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**E-UPDATE FROM CSSRC** ~ You are receiving this email as a subscriber of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center's (CSSRC) listserv. E-Updates from the CSSRC will contain the most current information about the Center's activities and resources, as well as other school safety efforts throughout the state of Colorado and relevant national resources. **Please forward this to others on your email list that have an interest in supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado. They may register for this listserv on our website [www.Colorado.gov/SchoolSafetyResourceCenter](http://www.Colorado.gov/SchoolSafetyResourceCenter) or [www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC](http://www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC).**

## **THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

There has been much discussion and controversy about the corporate training commonly referred to as the ALICE Training – Run, Hide, and Fight – as well as adaptations of these directions. The 2013 *Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans* written in cooperation by the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, and Justice, along with the FBI and FEMA includes these directions on pages 64 and 65 for staff. I think we all recognize that not everyone in a school setting would be able to follow any or all of these directions when confronted by an active shooter.

The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) has recognized the complexity of instructing school personnel to take these actions and is working in cooperation with the National Association for School Safety and Law Enforcement Officers (NASSLEO) to review these instructions.

I will keep you updated on those discussions. In the meantime, we hope that all schools are practicing the universal emergency responses - no matter what you call them: evacuation, shelter in place, lockdown, lockout and reunification. Discussions about staff options if they ever come face to face with an active shooter should also be a part of those trainings. Stay safe! Chris

## **CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ❖ **NEW Youth Engaged for School Safety (YES<sup>2</sup>) Applications Now Being Accepted**

- **Applications due May 16, 2014**
- CSSRC is now accepting applications for Youth Engaged for School Safety, YES<sup>2</sup>, a youth advisory council for the Center for students entering grades 9 through 12 for the 2014-2015 school year. Interested students dedicated to improving school safety and school culture in the state of Colorado, [please click here for more information and to apply](#). Students will meet in person and/or electronically and be paid a stipend for their participation.

### ❖ **NEW April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

- During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to share their child abuse and neglect prevention awareness strategies and activities and promote prevention across the country.
- [Learn more and get involved](#)
- [Special Feature: Child Abuse](#), from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service

### ❖ **Denver/Boulder Metro Area Community Conversation about Mental Health**

- **April 5, 2014, 8:30am-12:00pm**, History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO
- Across Colorado people are discussing what can be done to reduce the stigma of mental illness, lower barriers to access, and create real change for the better. This conversation is a critical way for [Creating Community Solutions Colorado](#) and partners to better understand how people in the Denver/Boulder metro area think and talk about mental health, their aspirations for the community, the challenges they see, and where we can begin to take action.
- [RSVP to participate](#)

### ❖ **America's PrepareAthon!**

- **April 30, 2014**
- Hosted by [FEMA](#) and [Ready.gov](#)
- America's PrepareAthon! is an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and communities to prepare for specific hazards through drills, group discussions, and exercises.
- The first National Day of Action will revolve around taking the actions to prepare for these four specific hazards: tornadoes, wildfires, floods, hurricanes
- [Get involved](#)

### ❖ **National Walk / Bike to School Day**

- **May 7, 2014**
- Hosted by [Safe Routes to School \(SRTS\)](#)
- Join the 12 schools in Colorado who have already registered their 2014 events. This year, the goal is to have 160 Colorado schools participate in this national event.
- [Register your event](#)

## **COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS**

### ❖ **Proactive School Discipline**

- **Thursday, May 1, 2014, 8:00 – 3:30—DoubleTree Hotel, Colorado Springs**
- Sponsored by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center
- **Agenda topics include:** discipline legislation in Colorado, creative discipline and alternative interventions, disproportionality, use data analysis to drive decisions, the role of law enforcement officers
- **Designed for:** It is suggested that you attend with your entire disciplinary team: administrators, school mental health professionals, special education personnel and law enforcement professionals.
- **No charge for Colorado participants.** Space is limited and pre-registration is required.
- **Pre-registration is required; see instructions:** Please go to [www.CO.train.org](http://www.CO.train.org). Join by setting up a learner account and then registering for the symposium location and date using course ID number: [1042137](#). You will need **Internet Explorer** (Firefox is not compatible) to register through the CO.Train System. If you have questions or need assistance with registration, please contact the Colorado School Safety Resource Center at 303-239-4435.
- [Proactive School Discipline flyer](#)
- [Agenda](#)

