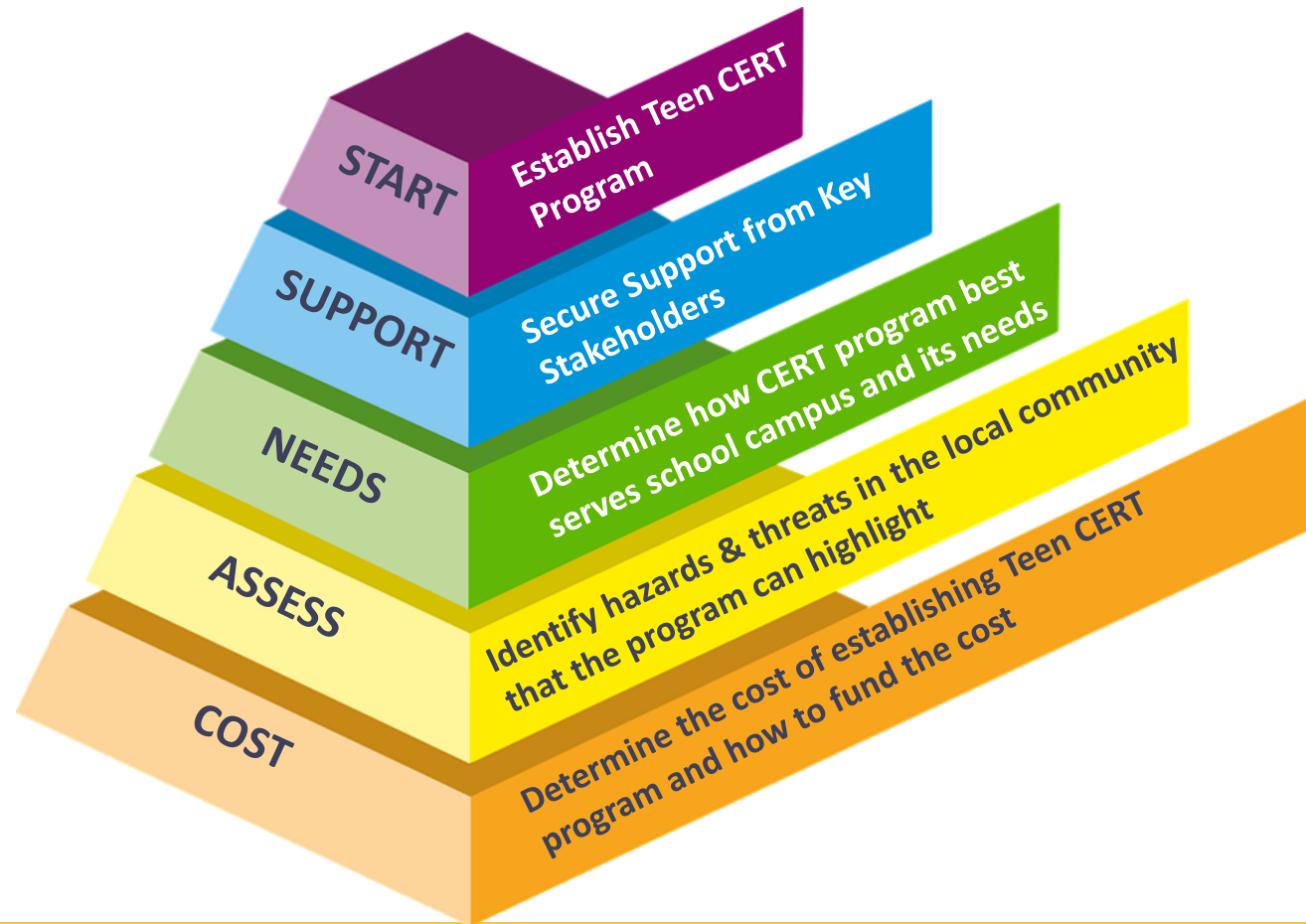
Federal Volunteer Protection Act of 1997



