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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 or www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC.**

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy Spring! We realize this E-Update comes at break time for many of our schools. We hope you get rested and rejuvenated, ready to tackle the last weeks of the 2014-2015 academic year. Please let the School Safety Resource Center know if we can help in any way as the year winds down or over the summer.

And SAVE the DATES – the 2015 Colorado Safe Schools Summit will be held in Thornton on Wednesday and Thursday, October 14th and 15th. We are already lining up another wonderful cast of plenary and workshop presenters. Please let me know if there is anything in particular you would like to learn more about at the Summit. Next month we will release the opportunity for sponsorships. Stay tuned....

Kindest regards, Chris

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW Aurora Public Schools Security Director Position Open

- **Aurora Public Schools Security Director**
 - Ability to articulate vision of how a security department can and should support the district goal of accelerating learning for every APS student every day
 - Demonstrated successful experience leading, managing and supervising a security or related department
 - Demonstrated knowledge of best operational practices related to a high performing security department
 - Demonstrated ability to articulate how to establish and utilize key performance metrics to drive cost efficiencies and improved service delivery to stakeholder groups
 - Strong adherence to ethical standards, especially regarding confidentiality laws, budget management and professional interactions with students, staff and parents
 - Familiarity with school laws as they pertain to safety and security
 - For more information please visit the APS [website](#).

UPDATED Social Media Contest Focuses on Tobacco Prevention

- Due to spring breaks, **the deadline for submissions has been extended to April 10th.** The school or program with the most photo submissions will be recognized on the TobaccolsNasty.com website!
- Both [9News](#) and [Fox 31](#) have taken an interest in a tobacco prevention Instagram contest for Colorado middle schools. The contest is connected to the launch of a new website from **the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment**, TobaccolsNasty.com, which is now live! Both stations are interested to learn which school wins.
- You can find a short video on how to participate and print your own poster at TobaccolsNasty.com or you can [read the info sheet](#). Please note that if students don't have access to Instagram, you can also email student

photos to tobaccofreeco123@gmail.com and they will be posted to the official TobaccolsNasty Instagram account.

CSSRC Accepting Applications for YES² -Youth Engaged for School Safety

- The Colorado School Safety Resource Center is accepting applications for our **youth advisory council**, [Youth Engaged for School Safety \(YES²\)](#) for the 2015-16 school year.
- **Applications are due April 15, 2015**
- YES² is for students entering grades 9 through 12 in the next academic year. Students will meet in person and/or electronically and be paid a stipend for their participation.
- Interested students dedicated to improving school safety and school culture in the state of Colorado, please [click here for more information and to apply](#).
- For questions, please call Anna Gisetti at the Center: anna.gisetti@state.co.us or 303.239.4533.

NEW State Capitol School Safety Summit

- **Senator Ellen Roberts** will host this year's Capitol School Safety Summit on **Wednesday, April 15, 2015**, at the State Capitol in Denver to review a complete model School Emergency Operations Plan (School EOP) and what it would cost to implement it.
- Colorado school architect Alan Ford will co-chair the program with the participation of a special delegation from the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI).
- The event will be held from 3:00 to 4:30 pm on **Wednesday, April 15, in the Old Supreme Court Chamber located on the 2nd floor of the Colorado State Capitol, 200 East Colfax Avenue, Denver**. To encourage networking with legislators and staffers, doors will open at 2:30 pm and close at 5:00 pm. The Summit is open to the public and there is no charge to attend.
- Creating high-quality School EOPs is the new gold standard for incident command teams in every school. The guidelines were jointly developed by the U.S. Department of Education, Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Justice, and the FBI.
- The comprehensive multi-stakeholder planning process takes into account how schools can best coordinate response with local first responders, conduct co-training, evaluate incidents and exercises, acquire the right technologies, and more.
- The completed School EOP presented at the event is based on best practices and reflects Colorado legislation and innovations that has been a model for the nation.
- The Summit will also introduce fresh perspectives from school design professionals, discussing what it takes to make schools more response-friendly from the ground up, and how much should be budgeted for crucial safety improvements throughout the campus.
- For more information about the Summit and copies of the handouts, visit SchoolSafetySummit.org or call John Simmons, Office of Sen. Ellen Roberts, at 303-345-7926.

America's PrepareAthon "National Day of Action"

- **Denver's "Day of Action" Preparedness Fair** will have representatives from Denver's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, RTD, the Commission for People with Disabilities and other Denver Agency and Organizations will be available to explain how you can be better prepared in an emergency/disaster event. Stop by the booths to receive information on what is available for you and your family.
- **WHO:** Everyone is invited
- **WHERE:** The Webb Building Atrium, 201 W. Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80202.
- **WHEN:** Thursday, April 30, 2015
- **TIME:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- We are requesting individuals and organizations to register to indicate their participation and interest in being prepared. Please [register now](#) to show that Denver is interested in building resiliency in our community.

