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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

School Emergency Management Grant from the U.S. Department of Education

The Colorado Department of Education will shortly send out an RFP soliciting applications from governmental agencies to establish regional training networks and provide coordination of EOP trainings. This RFP will be emailed directly to district superintendents, school safety directors, BOCES directors, the Charter School Institute and the Archdiocese of Denver. The Colorado School Safety Resource Center staff will serve as subject matter experts to deliver the regional trainings. Please watch for this announcement.

BASIC Prep: Businesses Assisting Schools in Communities Prepare

The Colorado School Safety Resource Center still has a few openings for schools and businesses to participate in the pilot project. This initiative will partner a business with a school in need of expertise and resources to assist with your school emergency planning. CSSRC staff will facilitate the work and schools are urged to apply using the simple application linked here. Please call Brad Stiles if you have any questions: 303.239.4321.

On behalf of the entire staff of the Center, I want to wish you all a safe, happy and healthy holiday season, Chris

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEW Facing History and Ourselves Upcoming Parent Engagement Event Special Screening of Matt Shepard is a Friend of Mine
 - December 9, 2014 6:30pm-8:30pm, South High School, 1700 E. Louisiana Avenue, Denver
 - Hosted by Facing History and Ourselves with support from The Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado.
 - This is a special screening of the award-winning film *Matt Shepard is a Friend of Mine*, a documentary about Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old gay man who was murdered in Laramie, Wyoming in 1998. His murder made headlines around the world and set the stage for historic anti-hate crime legislation.

- Following the screening, there will be conversations with a panel including filmmaker Michele Josue about the role that we all, especially parents, can play in shaping inclusive schools and communities.
- This event is free and open to the community but you must RSVP.
- To attend this event, register online at <u>facinghistory.org/denverevents</u> or call 303-316-4848 x221.

❖ 2013 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey Corrected Results Now Available

- The 2013 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey collected self-reported health information from Colorado middle and high school students. The HKCS was administered in the Fall of 2013 to approximately 40,000 randomlyselected students from over 200 middle and high schools. The survey is administered to students in oddnumbered years with the next full administration in Fall 2015.
- HKCS is supported by <u>Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)</u>, <u>Colorado Department of Education (CDE)</u> and <u>Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)</u>.
- The primary use of the data is to identify health priorities in order to better implement school- and community-based strategies to improve and maintain the health of youth.
- Click here for the HCKS data and Executive Summary.
- Contact Michele Kimminau, UCD Health Kids Colorado Survey Project Manager at 303-724-3538 or Michele.kimminau@ucdenver.edu with questions.

❖ National Drug Facts Week

- January 26 February 1, 2015
- Presented by the <u>National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)</u>
- First launched in 2010, National Drug Facts week encourages events that allow teens to ask questions about drug use and addiction substances and have them answered by addiction scientists or health experts. Events can be sponsored by a number of organizations, including schools, community groups, sports clubs and hospitals.
- National Drug Facts Week hopes to dispel myths about drugs that teens often hear on TV, in movies, music, on the Internet or from friends. Topics for discussion can include not only what science tells us about marijuana – that use by teens can negatively impact brain development and impair school and athletic performance – but about what science tells us about use of prescription drugs, tobacco and alcohol.
- <u>Plan</u> and <u>register</u> your event

UPDATE Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

- Submissions due February 20, 2015
- Applicants must be in fifth grade.
- Artwork should reflect the theme "Bring Our Missing Children Home." This phrase must appear somewhere on the poster. The theme may be depicted in the student's artwork through one or a combination of illustrations (e.g., signs and symbols, people, abstract, industry, wildlife).
- For more information, contact Maria Lunn, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Phone: 303-239-4211, Email: Maria.Lunn@state.co.us
- Flyer
- Letter to Principals with More Information

❖ NEW Save the Date – Colorado Education Initiative 7th Annual Summit and Luncheon

- 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 Success: 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@coloradoedinitiative.org

❖ Youth Engaged for School Safety (YES²)

- The CRRSC's youth advisory council, YES², is pleased to announce its social media campaign on Twitter.
- Please follow us <u>@YES2 Colorado</u> and encourage your youth to do the same. The council will use this tool to reach out to other students and spread awareness on a number of school safety topics.
- YES² launched the Twitter account in October with active school safety messaging, in recognition of Colorado's Safe Schools Month.