## **CSSRC MOST RECENT ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS**

### ❖ **Basic Mental Health Awareness for Educators**

- Click here for more information on [Basic Mental Health Awareness for Educators](#).
- ❖ **School Security Personnel: Emergency Management**
  - Click here and scroll down for more information on [School Security Personnel: Emergency Management](#).
- ❖ **School Security Personnel: Interpersonal Communications**
  - Click here and scroll down for more information on [School Security Personnel: Interpersonal Communications](#).
- ❖ **CSSRC Most Recent Livestream Keynotes Archived**
  - Keynotes by:
    - Dorothy Espelage, PhD, “Realistic Strategies for Bully Prevention and Promoting Positive School Climate” from the Positive School Climate: Bullying Prevention Institute on February 12, 2014
    - Paula Riggs, MD, “What Does Research Tell Us About Prevention and Treatment of Adolescent Substance Abuse and Mental Health Problems?” from the Youth Substance Abuse Symposium on November 14, 2013
    - Russell Copelan, MD, “Youth Nonideation Suicidality” from the Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium on October 22, 2013
  - [Click here to see Livestreams of all previous keynote addresses...](#)

## WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES

- ❖ **NEW Green Strides Webinar Series**
  - **April 9, 2014, 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET**, Global Cultures & Communities (Rainforest Alliance)
  - **April 9, 2014, 7:00-8:00 p.m. ET**, Grand Green Challenges for Engineering (NEEF)
  - **May 14, 2014, 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET**, Rainforest Alliance Curriculum (Rainforest Alliance)
  - **May 14, 2014, 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET**, Effective Climate Change Communication (NPS)
  - Hosted by the U.S. Department of Education, this series provide school communities the tools to reduce schools’ environmental impact and costs; improve health and wellness; and teach effective environmental literacy, including STEM, green careers, and civic engagement. Find sessions for educators, facilities managers, and advocates weekly.
  - [More information and registration](#)
- ❖ **NEW Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to Address Supportive School Discipline Initiative**
  - **April 9, 2014, 11:00am-12:30pm ET**, Washington, D.C., and via webinar
  - The Supportive School Discipline Initiative is a collaboration between the U.S. Departments of [Education](#) and [Justice](#) to support school discipline practices that foster safe, supportive, and productive learning environments while keeping students in school. Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., serves as the Council’s Chair; OJJDP Administrator Robert L. Listenbee serves as Vice Chair. The meeting is open to the public.
  - [Watch the live webcast](#)
  - [Learn more about school climate](#)
- ❖ **NEW School Security Technology Infrastructure: Determining Needs and Making Plans**
  - **April 9, 2014, 10:30am-11:30am CT**
  - Hosted by the [American Clearinghouse on Educational Facilities \(ACEF\)](#)
  - School security technology is changing, and thus requires robust technology infrastructure to support it. In this webinar, participants will understand the role of security technology in a layered, comprehensive

approach to school security; become aware of some of the most commonly used and effective security technologies; and understand how to best assess and evaluate security technology needs and develop an implementation plan.

- [More information and registration](#)

#### ❖ **NEW Building Capacity to Reduce Bullying and Its Impact on Youth across the Lifecourse: A Workshop**

- **April 9-10, 2014**, Washington, D.C., and via webinar
- At the request of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the National Research Council (NRC) will hold a two-day workshop that will feature expert presentations and discussion to highlight current research on bullying prevention as well as lessons learned from related areas of research and practice.
- [Registration is required](#)

#### ❖ **NEW Human Trafficking as it Intersects with Polyvictimization and Complex Trauma**

- **April 10, 2014, 12:00 p.m. PT**
- Presented by the [National Child Traumatic Stress Network \(NCTSN\)](#)
- Presenter: Sujata Regina Swaroop, PsyD, The Trauma Center at JRI, Project Reach
- Presenter will discuss the complexities of human trafficking and how it transects with both polyvictimization and complex trauma, and how to serve survivors.
- [Register to participate](#)