NEW National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- April is [Sexual Assault Awareness Month \(SAAM\)](#) and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) is providing [campaign planning materials](#) on this year's campaign focus, *Preventing Sexual Violence on Campus*.
- The [2015 SAAM campaign toolkit](#) may be used by advocates, campus personnel, students and allies to spread awareness, establish new partnerships, launch programs or to continue or initiate prevention activities. The campaign offers free, downloadable:
 - Resources to include action steps for health care professionals, campus administrators, and faculty and staff.
 - Planning tools to assist in creating a campaign, event planning, building partnerships and understanding sexual violence.
 - Graphics for the 2015 SAAM campaign.
 - Media materials such as a social media toolkit, a sample letter to the editor, and a packet for journalists about reporting on sexual violence.
- Many of the SAAM resources are also available in [Spanish](#). The NSVRC supports SAAM organizers with resources, tools and training and can [answer questions](#) about sexual violence, prevention, or planning a campaign.

Run Today! Lead Tomorrow! Scholarship Opportunity

- One Colorado and the One Colorado GSA Network are launching a scholarship program, **Run Today! Lead Tomorrow!** for LGBTQ and allied students who are interested in running for student government.
- Students who are interested in running for student government can apply for the scholarship, complete leadership training, and receive the scholarship. The application can be found [here](#).
- The scholarship assists students with running their campaign and any materials they need for it.
- Please pass this along to any interested student. Should you or your students have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Cikara, One Colorado, Safe Schools Manager at Laurenc@One-Colorado.org

NEW International Bullying Prevention Conference in Denver!

- **November 8 thru 10, 2015** at the Marriott City Center, Denver
- **"Reaching New Heights in Bullying Prevention Thru Empathy and Kindness"**
- Sponsored by the International Bullying Prevention Association
- Don't miss this wonderful opportunity right here in Denver.
- For more information and to register go to [this link](#).

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)

- **Thursday, April 23, 2015, 8:00am-5:00pm, Colorado State Patrol Academy, 15055 S. Golden Rd, Golden, CO**
- The [Colorado School Safety Resource Center](#), in partnership with [Mental Health First Aid Colorado](#), now offers Youth Mental Health First Aid as part of its **no-cost trainings** for Colorado schools and districts.
- There is no cost for this training, but you must attend the entire day in order to receive a certificate.
- Registration is open at this [site](#). Scroll to the date and the location is Golden.
- For more information, please contact the CSSRC at (303) 239-4435.

NEW: 2015 Summer School Safety Conference

- **July 8th, 9th and 10th at Breckenridge**
- Sponsored by the Colorado Association of DARE Officers in cooperation with the Colorado School Safety Resource Center
- Presentations will include:
 - F.B.I B.A.U. Active Shooter: Pre-Attack Behavioral Indicators,
 - Effects of Marijuana in the Adolescent Mind,
 - Youth Mental Health First Aid - Certification class
 - Drug Impaired Education for Educators and Professionals
 - And more
- Conference Room Rates start at \$94.00,+resort fee and taxes, you may book 3 days before or after and receive the conference room rate
- Special educational conference rates apply.
- This conference will benefit DARE officers, School Resource Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, Educators, Administrators, Security Officers, and more.
- Spend a day or the week, check out the details and register at www.coloradodare.com under 2015 Conference tab.
- **Training space is limited; please reserve your space today!**

CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

❖ To view all online courses, click on the link below.

- [Link to CSSRC online course offerings](#)
- **NEW** Franci Crepeau-Hobson's presentation on [Suicide and the Exceptional Child](#), March 10, 2015 with handouts posted [here](#).
- **NEW** Mary Hoeffler's presentation on *Colorado's New Crisis Services* [Part I](#) and [Part II](#), March 10, 2015 with slides posted [here](#).
- [Click here to see Livestreams of all previous keynote addresses](#)

WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES

NEW Communicating with Every Family Effectively

- **Thursday, April 9 from 1PM until 2:30 PM**
- The [Colorado Department of Education](#) presents an interactive webinar to explore building family-school partnerships thru effective communication with every family.
- They will review the research linking family engagement to student achievement, discuss the goals and indicators of effective communication and share promising practices and resources from practitioners.
- Webinar experts will be Darcy Hutchins, Ph.D., Family Partnership Director, CDE Improvement Planning Unit; Marilyn McGrath, 21st Community Learning Centers Consultant, Office of Community Partnerships and Kim Watchorn, MTSS Coordinator, office of Learning Supports.
- Register with [this link](#).

NEW Suicide Prevention In Schools is Essential: Understand the Liability and Mental Health Issues

- **Wednesday, April 22 at 12:00 PM MST.** Please join the National Association of School Psychologists for a free and informative webinar featuring Dr. Scott Poland, a national expert on suicide prevention education in schools.

- The increase in youth suicide means that schools cannot ignore the issue and instead need to face it head on.
 - However, schools have many concerns about suicide prevention education that Dr. Poland can answer, such as:
 - How do we deliver the most effective suicide prevention programming while considering liability?
 - What do our students and community believe about youth suicide that we need to address first?
 - Unfortunately there has been a suicide in my community, now what can I do to prevent further suicides from happening?
- Dr. Poland will address these important issues and many more on the one-hour webinar. Dr. Poland has a comprehensive understanding of the issues schools face when trying to prevent suicide and recently co-authored the book *Suicide in Schools: A Practitioner's Guide to Multi-level Prevention, Assessment, Intervention, and Postvention*. His years in the field and recent publishing have shown him that schools can address this complex issue with proper training and best practices. Join this free webinar to learn more.
- [Register here](#).