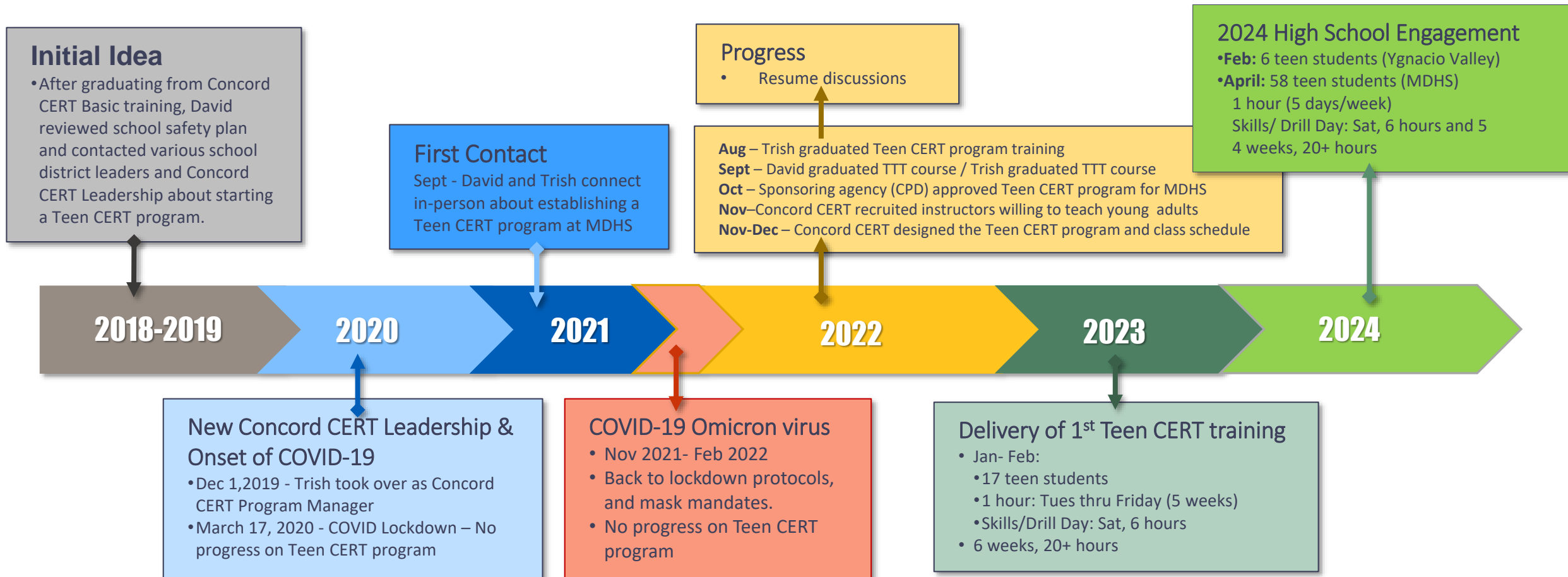
Establishing A School Teen CERT Program – It's about Relationships!



Build Support for Teen CERT Program



Establishing Teen CERT at Mt. Diablo High School, Concord, CA – A Timeline



Designing the Mt. Diablo High School Teen CERT Training Program

Concord CERT adapted its adult CERT training program to a school/teen environment:

1. Determined course **Prerequisites** for students
2. Developed Teaching **Principles** for the course
3. Set Course **Policy** for the school environment
4. Created a **Plan** for the course design and delivery

