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Some Say NaBITA is Magic...

NaBITA has been growing in leaps and bounds over past few months. Between our expansion into PreK-12, and an almost continuous filming and content creation schedule, NaBITA's Advisory Board and staff remain dedicated to keeping campuses safe and providing support services and referrals for those who are struggling with the adjustment to college. The addition of Makenzie Schiemann, our Associate Executive Director (and case manager extraordinaire) has not only made this busy time much more manageable, but it wouldn't have been possible without her efforts.

What an amazing NaBITA Regional Conference that took place this year on April 11th and 12th! We had nearly 200 attendees and nine faculty join us for a dozen sessions spanning the topical areas of Title IX, legal issues, mental health, case management, and threat assessment. While originally designed for California schools, many individuals came from far and wide to learn from our experts on everything BIT.

So, what magic are we cooking up next? Well, hold onto your seats.

- We just completed filming Window into BIT 3.0, an in-depth look at three different cases across elementary, middle, and high school. This will be available in early June for teams to purchase.
- We also just wrapped filming on a new product, Case Study Tabletops. This innovative design idea came from one of our Advisory Board members and was successfully tested during the Campus Threat Management Institute at the 10th Annual NaBITA Conference in November. This training resource packages four cases, and each case includes an audio reading, a series of discussion questions designed to facilitate a conversation about how to address the case, and a 10-15 minute video showing a conversation between two board members about how NaBITA would address the case. These will be available in summer 2019 for purchase. The initial offering will include four tabletops. Each year, NaBITA plans to release an additional four that teams can use to ensure they are being trained.
- As part of NaBITA's focus on prevention, assessment and evaluation, the Advisory Board has invested heavily in developing a series of Case Management videos that demonstrate how to use case management techniques with students in a variety of settings. This series will be available within later this spring.

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- The NaBITA board will be spending the summer developing an accreditation program for teams based on the 20 [BIT Standards](#). We are currently looking for a few teams to volunteer to help pilot the accreditation process, so if you are interested, please contact brian.vanbrunt@tngconsulting.com.
- The [11th Annual Conference](#) will be held in Bonita Springs, FL on November 11-13th. The [call for proposals](#) is currently open, and we are encouraging you to submit early. The concurrent session field has become very competitive, with an acceptance rate of less than 50% in recent years.
- Finally, we recently added a more practical, focused case management course that includes modules assisting the Title IX staff to work in partnership with student conduct, academic support, counseling, athletes, and marginalized populations. Consider joining us at the [Case Management Summit](#) in New Orleans next month.

Some of you have inquired about how NaBITA develops content and new resources for our members. The NaBITA motto goes something like this: ask us a question, and we will answer it. When we receive the same or similar question 2-3 times, be it during a training, consultation, or via the member listserv, we typically write a Tip of the Week to address the complexities of the issues. When we hear the same question more than ten times at our trainings, and we develop a Whitepaper or training opportunity to address the concepts. The NaBITA Advisory Board and leadership team are always interested in developing products and content for our members. Please be in touch if you have ideas or would like to get involved.

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