Online Courses Available in School Emergency Management for K-12 Schools

- Five new online courses for practitioners in the field of K–12 school emergency management are now available on the [REMS TA Center website](#). These trainings are part of the “School EOPs In-Depth” series, which provide detailed information on specific topics in school emergency management, including the following:
 - Developing a Bereavement and Loss Annex
 - Developing a COOP Annex
 - Developing a Food Contamination Annex
 - Planning for Infectious Diseases
 - Planning for Large Events
- To take a course, visit the TA Center Website, click the Technical Assistance tab in the top navigation bar, and then select Virtual Trainings. You can also see their other online courses [here](#).
- Once visiting the landing page, you will need to create an account to register

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

UPDATED Registration EXTENDED for the 26th Colorado Child and Adolescent Mental Health Conference

- **Register by April 1st for April 13-14, 2015, Hilton Hotel, Fort Collins**
- Presented by the [Colorado Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition](#).
- Come hear Allison Metz, Monica Fitzgerald and 20 other talented speakers from mental health, schools, judicial systems, and child welfare, as well as young people who will speak of their own experiences in the Colorado mental health system.
- This conference is for those who are committed to improving the care provided to youth with mental health problems.
- You may register for the full conference with pre-registration for the implementation track or implementation track only.
- Click [here to register](#) by April 1st.

NEW Epidemiology & Prevention of Firearm Violence: From Research to Policy

- **Thursday, April 9th** from 1:00 until 2:00 PM at the Anschutz Medical Campus, Education 2 North, Room 1202
- Sponsored by the [Colorado School of Public Health](#)
- Garen Wintemute, MD, MPH, Professor of Emergency medicine, Director of the UC Davis Violence Prevention Research Program and Inaugural Susan P. Baker-Stephen P. Teret Chair in Violence Prevention at UC Davis.

- He will review and critique recent research on the epidemiology and prevention of firearm violence and discuss selected evidence-based prevention strategies.
- The emphasis will be on the relationship between empirical research and prevention policy
- Dr. Wintemute is a renowned expert on gun violence and a pioneer in the field of injury epidemiology and prevention of firearm violence.
- [Click here](#) (press cancel) for more information and to register.

NEW Tornado Awareness Training

- **Friday, April 10, 2015 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM** sponsored by the [National Disaster Preparedness Training Center](#) which is a DHS/FEMA training partner
- This is an awareness level course for a wide audience. Multiple core capabilities will be addressed, with particular emphasis on “public information and warning” and “threats and hazard identification.”
- **Who:** Education, governmental administration, emergency management, law enforcement, fire services, planners/developers, small businesses, community organizations and at-risk households
- **Location:** Wellington Webb Building: Clerk & Recorder Conference Room #1.B.6, 201 W. Colfax, Denver 80202
- **For more information** contact Jim Krugman at 720.865.7896, james.krugman@denvergov.org or to register go to April 10th at this [link](#).

NEW Educational Stability Summit

- **Friday, April 10, 2015, The Summit Conference and Event Center, 411 N. Sable Blvd., Aurora, CO 80030 8:30 am - 3:30 pm**
- Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families
- Registration is Free. A box lunch will be provided.
[Register Today!](#)
- Countless partners are actively working to improve educational outcomes for students involved in the child welfare system throughout Colorado.
- We invite Court Officers, Child Welfare Directors, Administrators, and Supervisors, School District Superintendents and Administrators, and other School District staff, community providers, juvenile justice professionals, case workers, guardian ad litem, CASAs, educators, child welfare educational liaisons and foster parents to this Educational Stability Summit.
- Please [register today](#) and share this invitation with your colleagues!

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST)

- **Douglas County Sheriff's Office, 9250 Zotos Drive, Highlands Ranch**
- **April 14-15, 2015**
- **June 4-5, 2015**
- **September 29-30, 2015**
- **November 17-18, 2015**
- Hosted by the [Douglas Arapahoe Suicide Prevention Alliance](#)
- ASIST is a two-day workshop designed to teach skills to confidently intervene with someone at risk of suicide. ASIST is a standardized suicide intervention program developed by LivingWorks Education, Inc.
- Attendance is mandatory for both full days.
- The cost of this workshop is \$50 for community members and \$25 for DASPA members.
- Click here for [more information](#)
- To register, visit <http://www.dcsdk12.org> click on “C” for Center for Professional Development. Click on Course Catalog. If you do not have an account created, you will be prompted to do so. Select ASIST and available courses will be listed.

UPDATED Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Marijuana Prevention Training

- Adolescence is a time of change and opportunity. The physical, social and psychological changes young people undergo impacts their behavior, how they interact with the world and how the adults around them respond to this transformation.
- [The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment](#) is hosting this training to help you understand and learn the skills and knowledge needed to integrate the evidence-based PYD approach into your current youth programming efforts; the resources and support needed to incorporate marijuana prevention efforts into your current work; and how to access marijuana campaign materials, toolkits and technical assistance.
- **Who:** Youth-serving professionals and anyone else interested in youth health and well-being.
- **Cost:** There is no cost for this training and lunch will be provided
- **What will you get:**
 - Training on Positive Youth Development
 - Introduction to the state's marijuana prevention efforts
 - Time with OMNI's Regional Prevention Consultants, funding by the Office of Behavioral Health, to address local prevention programming questions
 - Training hours that may potentially be used for the Colorado Certified Prevention Specialist credentials.