#### ❖ **Girls Matter! Webinar Series Addressing Adolescent Girls' Behavioral Health**

- **April 22, 2014, 3:00-4:30 pm ET**, [Girls and Substance Use: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities](#)
- **May 20, 2014, 3:00-4:30 pm ET**, Digital Girls: Confession, Connection, and Disconnection
- **June 10, 2014, 3:00-4:30 pm ET**, Sanctuary and Support for Girls in Crisis
- **July 14, 2014, 3:00-4:30 pm ET**, The Power of Youth Development and Recovery Supports
- This webinar series provides research, best practice and critical thinking on the topics that professionals working with girls and young women must know. Each session addresses a key area of what matters to adolescent girls today—including challenges, opportunities, and strategies for supporting girls.
- The [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) has created this webinar series to: increase the behavioral health workforce's understanding of the needs and concerns of adolescent girls (primarily ages 12-18); and bring visibility and attention to the specific behavioral health concerns of adolescent girls
- [More information and registration](#)

#### ❖ **NEW Online Learning Courses from the Partnership for Families and Children**

- [Getting Serious: A Best Practice Approach to Bullying Prevention](#)
- [Truancy and Dropout: Mending Cracks in the Graduation Pipeline](#)
- These are longer, more challenging courses that include multiple units, unit quizzes, and a final exam. These courses are more intense and offer extensive information in the subject matter, provided by the [Partnership for Families and Children](#).
- [Learn more and register here](#)

## **OTHER TRAININGS and EVENTS**

#### ❖ **NEW Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)**

- **April 3, 2014, 6:00-9:00pm; April 5, 8:00am–5:30pm; April 12, 8:00am-5:30pm; June 22, 2014,** Employee Relations Training Room, 480 South Allison Pkwy, Lakewood, 80226
- You must attend all sessions to complete the course.
- The training is provided at no cost to participants
- Hosted by the City of Lakewood Office of Emergency Management, Denver's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS), Denver Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), and the Colorado North Central Region
- For more information and to register, contact Mary Ann Valeska, 303-987-7905, [marval@lakewood.org](mailto:marval@lakewood.org).

#### ❖ **Blueprints Conference**

- **April 14 - 16, 2014,** Sheraton Downtown Denver, 1550 Court Place, Denver
- Hosted by [Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development](#) at the [Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence \(CSPV\)](#) at the University of Colorado, Boulder.
- The goal of the conference is to disseminate science-based information on programs that have the highest standards for promoting education, behavior, emotional well-being, physical health and positive relationships. This conference will provide support, guidance, and tools by program experts to help practitioners implement these programs successfully in their own communities.
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

#### ❖ **Legacy Summit**

- **April 17, 2014,** Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center, 650 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Denver
- Hosted by the [Colorado Legacy Foundation](#)
- The Summit will be comprised of sixteen workshop sessions, which will feature local and national experts and implementers of Colorado Legacy Foundation's areas of work: Educator Effectiveness, Colorado Legacy Schools, Health and Wellness, Next Generation Learning, and STEM. CLF will provide best practices and tangible tools for advancing the professional growth of educators and academic achievement for all students.
- [Learn more and register to attend](#)

#### ❖ **Family Engagement Trainings sponsored by the Colorado Department of Education**

- **April 17, 2014, 8:30am – 3:30pm, Denver Metro Area**
- A light breakfast and lunch are provided. **A confirmation email with detailed logistics, including location information, will be emailed approaching the training date.**
- The purpose of this event is to understand and plan strategies to actively engage all families as partners in their children's education. The content may be of particular interest to family partnership liaisons, district personnel, school personnel, parent leaders, and School or District Accountability Committee members wanting to learn promising practices to engage all families as active partners in education. Participants should consider coming as a district team.
- This event is free and open to all participants.
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

#### ❖ **NEW IPM for School Grounds**

- **April 21, 2014, 8:30am – 12:30pm, St. Vrain Valley School District, 395 S. Pratt Pkwy, Longmont, 80501**
- Come learn how Integrated Pest Management (IPM) can work for school grounds. Take some time to meet and talk to presenters who are experienced in working with Outdoors IPM.
- Presented by the [Colorado State University School IPM](#)
- **Must RSVP by April 17, 2014**
- For more information and to RSVP, contact Genevieve Berry at 303-810-5597, [Genevieve.Berry@colostate.edu](mailto:Genevieve.Berry@colostate.edu).

