

ABOUT

ANNA LAYDEN

Anna Layden is a 17-year-old student who is committed to training and empowering her generation to react in emergency situations through her 501(c)(3) nonprofit Think Quick.

Motivated by the crisis in mass shootings and gun violence, Anna set out to ensure her fellow students were prepared for any emergency that may occur. Her school district resides in a rural area where, typically, emergency response time is twice as long compared to urban areas – statistically, nine out of the ten deadliest school shootings in American history have taken place in rural communities.

Think Quick aims to enable and empower students to act in emergency situations before first responders reach the scene. Since its creation in 2022, her program has trained over 100 students in Stop the Bleed, and she plans to also incorporate CPR, AED, first aid and Run, Hide, Fight training into the curriculum. Anna hopes to expand the program to other schools, colleges and organizations in the future.

Anna dreams of becoming a physician when she's older, and her Think Quick initiative is one way she's already helping to create safer, healthier communities. In addition to her nonprofit, Anna also previously participated in the Indiana Regional Medical Center Externship where she shadowed medical doctors and honed her skills in the healthcare field.