Details: Linked [here](#).

- **Alamosa Training: Wednesday, April 15th** from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Center, 8745 CR 9 South, Alamosa, 81101
- **Glenwood Springs Training: Friday, April 24th** from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Glenwood Springs Community Center, 100 Wulfsohn Road, Glenwood Springs, 81601
- **Durango Area Training: Friday, May 29th** from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Durango Recreation Center, 2700 Main Street, Durango 81301

Please [register here](#).

NEW Facing History and Ourselves- Facing Our Present: Leadership Breakfast

- **Leadership Breakfast, April 21st** from 8:00 AM until 9:30 AM
- Featuring John Amaechi OBE, human rights advocate, psychologist, *New York Times* best-selling author and former NBA player.
- He will be in Denver to discuss the role that leaders can play in fostering a more compassionate and inclusive society.
- Take your place at the table with other leaders, educators, and philanthropists to discuss our role in shaping more inclusive spaces within our own organizations and in our wider communities.
- **RSVP** by Monday, April 13th to Jillian_Low@facing.org or 303.316.4848 Ext. 221
- **Location:** 1860 Lincoln Street, 14th Floor
- Community Partners include Denver Public Schools, Colorado School Safety Resource Center, Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado, One Colorado, and One Colorado GSA Network.
- Facing our Present is an extension of our **Community Conversation with John Amaechi**, presented by Facing History and Ourselves and The Allstate Foundation, which will be held **Monday April 20th at 7PM at History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway. Monday evening is free and open to the public.**
- Click [here](#) for more information and go to April 20th and 21st on the Calendar to sign up.

NEW Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee Annual Conference

- **April 21-23, 2015** at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, Colorado
- Approved by Colorado POST for 2015 In-Service Credits.
- Speakers and topics include; Gordon Graham, Colorado's Attorney General, Cynthia Coffman, Body Camera panel discussion and much more!

- Registration is just \$50.00
- [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Fire and Life Safety Educators 22nd Annual Conference of the Rockies

- Registration is open for the 22nd annual Fire & Life Safety Educators Conference of the Rockies
- When: **April 21-23, 2015 at the Rocky Mountain Park Inn in Estes Park, Colorado**
- The early bird registration fee is \$275 and lodging is only \$77 per night at the host Rocky Mountain Park Inn
- Many of our classes qualify for continuing education credits, for pre-hospital providers such as EMTs and paramedics, nurses, ICC professionals, fire instructors and officers and child passenger safety technicians.
- Click [here for more information and to register](#).

Colorado Education Initiative 7th Annual Summit and Luncheon

- **Friday, April 24, 2015 7:30am-3:30pm, Sheraton Denver Downtown, 1550 Court Place, Denver, CO**
- Presented by the [Colorado Education Initiative](#).
- This summit will feature keynote speakers Dr. Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman NASA astronaut and Paul Tough, author of *How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character*.
- Conference attendees will choose from sixteen engaging sessions featuring local and national experts who will share best practices, tips, and tools that incubate innovation, shine a spotlight on success, and invest in sustainable change that improves outcomes for students.
- [More information](#)
- Contact khall@coloradoeducationinitiative.org

Queer Young Adult Literature Conference 2015

- *CU-Boulder's National Council Teachers of English Student Affiliate, Lambda Literary, and CLAS present.*
- The Queer Young Adult Literature Conference and Awards Dinner
- Honoring, Affirming, and Trans*forming Literacy for Queer Youth
- University Memorial Center – CU-Boulder
- **Saturday, April 25th, 2015**
- The world of queer YA lit is growing quickly and gaining a foothold in schools and with YA fans (not without some controversy).
- **Who:** This conference is geared for K-12 educators, K-12 students, college students, university staff and faculty, and community members, who want to learn more about literature that deals with queer themes and identities.
- **What:** Our distinguished speakers are critically-acclaimed YA authors [Malindo Lo](#), [Julie Anne Peters](#), [Sara Farizan](#), and [Alex Sanchez](#). Our authors will read from, talk about, and sign their books. There will also be workshop sessions for attendees between presentations by each of our featured speakers.
- In the evening, we will host a dinner to honor the work of the authors as well as to recognize a literacy teacher who has been an advocate for queer youth.
- **For more information:** please contact Mike Wenk at mjwenk@colorado.edu
- **To register for the conference:** please use this [link](#).

NEW Join Colorado's Prevention Science Community

- **Monday, April 27, 2015** from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM at the Mile High United Way, 711 Park Avenue West, Denver 80205
- **Dr. Anthony Biglan**, internationally renowned behavioral scientist and author of the new book, *The Nurture Effect: How the Science of Human Behavior Can Improve Our Lives and the World*
- [Register now](#). Space is limited.

- Additional opportunities to hear Dr. Biglan:
 - **Monday, April 27th** from 7:00 until 9:00 PM
 - Butcher Auditorium, University of Colorado at 3415 Colorado Avenue, Boulder
 - This event is free but seating is limited
 - [Reserve your seat.](#)
 - **Tuesday, April 28th** from 7:00 until 9:00 PM
 - Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia, Ft. Collins
 - This event is free but seating is limited
 - [Please sign up](#) to receive updates.

