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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

The School Safety Resource Center was proud to present our 2013 Legislative Report to the Colorado Joint Education Committee in January. Highlights from that report with increases in all areas include:

- **Expanded Electronic Capabilities**
 - ListServ members increased from 5,345 to 7,628
 - LiveStreaming of Keynotes Initiated in 2013 – 1,261 views
 - Online Courses Increased from 2 to 5
- **Training Milestones:**
 - 17 Topic-Center Regional Trainings:
 - Adult Sexual Misconduct
 - Positive School Climate
 - Proactive Discipline Alternatives
 - Threat Assessment
 - Youth Substance Abuse Prevention
 - Youth Suicide Prevention Intervention
 - **52 School Site Workshops for a total of 69 trainings (52 in 2012)**
 - Participants trained increased from 2,945 to 3,368 in 2013
 - A total of 14,349 participants have been trained since Center opened in December 2008
- **Contacts** increased from 945 to 1,130
- **Resources distributed** increased from 25,000 to 47,199

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Center as we move into our sixth year of service. For more details on our **2013 Legislative Report**, please go to the [homepage of our website](#) and download the entire report.

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are sad to report that Bridget O'Dell, our Administrative Assistant, has accepted a promotion and is moving to the Colorado State Patrol to be their Program Assistant. You are all aware of Bridget's efficiency and pleasant nature. She will be very much missed at the Center but not too far away within the Department. We wish her the best and thank her for her contributions to the Center. Her last day with us will be on February 14th.

Therefore, you will find a posting below to fill the position. PLEASE NOTE: The position will only be posted for five days. The electronic system will accept applications during the five-day period and additional documents can be uploaded after the five-day window. Please share the announcement with appropriate folks who would like to join our awesome team. Thank you!

❖ **NEW School Safety Resource Center Open Position**

- The Program Assistant II provides program assistance to the Colorado School Safety Resource Center.
- This announcement is open until Friday, February 7th or until 50 applications are received.
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

❖ **NEW Education Bill Tracker**

- The tracker lists all education-related bills with information on sponsors, bill content and current status.
- [Click here to access the Education Bill Tracker...](#)

❖ **NEW Open Position at Arapahoe High School**

- Three mental health positions are available.
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

❖ **NEW Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center Launch of New Website**

- Sponsored by the [US Department of Education's Office of Safe and Healthy Students](#)
- The website contains the latest information and resources for developing, maintaining, and enhancing high-quality emergency operations plans (EOPs) for schools and institutions of higher education (IHEs). It offers new accessibility to the recently released Federal guidance on EOP development, including the recommended six step planning process and key topics that support EOP development, such as information sharing, school climate, active shooter situations, and psychological first aid.
- [Click here to access the redesigned website...](#)

❖ **NEW Colorado Coalition for School Integrated Pest Management**

- Sponsored by [Colorado State University](#)
- The Colorado Coalition for School IPM is working with school districts across Colorado to implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in schools and on grounds. IPM is an effective, environmentally sensitive, and commonsense approach to pest management. IPM programs use a combination of pest management options. Implementing IPM in schools has several benefits: (1) Controlling pest problems in schools decreases asthma triggers, caused by pests such as cockroaches and mice; (2) IPM leads to reduced pesticide use; limiting children's contact with pesticides may protect them from chronic health issues correlated with these chemicals; and (3) savings from reduced pesticide applications can be used in other ways to improve the school environment.
- To learn more, visit our website <http://coloradoipmcenter.agsci.colostate.edu/> or our blog <http://ccsipm.wordpress.com/>. If you would like our team to work with your school district to begin an IPM program, contact Deborah Young at Colorado State University at deborah.young@colostate.edu or (970) 491-1377.

❖ **NEW National School Climate Center (NSCC) Summer Institute Call for Program Proposals**

- **Applications must be received by February 17, 2014**
- The theme for the 17th annual conference will be "School Climate Reform and the Common Core."
- NSCC is inviting top scholars, teachers, administrators, counselors and other school personnel, parents, students and community members to submit proposals to present at the upcoming Institute.

