



The **MISSION** of the Patricia A. Tomson Center for Violence Prevention is to build the capacity of school districts, colleges and universities, and agencies serving youth and families to systematically implement, practice and evaluate effective bullying and violence prevention strategies.

## WHO WE ARE

The Patricia A. Tomson Center for Violence Prevention is named in honor of Patricia A. Tomson and her decades of work on behalf of survivors of abuse. Together with her husband, O. Jay Tomson, the couple granted a \$2 million gift to the Center in 2021 in support of its mission to build the capacity of Iowa's schools, victim service agencies, law enforcement and other institutions to systematically implement best practices in bystander-based prevention education. The endowed gift provides operational support as well as sustained funding for the Tomson Scholars program, which since 2016 has funded student internships with violence prevention organizations and agencies providing direct services to survivors of abuse.

**ALYSA MOZAK**, M.S., CSHE, is the director of the Patricia A. Tomson Center for Violence Prevention. In her role she oversees curriculum infusion of bystander education and strategies within pre-service teacher education and social sciences programming, as well as the implementation of Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Strategies training and outreach in and among Iowa's higher education and Pre-K-12 educational systems. She joins UNI with an extensive professional background as a victim advocate and violence prevention educator in both nonprofit and higher education.

**WM. MICHAEL FLEMING**, Ph.D. CFLE, is the director of research and assessment at the Patricia A. Tomson Center for Violence Prevention and an associate professor of family studies at UNI. His scholarship and teaching focuses on the dynamics associated with interpersonal violence; models of prevention and early intervention in secondary and higher education schools; and education and training of domestic/sexual assault educators and advocates. His community engagement includes serving on boards for domestic/sexual agencies; serving on regional and statewide task forces and coalitions focusing on domestic/sexual assault, as well as working with non-profits providing program and evaluation consultation.



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The Patricia A. Tomson Center for Violence Prevention (PATCVP) collaborates with K-12 schools, institutions of higher education, and community partners to support safe and respectful learning environments.



Reflections  
from 2024-25  
year from  
PATCVP  
director,  
Alysa Mozak

“This year was filled with developing new partnerships across Iowa and the Midwest for our center. As we look into the future, we are hopeful that our work will continue to benefit the university and state but also hope to continue our reach beyond Iowa. We are grateful to our continued community partners and state champions and to our funders who support our center. We look forward to our collective commitment to violence prevention across our state in unity.”



## HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

UNI College of Education  
UNI College of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
UNI College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences  
UNI Women's and Gender Studies  
UNI Dept of Family, Aging and Counseling  
UNI Office of Civil Rights Compliance  
University of Dubuque  
Drake University  
Simpson University  
Central College  
Kirkwood Community College  
Des Moines Area Community College  
Marshalltown Community College  
William Penn University  
Augustana College

## STATE & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center  
Iowa Dept of Education  
Iowa Dept of Health and Human Services  
Iowa Safe Schools  
Iowa High School Athletic Association  
Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Heartland AEA  
Waterloo Safe Neighborhoods Commission  
Cedar Falls Public Safety  
Alliance of Coalitions for Change  
Pathways Behavioral Services  
House of Hope  
Neighborhood Centers, Johnson County  
Iowa Department of Corrections, First District  
Riverview Center  
Cedar Rapids Community School District  
Perry Community School District  
Ft. Dodge Community School District  
Oelwein Community School District  
Ankeny Community School District  
Mason City Community School District  
Cedar Valley Victim Resource Coalition  
Crisis Intervention Services  
Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

## DONORS & FOUNDATIONS

Pat and O. Jay Tomson  
UNI Foundation  
Kind World Foundation  
Dean L. & Rosemarie Buntrock Foundation  
Marlin Oeltjen in Memory of Joan Oeltjen

## GRANT FUNDING SOURCES

Rape Prevention and Education-Leading to Prevent (IHHS)  
Project Safe Neighborhoods (Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy)  
Translation of an Evidence-based TDVPP into Rural Community-based Prevention Networks (NCIPC/Centers for Disease Control; IPRC)

## 24-25 PROGRAMMING, TRAININGS & SCHOLARSHIPS

**11**  
Tomson & Oeltjen scholarship awards to UNI students totaling \$25,950

**6**  
Professional conference trainings

**4**  
New MVP trained schools or agencies in Midwest

**4**  
MVP train the trainer sessions onboarding 63 new facilitators

**2**  
MVP Student Leadership Summits with 475 student mentors

**3275**  
Midwest university and college students received MVP classroom modules

## 2011-2024 IMPACT

**50,590+**  
Secondary school students engaged in MVP Strategies

**43**  
Institutions of higher education in Iowa have been trained in MVP Strategies

**200+**  
Secondary school coaches participated in the Coaching Boys into Men or Athletes as Leaders training programs

**80**  
Community partners and schools partnered with PATCVP to implement bullying and interpersonal violence prevention programming

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