UPDATED Review, Update and Strengthen Your Local Wellness Policy Training

- The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) **Office of School Nutrition (OSN)** and the **Colorado Education Initiative (CEI)** are offering **regional trainings** aimed at increasing districts' ability to update local wellness policy to address best practices in school health and determine strategies to assess and implement policy
 - Training dates and locations:
 - Wednesday, April 29, 2015: Montrose** - Montrose County RE-1J District Boardroom, 930 Colorado Ave, Montrose, CO 81401 - See more here.
- Learn more and **register** for the training [at this site](#).
- Contact [Amanda Mercer](#) at [303-866-6659](tel:303-866-6659), if you have any questions or concerns.
- **Join us for free food and conversation following the trainings - Colorado Healthy Schools Collective Impact Input Session**
 - Please join us after the training in Montrose for an enlightening conversation and appetizers from 4-5pm (same location) as we give an overview of the [Healthy Schools Collective Impact](#) (HSCI) effort in Colorado and ask you to provide feedback on what your needs are, what is relevant for your district and help us direct next steps.
 - The HSCI effort aims to ensure that by 2025, all Colorado public schools provide an environment and culture that integrates health and wellness equitably for students and staff. Please [click here to RSVP](#).
 - Please contact Angela Toney at atoney@coloradoedinitiative.org with questions.

UPDATED safeTALK Workshops

- **Wednesday, April 29, 2015**
- **Location: Douglas County Sheriff's Office – Highlands Ranch Substation, 9250 Zotos Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129**
- Designed for ANYONE over the age of 15 who has NOT experienced a recent suicide loss
- Hosted by the [Douglas County Sheriff's Office](#), [Douglas/Arapahoe Suicide Prevention Alliance](#) and [LivingWorks](#)
- About three hours in duration that prepares anyone over the age of 15 to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources
- Registration: Completed via the Douglas County School District at www.dcsdk12.org. Click on "C" (for Center for Professional Development-CPC). Click on CPD. Click on PD course catalog. If you do not have an account, you will be prompted to do so. Select safeTALK and the available courses will be listed.
- For more information please go to [this link](#).
- For questions please contact: Roxanne Derks, Roxanne.Derks@dcsdk12.org or 303.387.9508.

NEW Colorado's Social Emotional Learning Forum

- **Thursday, May 14, 2015** from 9:00 AM until Noon at the Anschutz Medical Center
- Keynote address by **Daniel Goleman, Ph.D.**, internationally known psychologist and science journalist, author of the New Your Times bestseller *Emotional Intelligence* (1995). He recently co-authored *The Triple*

Focus: A New Approach to Education, which provides educators with a solid rationale for incorporating focus-related skill sets in the classroom.

- And a presentation by Mark Greenberg, Ph.D. and Eric Gordon on “How the Research and Practice of Social Emotional Learning Improves Children’s Success.”
- Co-hosts for this presentation are CU’s Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, CSU’s Prevention Research Center, PATHS Worldwide and The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation.
- [Sign up to receive updates.](#)

Updated 9th Annual Bridging the Divide: Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit

- **Thursday & Friday, May 14-15, 2015**, Regis University Lowell Campus (3333 Regis Blvd., Denver)
- Presented by the [Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado \(SPCC\)](#)
- Suicide attempt survivors and people with lived experience with suicidal intensity will join people bereaved by suicide, suicide prevention advocates, mental health service providers, and suicide prevention researchers to pool the many forms of knowledge that shape our efforts to stem the high rates of suicide in the Rocky Mountain States. The regional conference will explore ways to prevent suicide by incorporating the expertise of people who have been there. To see a complete update of workshops offered click [here](#).
- [Click here to register.](#)

NEW Enhancing After School Safety and Security

- **Monday, June 8, 2015** at Cherry Creek School District sponsored by the [National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security](#)
- This course is designed to help prepare school districts in developing and coordinating after school safety and security management programs.
- This 8-hour course is for Superintendents, Law Enforcement, Athletic Directors and Principals
- **Location:** CCSD Education Services Center - 4700 South Yosemite Street #136, Greenwood Village, CO 80111
- **Cost:** \$189/person or \$700 for group of 4 from the same district
- Click here to [register](#) or for more information, please contact Randall E. Councell, Director of Safety & Security-Emergency Planner at 720.554.4489 or RCouncell@cherrycreekschools.org

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

UPDATED National Bike to School Day, Registration Now Open

- [Colorado Safe Routes to Schools](#) announces – National Bike to School Day, **Wednesday, May 6, 2015**
- Register your event at www.walkbiketoschool.org
- Buckle up your helmets and join thousands of children, parents, school officials and community members nationwide for the fourth annual National Bike to School Day on May 6, 2015. The National Center for Safe Routes to School announces Bike to School Day registration is now open.
- Last year, more than 2,220 events registered for the third annual National Bike to School Day – a thirty percent increase from the previous year.
- Bike to School Day event registration is free and open to all individuals and/or organizations planning a 2015 Bike to School Day event in the United States.
- Registering a Bike to School Day event provides organizers access to a variety of downloadable materials, including stickers, certificates, badges, classroom activities and a chance to win bikes, helmets, and other giveaways.
- For safety tips before your child rides their bike to school, see [The Spin](#).