- [Click here for more information on the call for program proposals...](#)
- ❖ **NEW Call for Applications to FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council**
 - **Applications must be received by February 24, 2014, by 9:59pm MST**
 - The [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) is looking for youth leaders (ages 12 to 17) who are dedicated to public service, who are making a difference in their communities and who want to expand their impact as national advocates for youth disaster preparedness.
 - [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)
- ❖ **UPDATED You Can Play, Colorado! Video Contest**
 - The [Colorado High School Activities Association \(CHSAA\)](#) and the [You Can Play Project](#) are teaming up to present voices from all over Colorado as they talk about teamwork, respect and inclusion.
 - Teams, clubs, student organizations and entire schools are invited to submit videos talking about their teams, towns and why they welcome everyone based on heart, talent and skill without excluding students because of their race, religions, sexual orientation or gender identity, or other factors.
 - **Video submissions are due by March 1, 2014, at 11:59pm.**
 - This initiative is supported by a number of statewide organizations including the Colorado School Safety Resource Center.
 - [Click here to view a video featuring the Colorado Avalanche and captain Gabriel Landeskog and student athletes from Regis Jesuit and Mountain Vista...](#)
 - [Click here for more information about the video contest...](#)
- ❖ **A Tribute to Moral Courage: Standing Up Against Injustice Essay Contest**
 - Presented by the [Mountain States Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League](#)
 - Using the Holocaust as a backdrop, middle and high school students are encouraged to recognize those individuals throughout history who took a strong stand on a specific issue based on their personal beliefs or convictions, regardless of the danger or threat to their personal safety. Not only will students write about how that person's moral courage has an impact on the world, but also and perhaps most importantly, how those actions have influenced their own lives today.
 - Writers must be Colorado and Wyoming students in grades 7-12.
 - **The deadline to submit essays is March 14, 2014.**
 - [Click here for full essay contest details...](#)

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

- ❖ **Positive School Climate Parent Information Night**
 - **Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 6:30pm – 7:30pm—Bill Reed Middle School auditorium, 370 West 4th Street, Loveland**
 - **Thursday, February 13, 2014, 6:30pm – 7:30pm—Liberty High School auditorium, 8720 Scarborough Drive, Colorado Springs**
 - Sponsored by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center with a generous grant from the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado
 - You are invited to a presentation answering the following questions and more:
 - What does it mean to have a positive school climate?
 - Why should school culture matter to parents?
 - What does the legislation and research say about it?
 - What does a positive school culture look like?
 - How can parents help create a positive climate in schools?
 - [Click here for information on the LOVELAND parent information night...](#)

- [Click here for information on the COLORADO SPRINGS parent information night...](#)

❖ **Positive School Climate: Bullying Prevention Institute**

- **Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 8:00 – 3:30—Embassy Suites, Loveland**
- **Thursday, February 13, 2014, 8:00 – 3:30—DoubleTree Hotel, Colorado Springs**
- Sponsored by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center, Colorado Legacy Foundation and the Colorado Department of Education with support from the Anti-Defamation League, One Colorado, Facing History and Ourselves and a generous grant from the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado
- **Featuring Special Guest Speaker:** Dorothy Espelage, Ph.D., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- [Watch a Livestream](#) of Dr. Espelage's keynote address in Loveland, February 12, 2014, 8:30 – 10:15.
- **Designed for:** administrators, teachers, PBIS teams, school safety teams, school mental health professionals and school safety teams including SRO's
- **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. Join by setting up a learner account and then registering for the symposium location and date using course ID number: 1045326. 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.
- [Positive School Climate: Bullying Prevention Institute Loveland/Colorado Springs training flyer...](#)

❖ **Threat Assessment in Schools: Latest Updates**

- **Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 8:00 – 3:30— DoubleTree Hotel, Colorado Springs**
- Sponsored by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center
- **Featuring Special Guest Speaker:** John Nicoletti, Ph.D. "Analyzing School Attacks to Minimize Vulnerabilities"
- **Agenda topics include:** threat assessment in your school or district panel discussion and a school shooter briefing by Special Agent Jonathan Grusing.
- **Designed for:** It is suggested that you attend with your entire threat assessment team: administrators, school mental health professionals and law enforcement personnel so that you can discuss policies and procedures together.
- **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. Join by setting up a learner account and then registering for the symposium location and date using course ID number: [1041995](#). 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.
- [Threat Assessment in Schools: Latest Updates flyer](#)

