

ABOUT US

Herren Project is a non-profit foundation established by former NBA basketball player, Chris Herren, that assists individuals and families struggling with addiction. We work to break the stigma of addiction, bring awareness to the dangers of substance abuse and encourage positive decision making to navigate life's challenges.

WHO WE ARE

The Student Outreach team is a group of licensed mental health professionals trained in the handling of adolescent and young adult behavior.

AFTER THE PRESENTATION

Upon hearing Chris Herren speak, it is not uncommon for students to have an intense emotional response. Students may have many questions or want to share their own story with Chris himself. Herren Project offers a portal to contact Chris and the team as well as various resources for students regarding different issues they may be facing. All students should be directed to Herren Project's website to contact Chris and the team and to access these resources:

<https://herrenproject.org/student-resources/>

This is one way for them to reach out for initial support. Herren Project always recommends further support and that the ideal path for students to get help is in person through a trusted adult in the school or community.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

Herren Project's student outreach team monitors all contact made by students, Monday through Friday from 8am-4pm. All contact to Chris and the team is responded according to their level of risk, and within seven days. Any response containing high risk disclosures of past trauma, current abuse, serious self-harm and/or suicidal thoughts will be forwarded to a Herren Project licensed clinician for assessment within one hour of being read.

If the clinician determines an immediate need of follow-up, he/she will contact the most appropriate individual within the school system, usually the social worker or student adjustment counselor. The identified person will be given the information related to the specific area of risk only. The specific student response will not be provided to the school system without a valid order from the court or consent from a parent or guardian, in order to protect students' privacy.

In the event of imminent risk, the school will be contacted immediately, and depending on the time of the day and the level of risk, the local police may also be notified. All available details will be provided.

STUDENT OUTREACH

CRITERIA FOR IMMINENT RISK TO SELF OR OTHERS

- Active self-harm
- Any presence of current suicidal or homicidal ideation or within the last 30 days
- Significant drug or alcohol abuse/overdose
- Any other indication that follow up is needed

In the event of a disclosure of abuse of a minor child, the school will be contacted immediately, and a report will be filed with the local Child Protective Services. All available details will be provided.

CRITERIA FOR DCYF OR SIMILAR AGENCY REPORTING

- Sexual Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Neglect
- Must be of a Minor

QUESTIONS

Any questions regarding student outreach or disclosure protocols may be directed to:

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