National Prevention Week May 17-23, 2015

- National Prevention Week is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-supported annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, substance abuse and mental health issues.
- National Prevention Week's three primary goals are to involve communities in raising awareness of behavioral health issues, foster partnerships and collaboration with federal agencies as well as national organizations, and to promote and disseminate quality behavioral health resources and publications. To learn more about this event, click [here](#).

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Research & Evaluation on the Investigation & Adjudication of Campus Sexual Assault

- Applicants must register with Grants.gov prior to submitting an application. All applications are due to be submitted and in receipt of a successful validation message in Grants.gov by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on **Monday, April 6, 2015**.
- The U.S Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ) are seeking applications for research and evaluation related to the investigation and adjudication of sexual assaults on college and university campuses.
- The White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault identified a need to improve understanding of current practices in campus investigation and judicial decision-making involving student-on-student sexual assault.
- To learn more and to apply, click [here](#).

SAMHSA 2015 Campus Suicide Prevention Grant

- **Application Due Date: Monday, April 20, 2015**
- Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$102,000 annually
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2015 Campus Suicide Prevention grants.
- The purpose of this program is to facilitate a comprehensive public health approach to prevent suicide in **institutions of higher education**. The grant is designed to assist colleges and universities in building essential capacity and infrastructure to support expanded efforts to promote wellness and help-seeking of all students.
- Additionally, this grant will offer outreach to vulnerable students, including those experiencing substance abuse and mental health problems that are at greater risk for suicide and suicide attempts.
- Please use [this link](#) for more information.

NEW "Now is the Time" Project AWARE-Community Grants

- **Application Due Date: Friday, May 1, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.** (Eastern Time). Applications must be received by the due date and time to be considered for review. Please see Part II, Section I of the application announcement for submission requirements.
- SAMHSA is accepting applications for up to \$25.8 million the "Now is the Time" Project AWARE-Community grants
- The Substance Abuse and mental Health Services Administration is accepting applications for fiscal year 2015 "Now is the Time" Project AWARE-Community (Short Title: NITT-AWARE-C) grants. The purpose of this program is to support the training of teachers and a broad array of community service providers, including parents, law enforcement, faith-based leaders, and other adults, who can interact with youth through their programs.

- SAMHSA expects that 70 grantees will be awarded up to \$125,000 per year for up to three years. The actual award amounts may vary, depending on the availability of funds.
- WHO CAN APPLY: Eligible applicants are political subdivisions of states, tribes, and tribal organizations, and other public or private nonprofit entities. Local Educational Agencies that have received grant funding under either Project AWARE-LEA or Project AWARE-SEA are not eligible to apply for NITT-AWARE-C funding. State educational agencies that have received funding under Project AWARE-SEA are also not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.
- HOW TO APPLY: You must go to both [Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) and the [SAMHSA website](http://www.samhsa.gov) to download the required documents you will need to apply for this SAMHSA grant. Your application must be submitted through <http://www.Grants.gov>. Please refer to Appendix B – Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications, PART II.
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants with questions about program issues should contact Michelle Bechard at (240) 276-1872 or [Project Aware](http://www.ProjectAware.gov).
- For questions on grants management and budget issues please contact Gwendolyn Simpson at (240) 276-1408 or gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov

NEW School Health Professional Grant

- **Applications are due on Thursday, May 7, 2015**
- School Health Professional Grant application now available for 2015-16.
- This matching grant program exists to help secondary schools serving grades 7-12:
 - Increase the presence of school health professionals to provide substance abuse and behavioral health care to students who have substance abuse or other behavioral health needs;
 - Provide training and resources for the newly hired school health professionals, other behavioral health school team members, and school staff on the implementation of evidence-based programming on substance abuse prevention education and behavioral health education for all students; and
 - Allow school health professionals to provide care coordination and connect students with services that are provided by community-based organizations for treatment and counseling for students who are at risk for substance abuse.
- Approximately \$2.2 million is available for the 2015-2016 school year. Applicants must demonstrate a match of 10% of the funds requested. This may include both in-kind and cash matches.
- For more information and to access the RFP, please visit the School Health Professional Grant [website](http://www.schpgrants.gov).
- An application training webinar will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register for this technical assistance via [Eventbrite](http://www.eventbrite.com).
- Program Contact: Jessica Bigler - bigler_j@cde.state.co.us

NEW National Program to Increase Local Foods in Schools

- [US Department of Agriculture](http://www.usda.gov) is accepting proposals for [Farm to School](http://www.farmtoschool.gov) planning, implementation, and support service grants due at 11:59 p.m. EST, **Wednesday, May 20, 2015**
- **Letters of intent** for training grants are due at 11:59 p.m. EST, **April 30, 2015**.
- National Program Continues to Increase Local Foods in Schools and Provide New Economic Opportunities for Farmer and Ranchers
- Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced on March 16, 2015 the release of a request for applications for the USDA's Fiscal Year 2016 round of Farm to School grants.
- Designed to increase the availability of local foods in eligible schools, these grants help new farm to school programs get started or expand existing efforts, facilitating stronger connections between local and regional producers and school cafeterias.
- More information about the grant program, upcoming webinars relevant to applicants, and sample grant applications can be found on-line [here](http://www.farmtoschool.gov).

NEW Forecast of Funding Opportunities under the Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2015

- The Department of Education (ED) has published a document listing the programs and competitions where they have invited, or expect to invite, applications for new awards.
- A number of post-secondary opportunities are detailed in chart 4A.
- Actual or estimated deadline dates for the transmittal of applications under these programs are also included.
- The charts are organized according to ED's principal program offices. To access this resource, click [here](#).