❖ **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. 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](#)

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:
 - Russell Copelan, MD, “Youth Nonideation Suicidality” from the Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium on October 22, 2013
 - 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
- [Click here to see Livestreams of all previous keynote addresses...](#)

WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES

❖ Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Online Academy

- **March 3 – April 25, 2014;** Data-Based Problem Solving and Consultation
- **March 3 – May 9, 2014;** Assessment in a Multi-Tiered System of Supports
- **March 10 – May 9, 2014;** Progress Monitoring for Behavior within a Multi-Tiered System of Supports
- **March 16 – May 9, 2014;** Improving Literacy Outcomes for Grades K-3
- **March 16 – May 9, 2014;** Improving Literacy Outcomes for Grades 4-12
- Offered by the [Colorado Department of Education](#)
- This series of online courses will allow participants to explore strategies used to support improved student outcomes within a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). Participants will be asked to apply this learning within their roles. Instructors are experienced educators with expertise in their content areas.
- All courses are online and use the Blackboard learning environment; there are no costs to enroll. Course duration varies from 6-9 weeks. For each course, participants may earn CDE Continuing Education Units (CEUs), documenting clock hours of participation that can be used for recertification; for an additional fee, participants may also choose to register for Adams State University credit (1.0/course).
- [Click here for the informational flyer...](#)

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

❖ **NEW Trainings/Resources provided by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health**

- Training dates and locations vary

- [Click here for more information...](#)

❖ **NEW Longmont Community Justice Partnership Training Calendar**

- **Training dates, locations and costs vary**
- In an effort to support the training needs of RJ volunteers and staff, the training program is designed to pool the diverse talents and resources of the many RJ programs and practitioners.
- [Click here for the 2014 Calendar of Events...](#)

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

- **DENVER—**
 - **February 6, 2014, 6:00pm – 9:00pm; February 8, 2014, 8:00am – 5:30pm; AND February 15, 2014, 8:00am – 5:30pm; class exercise to be held in March 2014; you must attend all class sessions**
 - All classes will be held at University of Denver
 - Sponsored by: Denver's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS); University of Denver; Denver Fire Department; Denver Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Colorado North Central Region
 - This emergency/disaster preparedness and response training (FEMA course G317) will include how to plan for an emergency, and teach basic response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and emergency/disaster medical operations.
 - The training is provided at NO COST to participants.
 - [Click here for more information and to register...](#)
 - **March 6, 2014, 6:00pm – 9:00pm; March 8, 2014, 8:00am – 5:30pm; AND March 15, 2014, 8:00am – 5:30pm; class exercise on March 22, 2014, 10:00am – 2:00pm; you must attend all class sessions**
 - All classes will be held at Denver Police District #1, 1311 W. 46th Avenue, Denver, CO and the class exercise will be held at the Pepsi Center
 - Sponsored by: Denver's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS); Denver Police District #1; Denver Fire Department; The Pepsi Center, Denver Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Colorado North Central Region
 - This emergency/disaster preparedness and response training (FEMA course IS317) will include how to plan for an emergency, and teach basic response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and emergency/disaster medical operations.
 - The training is provided at NO COST to participants.
 - [Click here for more information and to register...](#)
- **LITTLETON—**
 - **March 1, 2014, 8:00am – 4:00pm, March 8, 2014, 8:00am – 4:00pm, March 22, 2014, 8:00am – 4:00pm, March 29, 2014, 8:00am – 4:00pm; you must attend all class sessions**
 - All classes will be held at 2255 W. Berry Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120
 - This course will give you the knowledge and ability to react responsibly, intelligently and immediately to a threat that could leave our community totally disabled in the event of a disaster.
 - CERT training includes disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue operations.
 - The training is provided at NO COST to participants.
 - Contact Mickey Kempt (303.734.8224 or mickey@bradfordauto.com) or Toni Arnoldy (303.762.2490 or tarnoldy@englewoodgov.org) for questions and to register.

