



Preventing Violent Extremism by Supporting Early-stage Intervention

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- Individuals who become radicalized into extremist movements can pose a threat to public safety, but assessing these threats is challenging.
- Friends and family members worried about a person radicalizing usually don't know what to do or where to find help.
- Parents for Peace developed a Helpline (844-49-PEACE) to assist concerned callers in assessing their situation and finding strategies for intervention.
- Societal investment in community & family level prevention and intervention efforts can reduce the number of threats that law enforcement and security professionals have to detect and interrupt.

Other Parents for Peace Stories



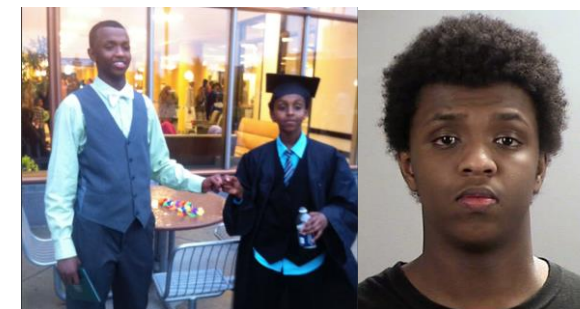
Troy Kastigar – In 2009, travelled from Minnesota to Somalia to join Al-Shabaab. He died fighting several months later.



Abdirizak Warsame – In 2015, plead guilty to conspiring to provide material support to ISIS. Worked at Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport for companies that de-iced and fueled planes. Allegedly bragged about being able to build a device at home that could bring down a plane.

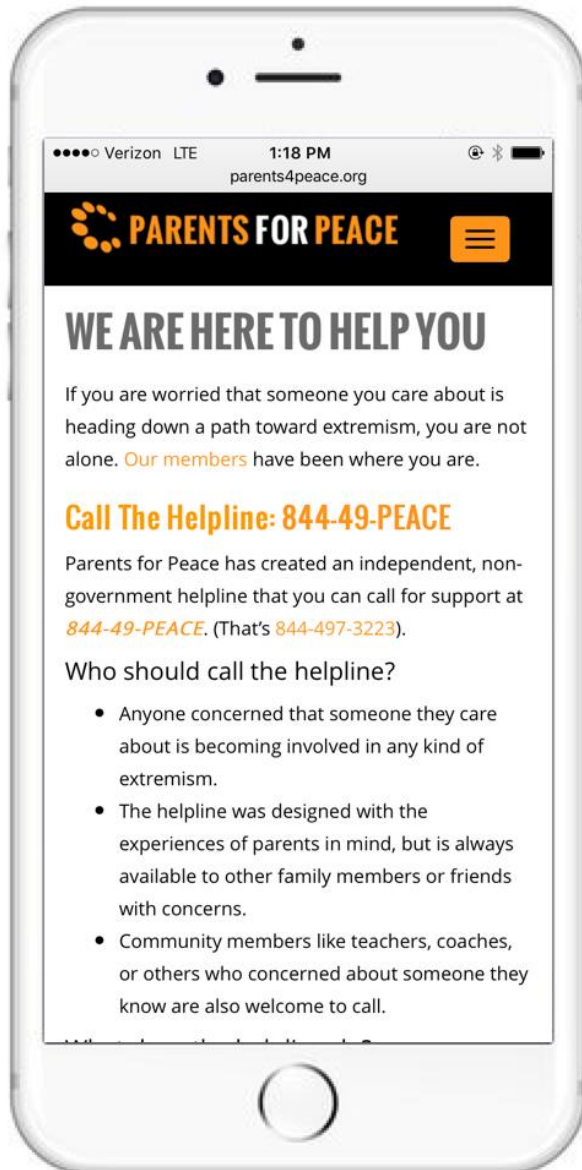


Nicole Mansfield – Was able to travel from Michigan to Syria despite family members raising concerns to the FBI. In 2013, she was killed by Syrian government forces alongside members of a jihadist group.



Zacharia Abdurahman – In 2015, plead guilty to conspiring to provide material support to ISIS. Was stopped by the FBI at JFK before he could board a plane to begin his intended journey to Syria.

The Helpline: Year 1



- Calls from spouses, parents, and step-parents; U.S. citizens and immigrants
- Coast to coast: (Including Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, Arkansas, North Dakota, Nevada, California)
- Concerns about both male and female family members, ranging in age from early teens to mid- 30s
- Life situations of individuals of concern range from in middle school, high school, college, and prison
- Variety of extremist movements – (white supremacist, jihadist, fascist)
- Concerns ranging from suspicion of interest in extremism, to knowledge of group affiliation and encounters with law enforcement
- Complicating issues include domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health issues, and access to firearms