

Re: Use of Non-violent Physical Crisis Intervention in the Special Services Cooperative of Wamego

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The **definition** of “Non-violent Physical Crisis Intervention” is: a control hold or transfer position utilized to *safely assist* a student who is demonstrating unsafe behaviors, threatening violence, aggressive behaviors, attempts to run away, extreme non-compliant behaviors, or any other act that might place the instructor, para educator, or any other staff or students at risk of harm or injury. Verbal skills and techniques taught in the CPI Training will be utilized and exhausted prior to any physical intervention. Non-violent Physical Crisis Intervention is to be used only by staff whom have been trained and only as a *last resort*.

The **duration** of a Non-violent Physical Crisis Intervention is usually determined based on the response by the student. Once a student has *regained control* of him/her self, the person supervising the acting out individual will determine that it is safe for the student to gain back control of themselves and will be given that opportunity. If the student is unable to control themselves at that point, the control hold will be utilized until such time that the student can be in control of themselves.

The **supervision** of the Non-violent Physical Crisis Intervention is the responsibility of each team member trained in CPI. This includes teachers, para educators, and any other staff that may be trained in the CPI techniques.

The **intent** of Non-violent Physical Crisis Intervention is to provide for the *Care, Welfare, Safety and Security* of all the students and staff that may come into contact with a potentially acting out individual.

The **most common reasons** why a student may require a physical control hold are:

- Unsafe behaviors
- Threatens violence
- Physically aggressive behaviors
- Attempts to run away placing themselves in a dangerous situation
- Extreme non-compliant behaviors

The **training model** used in our Cooperative include:

- Initial CPI Full Course Training (taught by a certified instructor)
- Annual CPI Re-certification Training (taught by a certified instructor)
- Video Programs that include *Keys to Setting Limits, Empathic Listening, Principles of Personal Safety, and Documentation*
- Student Handbooks at the building level that outline student rules and consequences