❖ **Safe Routes to School Winter Rally**

- **February 10, 2014, 8:00am – 10:30am, Downtown Denver**
- To be held during the [2014 Colorado Bicycle Summit](#)

- Learn about opportunities to influence bike and pedestrian policies and projects in Colorado, and leave with some practical steps you can take to educate and influence decision makers as well as your friends and neighbors.
- [Colorado Safe Routes to School](#)
- [Click here to register...](#)

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

- **February 11, 2014, 8:30am – 3:30pm, Greeley**
- **February 13, 2014, 8:30am – 3:30pm, Pueblo**
- **February 14, 2014, 8:30am – 3:30pm, Lamar**
- **February 19, 2014, 8:30am – 3:30pm, Denver Metro**
- **February 25, 2014, 8:30am – 3:30pm, Durango**
- **March 4, 2014, 8:30am – 3:30pm, Grand Junction**
- 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...](#)

❖ **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 Greater Littleton Youth Initiative and Littleton Public Schools and held at the Ames Training Center, 7300 South Clermont Drive, Centennial, CO
 - **February 13-14, 2014, 8:00am – 4:00pm**
 - Free for Community members & helping professionals serving Littleton youth, \$50 for participants outside Littleton
 - Contact Cathy Carr at ccarr@lps.k12.co.us for questions or to register
- 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:
 - **February 24-25, 2014, 8:30am – 4:00pm**
 - **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 for more information

❖ **NEW Restorative Justice Facilitator Training**

- **February 24, 26 & March 3, 2014, noon – 5:00pm; you must attend all three sessions;** First Congregational Church of Manitou Springs, 103 Pawnee, Manitou Springs, CO
- 15 hours of classroom training and 3 hours of independent study including history and background, working with victims, offenders and community members, Colorado law and more! Learn to facilitate victim/offender, family group and community conferences.

- The cost for the training is \$240.
- To register and for more information regarding training contact Lynn Lee (719-640-1650 or lynnglee@aol.com) or Robin Spaulding (719-641-2579 or robin@cascadingconnections.com)

❖ **Colorado Emergency Management Conference**

- **February 25-27, 2014**
- The 2014 conference includes three full days of informative breakout sessions.
- The Colorado School Safety Resource Center staff will be facilitating a presentation entitled, *Community Partnerships: Engaging Your Schools*. Featured presenters will be Stacy Davis, Director of Security from the St. Vrain Valley School District and Randy Councell, Director of Safety & Security from the Cherry Creek School District. Come hear how two school districts have successfully worked with their county emergency managers and first responders. We hope you will join us!
- Conference Scholarships are still available; [click here for more information...](#)
- For more information and to register, please go to <http://cemacolorado.com/conference-2014>

❖ **NEW Bully Prevention and Intervention for Students with Disabilities**

- **February 28, 2014, 9:00am – 4:00pm, DoubleTree Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO**
- **Space is limited—individual registration must be made by February 20, 2014**
- Hosted by the Colorado Department of Education's Exceptional Student Services Unit (ESSU) and Colorado Statewide PBIS Initiative.
- Featuring Scott Ross, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Special Education at Utah State University
- Training content includes: review prevalence and incidence of bullying behaviors in general as well as specific to students with disabilities; basic introduction to data, systems, and practices to address universal bully prevention and intervention; and specific strategies and skills across systems, data, and practices to address students with disabilities that are non-responders to universal bully prevention.
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **NEW safeTALK Suicide Awareness Training**

- **March 6, 2014, 9:00am – noon; Douglas County Sheriff's Office Highlands Ranch Substation, 9250 Zotos Drive, Highlands Ranch**
- Sponsored by [Youth Education & Safety in Schools](#) and [Douglas County Suicide Prevention Alliance](#)
- safeTALK, about three hours in duration, is a training that prepares anyone over the age of 15 to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.
- To register, contact Phyllis Harvey at pharvey@dcsheriff.net or 303.814.7033

❖ **NEW Colorado State Patrol Youth Academy**

- **Applications are due March 7, 2014**
- **Youth Academy runs from June 15 – 21, 2014**
- The focus of the Youth Academy will be on leadership development through team exercises and individual achievement. Cadets will become familiar with the basic elements of the CSP Academy through a demanding daily training schedule.
- The CSP Youth Academy will be mentally and physically demanding, and will challenge all participants. The Academy is limited to forty participants selected throughout the state.
- The Academy is provided at no cost to the participants. The Academy is made possible through partnerships with local community-minded businesses, organizations, and the Colorado State Patrol.
- [Click here for more information and to access the application...](#)