### ❖ **NEW Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado Pueblo Conference**

- **April 23, 2014, 8:30am – 3:30pm**, Pueblo Community College, Fortino Ballroom, 900 W Orman Ave, Pueblo, 81004
- Hosted by the [Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado](#)
- Topics include vision difficulties after a brain injury, behavior management/social skills, caregiver support and legal issues brain injury survivors face.
- [Registration](#)

### ❖ **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) Updated Version**

- The ASIST training is a worldwide suicide intervention first aid training appropriate for all caregivers, formal or informal. This training is recognized as a Best Practices skills based training through the National Suicide Prevention Resource Center and is a training program used to train all volunteers through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK).
- Sponsored by the [Douglas County Suicide Prevention Alliance](#) (DCSPA) and held at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Highland's Ranch Substation, 9250 Zotos Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO:
  - **April 23-24, 2014, 8:30am – 4:00pm**
  - **June 11-12, 2014, 8:30am – 4:00pm**
  - \$50 for community members, \$25 for DCSPA members
  - Contact Renee Hoyt at 303-387-9500 or [rmhoyt@dcsdk12.org](mailto:rmhoyt@dcsdk12.org) for more information

### ❖ **NEW Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train the Trainer**

- **April 24-26, 2014**, American Red Cross, 444 Sherman, Denver, CO
- Hosted by the Denver Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
- The course introduces potential instructors to the CERT curriculum and covers administrative issues and prepares trainers to teach the class by demonstrating instructional methods. This course is required for instructors prior to teaching class. Typically, CERT instructors act in a volunteer capacity.
- Attendees that successfully complete the prerequisites (background check, EMI online courses) and the course can be added to the Denver CERT program and/or the Colorado CERT Trainer database maintained by The Office of Preparedness located in the Division of Homeland Security.
- [More information and registration](#)

### ❖ **Colorado Mentoring Symposium**

- **April 25, 2014**, Red Lion Hotel in Aurora, Colorado
- The [Youth Mentoring Collaborative](#) and Serve Colorado are partnering together to host this 3rd Annual Conference. Presenters and topics that support and promote high quality mentoring in Colorado will be at the Symposium.
- Early registration ends April 1, 2014
- \$85 per individual
- \$75 per person in a group of 5+
- \$50 per person for lunch plus Keynote Speaker
- [Registration](#)

### ❖ **Advanced Hazmat Life Support**

- **May 1-2, 2014, 8:00am – 5:00 pm**, Rita Bass Trauma and EMS Education, 190 W 6th Ave, Denver, CO 80204
- **May 22-23, 2014, 8:00am – 5:00 pm**, Rita Bass Trauma and EMS Education, 190 W 6th Ave, Denver, CO 80204
- Taught by the physicians, toxicologists and paramedics of the Denver Paramedic Division and Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center.
- **This course is open to responders within the NCR UASI.**