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

UPDATED Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)

- February 17, 2015, 8:00am-5:00pm, Colorado State Patrol Academy, 15055 S. Golden Rd, Golden, CO
- Thursday, April 23, 2015, 8:00am-5:00pm, Colorado State Patrol Academy, 15055 S. Golden Rd, Golden, CO
- The <u>Colorado School Safety Resource Center</u>, in partnership with <u>Mental Health First Aid Colorado</u>, now offers Youth Mental Health First Aid as part of its 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.
- Click here to register for the February 17 event
- If you are having trouble registering, please contact the CSSRC at (303) 239-4435.

CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

- To view all online courses, click on the link below.
 - Link to CSSRC online course offerings
 - Larry Borland's School Safety and the Five Preparedness Missions from October 22, 2014
 - Lynn Riemer's New Trends in Youth Substance Abuse: Marijuana 2014 from October 23, 2014
 - <u>School Safety Planning</u> webinar presentation recorded October 1, 2014 by Anna Gisetti for HUB International Insurance Services. This webinar outlines the services that CSSRC can provide to help charter schools improve their safety and **provides an overview of emergency planning for any schools.**
 - Click here to see Livestreams of all previous keynote addresses

WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES

- **❖ NEW Safe Routes to School as a Tool to Address Chronic Absenteeism**
 - December 15, 2014 12:30pm-2:00pm MST
 - Presented by The Safe Routes to School National Partnership in partnership with Attendance Works.

- This free webinar will explore how transportation can be a barrier to school attendance and highlight <u>Safe</u> Routes to School as a resource to help communities address chronic absenteeism.
- Panelists will share community-based solutions, best practices, and opportunities to partner with organizations and groups that can be allies to ensuring students have access to safe and reliable transportation to school.
- Click here to register

❖ Webinar Archive: Threat Assessment Strategies for Schools and Higher Education

- Presented by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Online University.
- Recent nationwide school tragedies have highlighted the importance of threat assessment and school safety planning.
- This webinar presents an overview of the threat assessment and management process, discusses policies and procedures related to the investigation of threats, and provides resources for facilitation of threat prevention and intervention.
- The Q&A will be added to the archive in the next few weeks so remember to check back frequently.
- Click here to access the free webinar archive

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

❖ NEW LifeSkillsTraining Online Elementary Workshop

- December 2nd and 8th, 2014, 2:00pm MST
- Provided by Botvin Lifeskills Training.
- The LifeSkills Training Elementary program is designed to help students in grades 3 6 increase self-esteem, develop healthy attitudes, and improve their knowledge of essential life skills. This workshop will provide the tools needed to implement the LifeSkills Training Elementary Program.
- The cost of this workshop is \$235 per person.
- Click here to register

NEW Positive School Discipline and Alternatives to Suspension

- December 4, 2014 8:30am-4:00pm, Nikola Tesla Education Center, 2560 International Circle, Colorado Springs
- January 22, 2015 8:30am-4:00pm, Lowry Conference Center, 1061 Akron Way, Denver
- Provided by the Colorado Department of Education.
- School discipline, specifically suspension, can cause students to miss school, which has a significant impact on learning and achievement.
- This training supports participants in understanding key federal and state legislative factors related to school discipline, increasing skills utilizing a problem-solving approach, and discussing alternative strategies to keep students engaged and connected to school.
- There is no cost to participants.
- More information
- <u>Click here to register for Colorado Springs</u>
- <u>Click here to register for Denver</u>

❖ NEW Colorado Physical Education Cadre Workshops Series

- Integrating Physical Activity in the Schools December 4, 2014 8:00am-3:30pm, Colorado Springs, CO
- Using Technology in P.E. December 5, 2014 8:00am-3:30pm, Steamboat Springs, CO
- Teaching with the Brain in Mind: On the Road Again December 8, 2014 8:00am-3:30pm, Lakewood, CO
- Provided by the <u>Colorado Department of Education</u>.