❖ **UPDATED Planned Student Reunification During a Crisis Workshop**

- **March 7, 2014, 12:00-4:00 pm, Jeffco Public Schools, 1829 Denver West Drive #27, Golden, CO 80401**

- When a crisis happens at a school, successful student/parent reunification is an essential component. Yet, many districts, departments and agencies don't have a proven reunification plan. Fewer yet have worked with first responders, in advance, to share that plan.
- Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Jeffco R1, Denver Public Schools and The "I Love U Guys" Foundation are hosting a half day workshop to outline the Standard Reunification Method, a proven strategy to successful reunification.
- **Space is limited. Please email to register:** reunification_workshop@iloveguys.org

❖ **Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference**

- **March 14-15, 2014**
- Hosted by the Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, Denver Preschool Program, Early Childhood Education Association of Colorado, and the Colorado Head Start Association
- CSSRC staff will be presenting a workshop entitled, *Enhancing Your Center's Safety*. This session will outline the first steps to a safe center and the components of an early childhood center's emergency plan. The Center will also provide no-cost resources and give information on no-cost consultation services available to any public or private early childhood center in Colorado.
- For more information, please go to <http://www.econference.com/>

❖ **NEW Blueprints Conference**

- **April 14 - 16, 2014**, Sheraton Downtown Denver, 1550 Court Place, Denver
- 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...](#)

❖ **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/>

❖ **NEW 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.

- Space is limited! To be added to the FPSV contact list for up-to-date event information, please mspiper@regis.edu.
- Portions of this year's event will be available to an online audience. For more information visit us at www.fpsv.org.

❖ **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...](#)

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ **Lowe's Toolbox for Education**

- **Applications are due by February 14, 2014, but applications close as soon as 1,500 are received.**
- Sponsored by [Lowe's](#)
- The program supports projects that encourage parental involvement in local schools and build stronger community spirit. Toolbox for Education grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded in support of projects that have a permanent impact on a school community.
- To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be a public K-12 school or nonprofit parent group associated with such a school. Parent groups that are applying (PTO, PTA, etc.) must have an independent EIN and official 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Preschools are not eligible.
- [Click here for more information and to access the application...](#)

❖ **NEW Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) Grant**

- **Letters of Intent are due by February 14, 2014 and applications are due by April 1, 2014**
- Issued by the [Colorado Department of Education](#)
- The Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Grant program assists in providing educational and supportive services to expelled students, students at-risk for expulsion and habitual truants through a comprehensive range of strategies that are proven effective to help these student populations.
- Eligible applicants are school districts, alternative schools within school districts, charter schools, non-public non-parochial schools, boards of cooperative services, and facility schools. Applicants must conform to Colorado Revised Statute sections cross-referenced in Title 22, Article 33, Part 2, [Expulsion Prevention Programs](#).
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

❖ **NEW Health Equity Advocacy Funding Opportunity**

- **Applications are due by February 19, 2014, by noon**
- Sponsored by [The Colorado Trust](#)
- The initiative aims to address the systemic inequities in health rooted in differences such as race/ethnicity and income/geography and use policy as a lever to address such inequities; the lack of awareness and understanding about health equity among the general public and policy makers; and the need for better capacity, coordination, and collaboration amongst health equity advocates.
- Grants of up to \$40,000 will be awarded to approximately thirty Colorado organizations during the program's initial funding phase.