- This is a 16 hour, two-day course that teaches healthcare professionals to medically manage patients exposed to hazardous materials, including chemical, biological and radiological incidents. Participants learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of exposure in order to medically management of hazmat incidents. Healthcare professionals receive a four-year verification status upon successful completion of the course.
  - [Registration](#)
- ❖ **NEW Confronting Family and Community Violence: The Intersection of Law and Psychology**
- **May 1-3, 2014**, Washington, D.C.
  - A continuing education conference co-sponsored by the [American Psychological Association](#) and the [American Bar Association](#)
  - This conference will address the broad range of issues related to the exposure of children, youth and families to violence in and around the home, community and society.
  - [Registration](#)
- ❖ **NEW Bridging the Divide Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit**
- **May 6-7, 2014**, Regis University Lowell Campus in Denver
  - Co-hosted by the [Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado](#) and the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Office of Suicide Prevention](#), this year's Summit theme, "Upstream, Downstream: Navigating the Waters of Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Grief Support," will explore ways to stop the devastating effects of suicide by focusing on a time continuum from prevention to postvention.
  - [Learn more and register](#)
- ❖ **Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Youth**
- **May 9, 2014, 9:00-9:30am: Networking, 9:30-11:30am: Training**, Tivoli Building, Auraria Campus, 900 Auraria Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204
  - Presented by The Center for High Risk Youth Studies at Metropolitan State University of Denver, Providers for Youth Partnerships (PYP)
  - For more information and to register, contact Annie Butler, 303-556-3105, or [lbutler6@msudenver.edu](mailto:lbutler6@msudenver.edu)
- ❖ **NEW Community Awareness Program (CAP) Train the Trainer**
- **May 12, 2014, 1:00-5:00pm**, The CELL, 99 W. 12th Ave. Denver, CO 80204
  - The CAP is the CELL's public safety initiative approved through the Department of Homeland Security that educates individuals on how to help prevent criminal and possible terrorist activity.
  - Who is eligible to become a trainer:
    - Colorado POST certified individuals
    - Terrorism Liaison Officers (TLO) through the CIAC
    - Other First Responder: Emergency managers, Active Military, Fire Instructor 1/Fire Safety Educator, Paramedic, Law Enforcement
    - CERT Instructor through Office of Emergency Management
  - To register: Email Jesse Quick at [cap@thecell.org](mailto:cap@thecell.org) or call 303-844-4000 ext.4
- ❖ **NEW Network Leadership Training Academy**
- **May 19-21, 2014**, School of Public Affairs, University of CO Denver, 1380 Lawrence Street Terrace Room, Denver, 80214
  - Hosted by the Research Program on Collaborative Governance (RPCG) in the [School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver](#).
  - The NLTA is a place where public sector leaders gather to learn, share ideas, and develop skills for engaging in the "network way of working." The workshop is focused on building, managing, and evaluating effective

networks. Many people today are deeply involved in the network way of working, but are struggling to find tools and a place to build skills for this new way of connecting across boundaries. This workshop provides conversations about network leadership, activities and exercises to share and demonstrate skills and ideas, and practical tools to translate back to practice.

- [Registration](#)

#### ❖ **Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference**

- **June 2-4, 2014**
- Hosted by the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) and Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA)
- For more information, please go to <http://www.coloradoadvocacy.org/>

#### ❖ **Annual Symposium for the Prevention of School Violence**

- **June 6, 2014, Regis University, North Denver (Lowell) Campus**
- Hosted by: Regis University, College of Professional Studies, School of Education in conjunction with Foundation for the Prevention of School Violence and the Colorado School Safety Resource Center
- This all day annual event will showcase various Speaker Presentations and Moderated Discussions by Experienced Practitioners exploring the best practices in the prevention of school violence. This unique educational event brings together educators, law enforcement, administrators, and the general community interested in creating safe learning environments.
- Keynote Speaker: Retired Arapahoe County Sheriff, Grayson Robinson
- Featured Speakers:
  - John Nicoletti, Nicoletti-Flater Associates, PLLP – Specialists in Police and Public Safety Psychology, Crisis Intervention, Trauma Recovery, and Violence Prevention
  - Rachel's Challenge - Rachel's Challenge is the largest school assembly program in America. It is designed to help school administrators, parents, and students create a safe learning environment for the entire community. The goal is to motivate and equip students and administrators to embrace new values of kindness and compassion so that no one is left behind because of fear and violence in their school.
- [More information and registration](#)
- Portions of this year's event will be available to an online audience. For more information visit [www.fpsv.org](http://www.fpsv.org).

