

# Mission Possible by Cookie Seale, Nettleton School District

**The Time:** Three hot, muggy days in August

**The Place:** The Library of Nettleton High School



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Thirty five people gathered to hear:

“When a crisis such as a tornado, hurricane or terrorist attack occurs, there is great need of caring people to ensure their safety and security, allow them to vent their concerns and feelings and validate those concerns and feelings, and help prepare them for the days ahead.

**YOUR MISSION—should you decide to accept it** is to immerse your-

selves in intense training, listen to the stories of victims, watch heart-rending videos, learn proper responses, participate in group activities, role play the various jobs of a responder, learn of the multiple di-



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mensions of crisis response and be willing to put your own needs aside to become a member of the Arkansas Crisis Response Team.”

Members from local mental health agencies, service agencies, ministries and school personnel in North-east Arkansas spent August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> together to undergo NOVA training led by Ginger Bankston Bailey, AR-CRT Executive Director and Linda Speer Graham and Msgr. Jack Harris, members of the AR-CRT board of directors. Other members of the local AR-CRT team also participated in training sessions by leading various sessions and role-playing an intervention.



Christian Smiley, Shelly Horton, Diane Medley, Brooke Weaver

als and training in ways to respond to those victims.

The training was intense. It opened our eyes to the cruel realities of crisis. Although some of us have been connected to a local crisis, we became more aware of the roles of immediate responders, the media and others, and the long-term effects of stress on victims and the vital need for trained



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and willing interveners. The training served to give us knowledge, instruction and tools to help the victims manage their lives in the aftermath of a crisis.

We formed teams and gave ourselves some silly names. As we worked in teams, each group became better ac-

quainted and more closely-knit, which will strengthen us as we form teams in our communities.

This training was the result of a Craighead County School-Based



Natalie Davis, Charles Jones

Health Intervention Grant acquired by Mrs. Sue Garner with the Nettleton School District who also was a participant of the training. Thank you, Sue.

**We accepted the Mission.** We laughed, we cried, we struggled. We learned, we grew and we committed. We will respond.



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# Jonesboro Crisis Response Training Class



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**Jonesboro Basic Crisis Response Class**  
**August 6, 7 and 8**

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