- To be eligible, applicants must be Colorado-based nonprofit organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, independent projects that are partnered with a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization acting as a fiscal sponsor, or government and public agencies.
 - [Click here to access the link to complete the RFP...](#)
- ❖ **NEW Colorado Juvenile Diversion Program**
- **Applications are due by February 20, 2014, by 5:00pm**
 - Issued by the [Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice](#) (DCJ) in conjunction with the [Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council](#)
 - Juvenile diversion programs should be community-based alternatives to the formal court system for youth between the ages of 10-17 who have been taken into custody for misdemeanor or felony offenses as the district level and should concentrate on holding the youth accountable for their behavior while involving them in programs and activities to prevent future criminal and delinquent behavior.
 - Eligible applicants for these funds include District Attorneys' Offices and community-based agencies that have established or can demonstrate their ability to establish a method for delivery of diversion services.
 - [Click here for more information and to access the application...](#)
- ❖ **NEW Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program**
- **Applications are due by February 27, 2014**
 - Issued by the [Office on Violence Against Women](#)
 - Sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are serious problems on college and university campuses. The Campus Program encourages a comprehensive coordinated community approach that enhances victim safety, provides services for victims and supports efforts to hold offenders accountable. The funding supports activities that develop and strengthen services for sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking victims.
 - Eligible applicants include private institutions of higher education and public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education
 - [Click here for more information and to access the application...](#)
- ❖ **NEW Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII): Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program**
- **Applications are due by March 3, 2014**
 - Issued by the [US Department of Education](#)
 - This program provides grants to eligible entities to permit them to enhance the credit of charter schools so that they can access private-sector and other non-Federal capital in order to acquire, construct, and renovate facilities at a reasonable cost.
 - Eligible applicants include city or township governments; special district governments; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; state governments; nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; county governments; independent school districts
 - [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)
- ❖ **Engaged Learning, Civic Engagement and Development and the Psychosocial Well-Being of College Students**
- **Proposals due March 14, 2014**
 - Seminar grants of up to \$1,000 and program grants of up to \$10,000 are available from [Bringing Theory to Practice](#).

- To be eligible, U.S. institutions of higher education must be members of the Association of American Colleges and Universities at the time the proposal is submitted.
- The project is based on evidence that engaged learning, civic engagement and development, and psychosocial well-being are interrelated; that colleges and universities are strategically situated to strengthen their relationship; and that building capacity for this purpose complements the educational mission and democratic purpose of higher education.
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RESOURCES and INFORMATION

Prevention Resources

❖ Safe Routes to School Policy Workbook

- The [Safe Routes to School National Partnership](#) and [ChangeLab Solutions](#) have developed an interactive Safe Routes to School Policy Workbook.
- School board members, administrators, families and students, and community members can use this Policy Workbook to create and implement policies that support active transportation and Safe Routes to School programs.
- This tool provides a series of policy options to help customize a Safe Routes to School policy for your community.
- [Click here to learn more about the interactive Safe Routes to School Policy Workbook...](#)

❖ **NEW School Climate and Discipline Guidance**

- The U.S. departments of [Education](#) and [Justice](#) have issued new guidance on how school leaders can ensure that discipline policies comply with federal civil rights laws.
- [Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline](#)
- [Guiding Principles: A Resource Guide for Improving School Climate and Discipline](#)
- [Directory of Federal School Climate and Discipline Resources](#)
- [Overview of the Supportive School Discipline Initiative](#)
- [Compendium of School Discipline State Laws and Regulations](#)

Mitigation Resources

❖ Secondary Traumatic Stress Information & Resources

- From the [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)
- Secondary traumatic stress is the emotional duress that results when an individual hears about the firsthand trauma experiences of another. Its symptoms mimic those of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).
- [Click here for more information and to access resources...](#)

Research and Statistics Resources

❖ **NEW Bullying Research**

- From the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Bullying is one type of youth violence that threatens young people's well-being. Bullying can result in physical injuries, social and emotional difficulties, and academic problems. The harmful effects of bullying are frequently felt by others, including friends and families, and can hurt the overall health and safety of schools, neighborhoods, and society.

- The CDC defines bullying as any **unwanted aggressive behavior(s)** by another youth or group of youths who are not siblings or current dating partners that involves an **observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated**. Bullying may inflict harm or distress on the targeted youth including physical, psychological, social, or educational harm. A young person can be a perpetrator, a victim, or both (also known as "bully/victim").
- [Click here for more information and to access additional resources...](#)
- Read the new [Bullying Surveillance among Youths: Uniform Definitions for Public Health and Recommended Data Elements](#)
- New research about the [Bully-Sexual Violence Pathway in Early Adolescence](#)
- Review the new [Understanding Bullying](#) fact sheet

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