Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) is a way of addressing violent extremism in communities, encompassing programs, policies and activities that are intended to prevent individuals and groups from radicalizing to violence and to rehabilitate individuals who have engaged in violent extremism. With funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) is releasing a series of CVE-related training courses in 2017 and 2018. All courses are designed to provide community-focused, rigorously-researched and academically-informed instruction on Countering Violent Extremism.

While each course is designed as a stand-alone offering to fill a specific training gap, the full set comprises a robust curriculum intended to increase expertise about CVE based on cutting-edge research and innovative training methodologies. As CVE practice has developed, experts have called for a multidisciplinary approach to CVE prevention, intervention and rehabilitation programming, drawing on expertise in related fields such as mental health and education. A common theme across the training suite is the emphasis on creating multidisciplinary partnerships to support secure and resilient communities.

Community-led Action in Response to Violent Extremism (CARVE) is a 4-hour online course intended for law enforcement officers and participants from educational, governmental, and non-governmental organizations interested in or engaged in countering violent extremism. CARVE is comprised of two content modules and is intended to provide a general introduction to radicalization to violence and community-based efforts to address violent extremism. This self-paced course is available to an unlimited number of participants. Enroll now at https://umd-start.catalog.instructure.com/courses/carve.

Coalition-Building for CVE and Community Resilience is a two-day, in-person course that offers an opportunity for learners to develop a community-oriented plan for building partnerships and coalitions to address violent extremism and promote community resilience. The course was designed to include members from non-governmental organizations and civil society including professionals from faith-based organizations, social work, mental health and education fields as well as law enforcement personnel who participate in community engagement. To inquire about hosting a training event, contact training@start.umd.edu
Designing Effective Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programs to Address Violent Extremism is a 2.5 hour, self-paced online course that defines the concepts of rehabilitation and reintegration in the context of CVE with an emphasis on inclusive, community-based responses. The course is intended for a diverse group of learners including educators, mentors or peer leaders, counselors or mental health professionals, parole officers, school resource officers, faith leaders, community activists and law enforcement personnel who participate in community engagement. Enroll now at: https://umd-start.catalog.instructure.com/courses/rehabilitation-reintegration-cve

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Countering Violent Extremist Narratives is a 3.5 hour, self-paced online course that provides an introduction to the concepts of narratives, counter-narratives, and alternative narratives; commonly-found extremist narratives across violent extremist movement typologies; and, an overview of the principles for developing and delivering counter-narratives and alternative narratives. The course is intended for community-builders including social workers, educators, mental health professionals, local activists/advocates, faith-based workers and law enforcement personnel who participate in community engagement. Enroll now at: https://umd-start.catalog.instructure.com/courses/cve-narratives

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Integrating Mental Health and Education Approaches into CVE is a 2.75 hour, self-paced online course that provides instruction on how educators and mental health professionals may collaboratively address the multidimensional needs of individuals and communities contending with violent extremism. Learners will be able to identify areas of actual and potential synergy between the field of CVE and the fields of mental health and education. While the course was designed primarily for education and mental health professionals, CVE practitioners including members of law enforcement and community partners outside of the mental health and education fields may also benefit. Enroll now at: https://umd-start.catalog.instructure.com/courses/integratingmh

Course Number: AWR-363-W

Designing Effective Community Responses to Radicalization to Violence (DECRRV) is a multi-week online instructor-led training course that provides an interactive, hands-on opportunity to apply design thinking methodologies to develop community-based Countering Violent Extremism efforts. DECRRV is intended for representatives engaged in CVE at non-governmental organizations, law enforcement agencies, educational institutions or other government agencies and businesses. Find out about enrollment at: https://www.start.umd.edu/designing-effective-community-responses-radicalization-violence-decrrv

Course Number: MGT-463-W

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