- The Colorado Physical Education Cadre provides state of the art, standards-based in-service training for P-12 physical educators. All workshops are based on Colorado standards and best practices, and tailored to meet the unique needs of each audience.
- There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided.
- More information and registration

NEW Final Restraint Training on CDE Restraint Rules

- December 9, 2014, 9:00am-12:00pm, Mile High United Way, 711 Park Avenue, Denver, CO
- January 27, 2015, 9:00am-12:00pm, Pikes Peak BOCES, 2883 S. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO
- February 3, 2015, 9:00am-12:00pm, Pueblo City Schools Admin Building, 315 W. 11st St, Pueblo, CO
- Provided by the <u>Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People</u> in collaboration with the <u>Colorado Department of Education</u>.
- This training will focus on the CDE "Rules for the Administration of The Protection of Persons from Restraint
 <u>Act"</u> with regard to the legal requirements of school districts under these rules. Special education directors,
 principals, assistant principals and CPI trainers are encouraged to attend.
- There is no cost for this training but space is limited.
- To register, please RSVP to Jenn Purrington at jpurrington@thelegalcenter.org

SRO (School Resource Officer) Mandated Training

- December 15-16, 2014, West Central Training Region, Mesa Co. Sheriff's Office, 215 Rice St, Grand Junction
- Provided by the Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training Board
- To assist with the unfunded SRO mandated training, the Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training Portal (POST) is providing training for the Basic SRO and Single Officer Response to an Active Shooter courses.
- This training is provided free of charge, but space is limited to 20 students each.
- To register for these courses, log into the <u>POST portal</u>. If you do not have an account or have forgotten your password, contact Lori Jencks at lori.jencks@state.co.us.
- All SRO training must be completed by December 31, 2014.
- Click here for the POST training schedule.

2015 Winter Colorado Wildland Fire and Incident Management Academy

- January 10-16, 2015, University of Colorado, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Colorado Springs, CO
- Hosted by the Colorado Wildland Fire and Incident Management Academy.
- Various classes will be offered including NIMS All Hazards classes, Skill Specific Courses, and NWCG courses.
- Some classes are eligible for reimbursement through the UASI grant.
- The cost of this training is \$69 per day.
- Click here to register online

Brain Injury Summit: A Meeting of the Minds

- January 11-14, 2015, Vail Cascade, 1300 Westhaven Drive, Vail, CO
- Hosted by the <u>Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado</u> and <u>Craig Hospital</u>.
- This three-day conference will include presentations from brain injury experts from a variety of disciplines.
- The four main goals of the summit are to examine clinical best practices, interpret current research findings, describe the impact of traumatic brain injury, and enhance communication within the network of traumatic brain injury service providers.
- <u>Click here to register</u> and for <u>more information</u>

❖ NEW - Providers for Youth Partnership (PYP) - Youth Panel - Save the Date

- January 23, 2015, Auraria Campus, Tivoli Building, Metropolitan State University, Denver
- Save the Date for the next PYP event. We will host a youth panel that includes kids who have been involved with DYC, mental health services, probation and gender transition and will hear what services have worked for them and what is lacking.
- To RSVP, contact Deb Martin at Martind@msudenver.edu.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST)

- Next workshop is February 5-6, 2015, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, 9250 Zotos Drive, Highlands Ranch
- 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 <u>more information</u>
- 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.

❖ NEW SAVE THE DATE: 26th Colorado Child and Adolescent Mental Health Conference

- 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.
- Watch for the registration packet in early January, 2015.
- More information

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

2015 National Mentoring Summit

- January 28-30, 2015, Washington D.C.
- Presented by MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership.
- Registration is now open for the <u>2015 National Mentoring Summit</u>. The theme for 2015 will be "Expanding the Mentoring Effect."
- Workshop sessions will focus on how mentoring can support youth in reaching positive outcomes.
- This event is intended for mentoring practitioners, researchers, corporate partners, government and civic leaders, youth-serving organizations, and MENTOR's network of affiliate Mentoring Partnerships.
- View workshop offerings
- Click here to register

NEW 2015 CADCA's National Leadership Forum & SAMHSA's 11th Prevention Day

- February 2-5, 2015, Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center, National Harbor, MD
- Presented by the <u>Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America</u>.
- This conference is for community-based substance abuse prevention professionals, coalition leaders and prevention and addiction researchers.