#### ❖ **NEW Supporting Military Children through School Transitions: Social/Emotional**

- **July 24-25, 2014, Learning Development Center, 600 S. Aspen St, Building #1032, Buckley, CO 80011**
- Funded by the US Air Force; No Cost to Participants
- This is a professional development training for educators and service providers (mental health, social work and child-care) in Colorado. This two day, 12 contact hour course will be conducted July 24-25. There are 50 seats in the class.
- [Learn more and register](#)

#### ❖ **Tier 1 Intensive Training in the Collaborative Problem Solving Approach**

- **August 6-8, 2014, Hangar 61, Stapleton Fellowship Church, 8700 E 21st Ave, Denver, 80238**
- Presented by [Collaborative Consultation & Counseling](#) in partnership with THINK:KIDS
- The approach used is based upon the model described in the book Treating Explosive Kids by Dr. Ross Greene and Dr. Stuart Ablon. This model has been applied to children with a wide range of social, emotional, and behavioral challenges, and in a variety of settings.
- [More Information](#) and [Registration](#)

#### ❖ **School Hostage Tabletop Exercise**

- **August 20, 2014, 9:30am – 2:00pm, location in Denver, TBD**
- Presented by the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)'s Emergency Management Institute (EMI)
- The 2014 Virtual Tabletop Exercises (VTTX) involves key personnel discussing simulated scenarios in an informal setting, and can be used to assess plans, policies, training and procedures.
- Advanced registration is required; walk-ins are not allowed.
- For more information, call 303.202.4588
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

#### ❖ **National Prevention Network (NPN) Prevention Research Conference**

- **September 15-18, 2014, Hartford, CT**
- Presented by the [National Prevention Network \(NPN\)](#), a component group of the [National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors \(NASADAD\)](#)
- State prevention directors together with representatives in territories, jurisdictions and tribes, will join together for a conference program that will highlight "CONNECTing Healthy Communities through Prevention Research and Practice." The purpose of the conference is to highlight and introduce evidence-based programs, innovations, practices and principles supporting high quality prevention programming.
- [More information and registration](#)

## **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### ❖ **NEW Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (LEAF) Prevention**

- **Applications due April 21, 2014**
- Administered by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, [Community Prevention and Early Intervention Programs](#)
- The purpose of program grants is to increase the capacity for comprehensive impaired driving education related to alcohol as well as other drugs, with a focus on adolescents. Prevention programs at the local level utilizing evidence-based strategies to effect change should reduce the number of incidents involving impaired driving or choosing to ride with someone who is impaired. Based on research, environmental approaches and evidence-based programs supported by the unique data of the community and selected by key leaders in the community are more effective than programs that are state mandated. This initiative is specifically targeted to public health, social service, educational or law enforcement agencies or their designees who participate in a community-based prevention coalition.
- Eligible applicants include entities within counties above the state average per 1,000 residents for Driving Under the Influence (DUI/DWI):
  - Law enforcement agencies
  - Other governmental entities, such as county, city, schools and school districts, local health or human services departments
  - Private non-profit entities
  - Community-based organizations
- [Learn more and apply](#)

#### ❖ **NEW Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Programs**

- **Applications due April 28, 2014**
- Administered by the [Office of Elementary and Secondary Education](#) of the U.S. Department of Education
- This grant competition will provide funds to local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that qualify as an LEA, to enable schools to develop promising and innovative approaches for initiating or expanding counseling programs in elementary and secondary schools. Each grant project will contribute to

the personal growth, educational development, and the social-emotional well-being of students served at this critical time in their lives.

- [Learn more and apply](#)

#### ❖ **NEW Rural Access to Emergency Devices (RAED) Grant Program**

- **Applications due April 30, 2014**
- Administered by the [Health Resources & Services Administration](#), Department of Health and Human Services
- The purpose of the RAED Grant Program is to develop community partnerships to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs), provide defibrillator and basic life support training, and place the AEDs in rural communities with local organizations.
- [Application information](#)

#### ❖ **Video Insight Video Surveillance Systems Donation**

- **Applications due monthly throughout 2014**
- Donated by [Video Insight](#)
- Video Insight has developed the School Security Grant to help schools that lack funds implement a video surveillance solution and to give back to these communities in need. Beginning in January 2014 — and for each month throughout the year — a school or college will be chosen to receive the software and equipment necessary to implement a video surveillance solution.
- [More information and application](#)