1. Prerequisites for Students

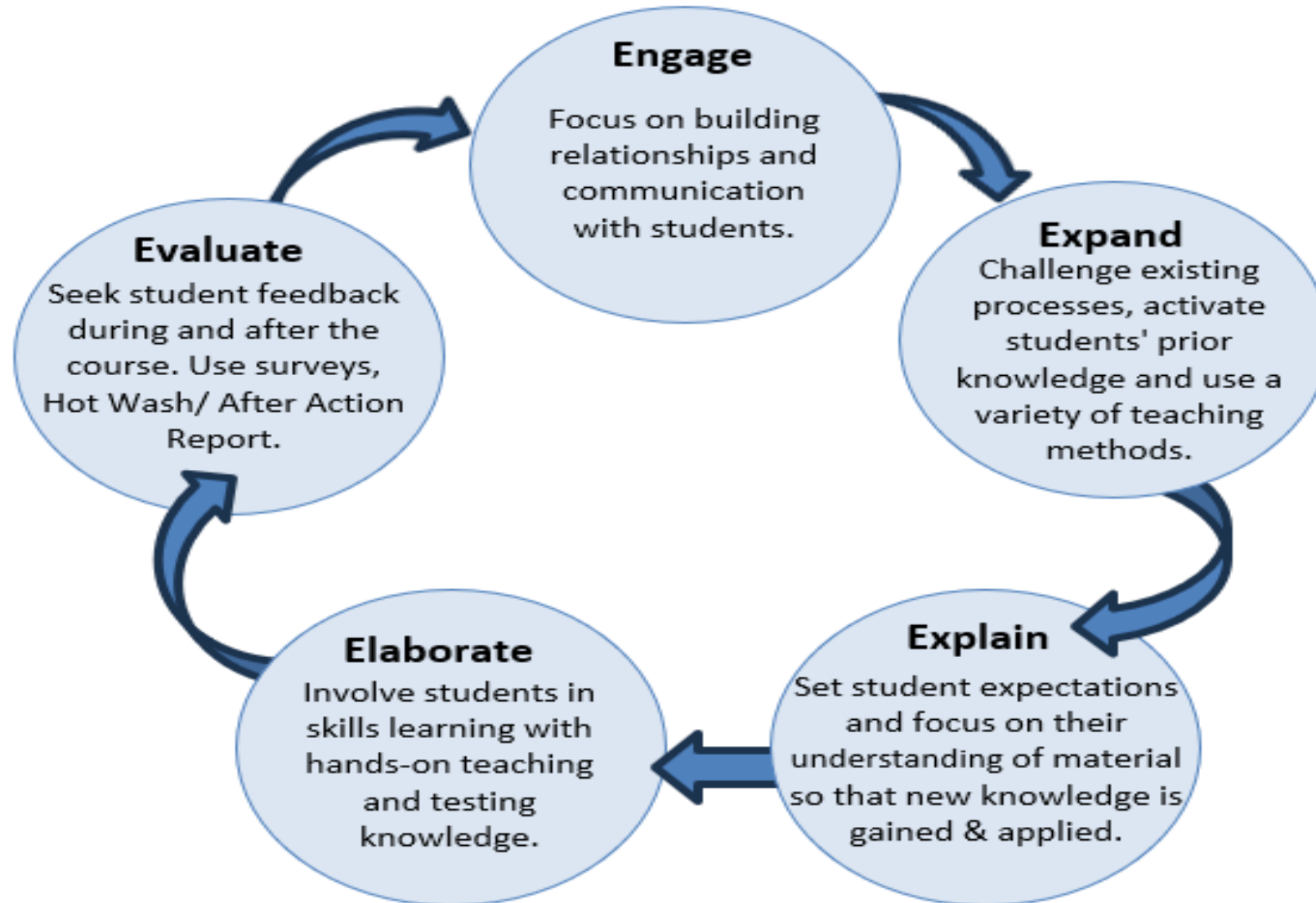
☐ **IS-317.A: Introduction to CERT**

- Online independent study course offered by FEMA for those interested in learning about the CERT program
- 2 hours long and offers 0.2 CEUs upon completion

☐ **IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System**

- Online independent study course offered by FEMA.
- 2 hours long and offers 0.2 CEUs upon completion

2. Course Principles



3. Course Policy

- Attendance / Tardy
- Cell Phones
- Dress Code / PPE
- Class Supplies
- Words and Actions



4. Plan for Course Design and Delivery

- ❑ Instructor-led Training based on FEMA
 - ❑ 16 hours of material (minimum)
 - ❑ 11 different modules + Skills/Incident Drill
- ❑ Session Plan for each training unit
- ❑ Learning Objectives for each session
- ❑ Variety of Teaching Techniques



The Future is Limitless for Teen CERTs!

- ❑ Regional Future Health Professionals State Leadership (HOSA) Competition (March 2024)
- ❑ Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference (HOSA) (April 2024)
- ❑ Wrap Teen CERT Programs into School Safety Plans
- ❑ FEMA National Youth Preparedness Council
- ❑ Develop additional high school site programs



Ready to Learn?



Hazardous Symbol(s) Recognition



Fire Extinguisher Training



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Do You Have Any
Questions?

Mt. Diablo Teen CERT Class No. 23-01



Mt. Diablo Teen CERT Graduation - February 13, 2023