- The forum is a four-day event packed with opportunities to learn the latest strategies to fight substance abuse and hear from nationally-known prevention experts, federal administrators and concerned policymakers.
- Early bird registration is until December 19, 2014-cost is \$585 for members and \$795 for non-members.
- Conference details and information
- Click here to register online

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

♦ NEW Measure 2A – Out-of-School-Time (OST) Program Funds

- Deadline for RFP submission December 8, 2014 3:00pm MST.
- Provided by the Denver Office of Children's Affairs.
- Maximum amount of funds available is up to \$160,000. Grant requests should not exceed \$15,000.
- Funds must be used to enhance or expand direct program services for school-age (K-12) children and youth during non-school hours in specific neighborhoods.
- Click here for more information
- Download the Request for Proposals

Drug-Free Community Support Program Grant - Coming January 2015

- Expected release in January 2015.
- Provided by the <u>Office of National Drug Control Policy</u>.
- The Drug-Free Communities Support Program grants, which total \$84 million, provides local communities funding to prevent youth substance use and supports the Administration's Drug Control Strategy, which treats our Nation's drug problem through a balanced public health and safety approach.
- Click here for grant announcement

NEW Solicitation for Coordinated Tribal Assistance Programs (CTAS)

- Applications due February 24, 2015 7:00pm MST.
- Provided by the <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u> and the <u>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</u> (OJJDP).
- The funding can be used to enhance law enforcement, bolster adult and juvenile justice systems, prevent and control juvenile delinquency, serve sexual assault, domestic violence and elder victims, and support other efforts to combat crime.
- Click to view the CTAS solicitation

RESOURCES and INFORMATION

Prevention Resources

❖ Bullying of Students with Disabilities Addressed in Guidance to America's Schools

- Provided by the <u>U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR)</u>.
- This guidance was issued to educators detailing public schools' responsibilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Title II of Americans with Disabilities Act regarding the bullying of students with disabilities. If a student with a disability is being bullied, federal law requires schools to take immediate and

- appropriate action to investigate the issue and, as necessary, take steps to stop the bullying and prevent it from recurring.
- Help is available for those who are either targets of disability bullying or know of someone who might be.
- A <u>fact sheet for parents</u> on schools' obligations under federal law to address bullying. The fact sheet is also available in Spanish.
- Visit the federal Web site, <u>www.stopbullying.gov</u>, which provides useful information on bullying prevention and remedies.
- To learn more about federal civil rights laws or how to file a complaint, contact OCR at 800-421-3481 (TDD: 800-877-8339), or <u>ocr@ed.gov</u>. OCR's Web site is <u>www.ed.gov/ocr</u>. To fill out a complaint form online, go to http://www.ed.gov/ocr/complaintintro.html.
- To view OCR's guidance detailing public schools' responsibilities regarding the bullying of students with disabilities in Spanish, click here

Crossing with Confidence: Managing Risk when Creating Crossing Guard Programs

- Provided by the <u>CA4Health</u>, in collaboration with <u>ChangeLab Solutions</u>.
- As the <u>Safe Routes to School</u> movement continues to gain momentum across the county, it is clear that in many communities, not all children can easily and safely walk or bicycle to school.
- This comprehensive fact sheet discusses the legal implications of establishing a crossing guard program and identifies concrete steps public entities including school districts can take to minimize their exposure to liability.
- Access the Fact Sheet

Implementation of Changes to the Clery Act by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA)

- Provided by the <u>U.S. Department of Education</u>.
- On March 7th, 2013, President Obama signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA) (Pub. Law 113-4), which, among other provisions, amended section 485(f) of the HEA, otherwise known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act).
- This document is intended to update, clarify, and improve the current regulations. These regulations are effective July 1, 2015.
- Click here for the Regulation document

UPDATED Preparing for Health Emergencies

- Provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
- These resources offer guidance for the care and prevention of various communicable diseases.
- CDPHE Summary of Guidance for Schools and Child Care Settings regarding Ebola
- CDPHE Controlling the Spread of Enterovirus D68 in School Settings
- CDPHE Pertussis Information for Schools and Child Care (Whooping Cough)
- CDPHE Infectious Disease Guidelines for Schools and Child Care Settings
- Campus Safety Magazine, How to Plan for Campus Health Emergencies
- First responders and dispatchers can use this CDC link for Ebola guidance and talking points.