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Grant

- **Courses for this grant can be scheduled through Sunday, May 31, 2015.**
- Do you have a School Based Health Center (SBHC) in your district? Mental Health First Aid Colorado has a grant to offer Youth Mental Health First Aid training to all SBHC staff, school and district personnel, and key community partners.
- No cost and lunch is included
- SBHCs find the course an excellent opportunity to increase partnership with schools, demonstrate
- The training is subsidized through a grant to the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council and their [Mental Health First Aid](#) office as a commitment to integrated health, and to promote resources the SBHC can provide to the district. Often, the YMHA course also serves as a catalyst for reviewing mental health policies and procedures. Please see the attached flyer or contact Mark Lanning mark@mhfacolorado.org for more information or to set up a course.

School Security In-Kind Grant Program

- **This is an ongoing grant opportunity**
- [Video Insight](#) will donate \$1 million in grants to underfunded school systems across the United States.
- The program will donate 50 video surveillance grants valued at \$20,000 each to school and college applicants from across the United States.
- For detailed information on how to apply for the 2015 Video Insight School Security In-Kind Grant program please visit this [website](#) or call (713)621-9779.

RESOURCES and INFORMATION

Prevention Resources

NEW SAMSHA Bullying App for Parents and Students

- SAMSHA's bullying prevention efforts include the [KnowBullying app](#), a free smartphone tool that provides information and guidance on ways to prevent bullying and build resilience in children.
- Download [KnowBullying for iOS® Devices](#)
- Download [KnowBullying for Android™ Devices](#)
- The app is designed to address the needs of children ages 3–18 and includes discussion prompts for adults working with children who are bullied, who witness bullying, or who bully others.
- KnowBullying also includes useful tips on how to deal with cyberbullying, how to recognize warning signs that a child may be facing a bullying problem, how to work with schools on this issue, and how to find and reach out to local mental health services or other supports.

NEW Suicide Assessment Five-Step Evaluation & Triage (SAFE-T)

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has developed suicide assessment **pocket cards and mobile apps** based on the Suicide Assessment Five-Step Evaluation and Triage (SAFE-T).

- SAFE-T assists clinicians in conducting suicide assessment using a 5-step evaluation and triage plan to identify risk factors and protective factors, conduct a suicide inquiry, determine risk level and potential interventions, and document a treatment plan.
- To access this resource, click [here](#).

NEW SAMHSA Suicide Safe App for Healthcare Providers

- Now available for [download](#), Suicide Safe is a free resource provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that is based on the nationally recognized Suicide Assessment Five-Step Evaluation and Triage (SAFE-T) pocket card.
- This suicide prevention learning tool for mobile devices and tablets equips providers with education and support resources to assess patients' risk of suicide, communicate effectively with patients and their families, determine appropriate next steps, and make referrals to treatment and community resources.
- Sign up for [SAMHSA e-mail updates](#).

NEW Sandy Hook Advisory Commission Final Report to Gov. Malloy, March 6, 2015

- Promotes “All Hazards Approach” to school safety
- “Safe by Design” should not detract from educating our children
- Importance of situational awareness
- Importance of positive school climate and relationship to school safety
- “Comprehensive School Climate Inventory”
- Recognized individual district/school differences
- Recognized need for constant vigilance and updating
- Need for “local champions”

The full report can be [accessed here](#).

NEW National Child Traumatic Stress Network *Dissemination Watch*

- In order to support the dissemination of NCTSN products, each month they will be sending out a *Dissemination Watch* that will highlight a network product or resource that’s available to you on www.NCTSN.org.
- Their inaugural *Dissemination Watch* highlights the updated [NCTSN Resource List by Title](#).
- This document traditionally has been one of the most downloaded resources from the NCTSN website.
- Stay tuned for further announcements about network products and resources available to you!

NEW Drunk Driving Prevention

- **NoDUIColorado.org** - This [website](#) is an on-going effort of the Persistent Drunk Driver Committee, which reports to the Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving.
- It is the state's comprehensive resource regarding impaired driving. Since it launched in 2011, it's mainly served as a resource for those who have gotten a DUI/DWAI. We're now working to increase awareness of this site as a prevention resource.
- For more information, please contact Andy Cohen, Senior Account Manager o: 303.796.8888 or acohen@webstrategic.com

NEW Adolescent Development and Policing

- The [International Association of Chiefs of Police](#) (IACP) recently released a new resource for law enforcement that focuses on adolescents, ages 15-19, and interactions with law enforcement.

- The brief, developed with support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, US Department of Justice, addresses key differences between the development of the adolescent and adult brain and how this presents key challenges for law enforcement.
- The brief includes information on:
 - Characteristics of youth thinking and behavior
 - How to foster positive youth development and reduce the negative effects of risk factors
 - Ten strategies to improve law enforcement interactions with youth
 - Legal considerations when interviewing and interrogating juveniles
 - Law enforcement agencies with successful youth programs that address problem behavior early on
 - Youth focused resources for law enforcement
- Download the [brief](#) or contact IACP for more information.