#### ❖ **Comprehensive School Safety Research Grants**

- The [National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\)](#) has announced it will make available approximately \$15 million under the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative for multiple grants to address school safety nationwide. These grants will fund research to examine the root causes of school violence and to develop new technologies, apply evidence-based approaches, and test pilot programs to enhance school safety.
- [Visit NIJ's funding Web page for grant opportunities.](#)

## **RESOURCES and INFORMATION**

### ***Prevention Resources***

#### ❖ **NEW Bullying and Youth with Disabilities and Special Health Needs**

- Resources provided by [Stop Bullying.gov](#)
- Children with disabilities—such as physical, developmental, intellectual, emotional, and sensory disabilities—are at an increased risk of being bullied. Any number of factors— physical vulnerability, social skill challenges, or intolerant environments—may increase the risk. Research suggests that some children with disabilities may bully others as well.
- Kids with special health needs, such as epilepsy or food allergies, also may be at higher risk of being bullied. Bullying can include making fun of kids because of their allergies or exposing them to the things they are allergic to. In these cases, bullying is not just serious, it can mean life or death.
- [Access the tip sheet](#)
- [Review the website](#)

#### ❖ **NEW Heroin Research Report**

- Updated by the [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#) in February 2014
- This report offers the most current data on heroin use and its consequences as well as treatment options for heroin use disorders.

- [Read the report](#)
- [Also available in Spanish](#)

#### ❖ **Model School District Policy on Suicide Prevention: Model Language, Commentary, and Resources**

- Released January 2014 by the [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention \(AFSP\)](#), [American School Counselor Association \(ASCA\)](#), [National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#) and [Trevor Project](#)
- This modular, adaptable document is designed to help educators and school administrators implement comprehensive suicide prevention policies. It is research-based and designed for middle and high schools without policies or in need of amendments to their existing policies.
- [Access the Model Policy](#)
- [View a recorded webinar on the Model Policy](#)

#### ❖ **A Practitioner's Resource Guide: Helping Families to Support Their LGBT Children**

- Published in February 2014 by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)
- Offers information and resources to help practitioners throughout health and social service systems implement best practices in engaging and helping families and caregivers to support their lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) children.
- [Read the guide](#)

#### ❖ **Protecting Student Privacy While Using Online Educational Services: Requirements and Best Practices**

- Published in February 2013 by the U.S. Department of Education's [Privacy Technical Assistance Center \(PTAC\)](#)
- This document addresses privacy and security considerations relating to computer software, mobile applications (apps), and web-based tools provided by a third-party to a school or district that students and/or their parents access via the Internet and use as part of a school activity. Examples include online services that students use to access class readings, to view their learning progression, to watch video demonstrations, to comment on class activities, or to complete their homework.
- [Read the best practices](#)

#### ❖ **Pertussis Information**

- There were 1,458 cases of pertussis (whooping cough) reported in Colorado in 2013.
- [Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition](#)
- [Colorado School Immunizations](#) requirements and information from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
- [Pertussis Information and Guidelines for Schools and Child Care Settings](#), CDPHE 2013

#### ❖ **Student Drug Testing and Positive School Climates: Testing the Relation Between Two School Characteristics and Drug Use Behavior in a Longitudinal Study**

- Published in the [Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs](#), January 2014.
- Drug testing was not found to be associated with reductions in student drug use. Positive school climate is found to be associated with a reduction in student cigarette and drug use.
- [Read the study](#)