Mitigation Resources

Safe2Tell Education Toolkits

- Provided by the Colorado Attorney General's Office.
- These toolkits provide Colorado students with age-appropriate resources to report school safety concerns and showcase how Safe2Tell can help.

- Designed specifically for adoption by elementary schools and middle/high schools, the two toolkits provide educational resources that help students anonymously report any threatening behavior that endangers them, their friends, family or community.
- Read the Press Release
- Download the toolkit

Sex Trafficking of Minors: What Schools Need to Know to Recognize and Respond to the Trafficking of Students

- Provided by the <u>National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)</u>
- This brief provides educators with an overview of the issue of sex trafficking of minors and suggests specific steps that schools can take to respond to signs of trafficking among its students.
- It also offers suggestions for how State Coordinators for Homeless Education and local homeless education liaisons can help guide their states' and school districts' efforts to address trafficking within schools.
- Download the Guide

Response & Recovery Resources

CDE Exceptional Student Services-Brain Injury: Level 2 Brain Injury Training Video Modules

- Provided by the <u>Colorado Department of Education</u>.
- This four-part video training module focuses on eligibility and school-based interdisciplinary assessment and intervention. The modules will cover such topics as understanding brain injury, typical impacts, special education criteria and assessment and interventions.
- Access the training module

NEW Remembering and Responding to Community Tragedy

- Provided by the <u>Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network</u>.
- In just a few short weeks, the anniversary of the tragedy at Arapahoe High School will be upon us. As the
 anniversary of December 13, 2013 approaches, Laurie Elliott, Child and Family Services Division Director,
 offers some advice on what behaviors to be aware of and ways you can be supportive when someone is
 struggling.
- Read the full article
- Link to useful resources and tips

SAMHSA's Concept of Trauma and Guidance for a Trauma-Informed Approach

- Provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- This free guide introduces a concept of trauma and offers a framework for how an organization, system, service sector can become trauma-informed.
- It includes a definition of trauma (the three "E's"), a definition of a trauma-informed approach (the four "R's"), 6 key principles, and 10 implementation domains.
- Order the Guide

❖ Sexual Violence and Comprehensive Sexual Health Education: An Analysis of Colorado PREP Curricula – A Trauma Informed Approach

- Provided by the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA).
- This resource contains helpful information on a trauma-informed approach to working with youth.

- Content is focused on teaching youth healthy relationship skills, bodily integrity, and setting/respecting boundaries. It also includes ideas for ensuring that health classes are safe spaces for youth who have experienced child sexual abuse.
- Download the report

NEW Highlighted School Safety Story

Loveland's Hidden Hearts: District Crossing Guards

- Article courtesy of the <u>Loveland Reporter-Herald</u>.
- This article highlights the Thompson School District crossing guards as they help their school district manage
 the Safe Routes to School program. Families who walk or bike to school frequently comment that crossing
 guards are the primary reason they feel safe. Find out more about the types of dangerous behaviors that
 crossing guards observe and what parents can do to help keep kids safe
- Read the article
- The <u>Colorado School Safety Resource Center</u> would love to hear your school safety stories. Call or email CSSRC at 303-239-4435 or CDPS School_Safety_Center@state.co.us.

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- Featuring daily updates on new research, resources, upcoming trainings, and Center activities.



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THE CSSRC IS AVAILABLE to any pre-K through higher education school to assist in your school safety planning. Our mission is to provide *no-cost consultation, resources, training and technical assistance* that can help you create a safe, positive, and successful school. We can customize a variety of trainings for your school safety and crisis planning teams or your school staff as you plan and train this school year. We invite you to continue monitoring our website (www.Colorado.gov/SchoolSafetyResourceCenter or www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. Call us at: 303-239-4435.



Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!

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