NEW Resources for Hazing Prevention on College Campuses

- [StopHazing](#), an organization dedicated to research about hazing and its prevention, collects data on hazing and is developing an evidence-base for hazing prevention.
- It offers a range of options for institutions to collaborate, build capacity, and create momentum around hazing prevention.
- Upcoming opportunities include: joining the [Hazing Prevention Consortium](#) or receiving [customized hazing research and prevention consultation](#) to support hazing prevention initiatives on your campus.
- For more information, click [here](#).

Safe2Tell PSA Videos

- **ELEMENTARY Safe2Tell VIDEO**
 - Four-minute PSA video provides a lesson on helping a friend
 - The [Safe2Tell](#) Elementary Student Toolkit video is a FREE, online four-minute PSA which gives an overview lesson on "What is Safe2Tell", the importance of reporting concerns to adults and/or Safe2Tell, and encourages students to be part of a proactive solution to safety in their school. The video and content was designed to be appropriate for elementary school age audiences.
 - Click here to view the video on [YouTube](#) or here for [Vimeo](#).
 - To supplement the video, they also now offer FREE items designed to further the discussion among students and parents on keeping schools safe. Available for download from their [website](#).
- **MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL Safe2Tell VIDEO**
 - The Safe2Tell Middle and High School Student Toolkit video provides a quick, four-minute engaging way to educate Middle and High School students on the importance of the bystander role and reporting concerns.
 - The video gives an overview on how to report to Safe2Tell, the importance of reporting concerns to adults and/or Safe2Tell, and encourages students to be part of a proactive solution to safety in their school. This video content is appropriate for secondary students, parents and adults.
 - Click here to view the video on [YouTube](#) or here for [Vimeo](#).
 - Classroom materials to accompany the PSAs are also available on the [website](#).

National Human Trafficking Resource Center's Student Toolkit

- The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) ***Student Toolkit*** is designed to provide students with resources to identify and raise awareness of human trafficking in their community.
- Students play an active role in educating others about human trafficking, promoting the NHTRC hotline, and preparing the campus community to take a stand against human trafficking.
- To access this resource, click

The Campus Men's Action Network (CMAN)

- We are all aware of the importance of the issue of sexual assault on campuses. Recent research shows that bystander intervention, particularly on the part of men, can help decrease sexual violence on college campuses. However, one of the challenges has been to engage men. That's where the [Campus Men's Action Network](#) comes in.
- The Campus Men's Action Network, developed by [Jana's Campaign](#), provides a framework to help men on college campuses learn how to network, mobilize, and develop coalitions on campus. These coalitions allow men to create environments that foster respect for women, work to end sexual violence, and end the concept of male domination and gender inequality.
- The Campus Men's Action Network provides "a practical model that includes example mission statements, core principles, and programming ideas to help men get started." The Campus Men's Action Network framework can also be easily adapted for use in high schools, workplaces, and larger community settings.
- Learn more about the [Campus Men's Action Network](#)

Protection Resources

NEW EOP Assist

- The U.S. Department of Education announces with great excitement the release of [EOP ASSIST](#), the REMS TA Center's free, web-accessible emergency operations planning software!
- Administrators and emergency management personnel can use [EOP ASSIST](#) to create, revise, manage, and review school emergency operations plans (EOPs).
- This user-friendly application walks users through the six step planning process for creating a customized school EOP, as recommended in the [Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans](#).

Stories from the Field

NEW Boulder Friends' Second Graders Earn Spot in White House Film Festival

- Students talk about making a difference in the world – *We Starts with Me*
- Link [here](#) to the story at The Denver Channel.
- See the short film [here](#).
- Congratulations to Mrs. Bramble's class and producer Rachel Lederman!

NEW St. Vrain Schools' Team Wins Robotics Competition

- Last week in Utah, the team of 48 students won the FIRST (For inspiration and recognition of science and technology) robotics competition (also known as the Utah regionals) for the first time in the team's 11-year history.
- The win means the team - made up of kids from Niwot, Silver Creek, Longmont, Frederick and Lyons high schools, as well as one student each from Altona and Flagstaff middle schools - advanced to compete in the FIRST Championship world competition in St. Louis April 22-25.
- [Go here](#) to read the article in the Longmont Times Call.
- Good Luck Up-A-Creek robotics team!

NEW Aurora Strong: A Colorado Community's Experience with the SAMHSA Emergency Response Grant

- In this article, authors describe the work done under a SAMHSA Emergency Response Grant (SERG) to support Colorado communities in recovery after the 2012 Aurora theater shooting.

- They identify other tragedies in Colorado around the time of the shooting, recount the work they did under the SERG, and explain how a medical model of trauma helped Coloradans cope more effectively with their responses to recent disasters.
- Read the article [here](#).

NEW Colorado Director of Campus Security Finalist for Campus Safety Director of the Year

- Congratulations to **Colorado College Director of Campus Security, Roy Garcia**, on being named one of this year's Campus Safety Directors of the Year finalists.
- Through the College Resource Officer (CRO) program, he implemented more than 10 new community policing programs, including bike safety awareness and student peer-to-peer neighborhood patrol.
- Last year the number of residential burglaries decreased by 90% and bike thefts by 80%.
- Adopted a blended model approach to campus safety where unarmed campus safety patrol officers partner with armed police officers, student patrols and safe ride employees.
- See the article in the [Campus Safety Magazine](#).

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