#### **Mitigation Resources**

#### ❖ **Bicycle Safety Education for Children From a Developmental and Learning Perspective**

- Published January 2014 by the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](#)
  - First, this report describes the nature of children and adolescents' bicycle injuries in addition to understanding the types of programs that exist and their effectiveness. Second, this report explores the psychological domains related to riding a bicycle in childhood and adolescence such as motor skill development, cognitive development, brain development, and risk-taking and social influences. Understanding how each of these interacts with children's abilities to learn and ride a bicycle safely in traffic allows researchers and safety practitioners to design more effective bicycle education programs to teach children and adolescents how to safely negotiate traffic as bicyclists.
  - [Read the report](#)
- ❖ **NEW Bikeology: A Middle and High School Bicycle Safety Curriculum for Physical Education Teachers and Recreation Specialists**
- Published March 2014 by the [American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance \(AAHPERD\)](#).
  - This is a ready-to-use bicycle-safety curriculum for physical education and recreation specialists working with students in grades 6-12. Aligned with the National Standards for K-12 Physical Education, this curriculum includes lessons and assessments highlighting the skills and knowledge students need to enjoy a lifetime of safe bicycling. It also provides a guide for parents on ways they can support safe bicycling, including guidance on selecting an appropriate bicycle and helmet for their child. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides funding and technical support for this project.
  - [Click here to download the Bikeology Curriculum and Parent Guide](#).
- ❖ **NEW Discipline Disparities: A Research-to-Practice Collaborative**
- In order to improve the state of our knowledge and encourage effective interventions, the [Discipline Disparities Research to Practice Collaborative](#), a group of 26 nationally known researchers, educators, advocates, and policy analysts, came together to address the problem of disciplinary disparities. Funded by Atlantic Philanthropies and Open Society Foundations, the Collaborative has spent nearly three years conducting a series of meetings with groups of stakeholders – advocates, educators, juvenile justice representatives, intervention agents, researchers, and policymakers—in order to increase the availability of interventions that are both practical and evidence-based, and to develop and support a policy agenda for reform to improve equity in school discipline.
  - [Discipline Disparities Series](#), published March 2014
  - [Key Findings Executive Summary](#)
  - [Overview](#)
  - [How Educators Can Eradicate Disparities in School Discipline: A Briefing Paper on School-Based Interventions](#)
  - [Eliminating Excessive and Unfair Exclusionary Discipline in Schools: Policy Recommendations for Reducing Disparities](#)
- ❖ **NEW Official State of Colorado Website for Marijuana Information & Resources**
- Published March 2014 by the [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment \(CDPHE\)](#)
  - This website is managed and administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on behalf of the Office of the Governor and in partnership with a broad team of Colorado State agencies and partners.
  - Colorado.gov/marijuana was created to provide statewide current information for the general public about the laws, data and health effects of marijuana. The information available here will continually expand to feature a Spanish language version of the site, newly released data and public awareness campaigns to inform Coloradans.
  - [Access the website](#)

- [Information for parents](#), including health and education effects on youth, safe storage and accessibility, and how to talk to youth about drugs and alcohol

## ***Response & Recovery Resources***

### ❖ **NEW Childhood Traumatic Grief Resources**

- Published in March 2014 by the [National Child Traumatic Stress Network \(NCTSN\)](#)
- [Helping Military Children Grieve: Tip Sheet for Educators](#)
- [Helping Children with Traumatic Grief](#)
- [10 Things a School-Age Child with Traumatic Grief Wants You to Know and How to Help](#)
- [LGBTQ Youth and Sexual Abuse: Information for Mental Health Professionals](#)

### ❖ **Principles of Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Treatment: A Research-Based Guide**

- Published in January 2014 by the [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#)
- Presents research-based principles of adolescent substance use disorder treatment; covers treatment for a variety of drugs including, illicit and prescription drugs, alcohol, and tobacco; presents settings and evidence-based approaches unique to treating adolescents.
- [Read the guide](#)

### ❖ **SAMHSA Behavioral Health Disaster Response Mobile App**

- Released January 2014 by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)
- Offers first responders immediate access to field resources for aiding disaster survivors. Has the ability to search for and map behavioral health service providers in the impacted area, review emergency preparedness materials, and send resources to colleagues.
- [Learn more and download the app](#)

## ***Research & Statistics Resources***

### ❖ **NEW Trends in Unwanted Online Experiences and Sexting: Final Report**

- Published in February 2014 by the [Crimes Against Children Research Center \(CCRC\)](#)
- This report, supported by funding from the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(OJJDP\)](#), summarizes key findings from the Third Youth Internet Safety Survey. Topics include youth reports of unwanted sexual solicitations, online harassment, uninvited exposure to sexual material, and “sexting.”
- [Read the report](#)

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