



## February 2015

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

## THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

- ❖ The Center was pleased to submit its **2014 CSSRC Legislative Report** to the Education and Judiciary Committees of the 2015 Colorado Legislative Session. Please follow this [link](#) to access a copy of the report.
- Please do not miss these two wonderful grant opportunities:
  - **The Positive School Climate: Intensive Team Work Grant** from the Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado of the Gill Foundation through the CSSRC is due February 6, 2015 and is linked [here \(Word doc\)](#)
  - **The School Emergency Management Grant RFP** has been rolled out by the Colorado Department of Education and is due February 10, 2015. Please see the link [here](#).
- Also, be sure not to miss the two new sections at the end of this newsletter:
  - **Highlighted School Safety Story and**
  - **An article from our student advisory council, YES<sup>2</sup> (Youth Engaged in School Safety.)**

*Kindest regards, Chris*

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW Mesa County Valley School District 51 – School Security Job Opening**
  - **School Security Officer**
  - This position acts as a point of contact and responds to all levels of security and potential emergency needs by District employees, student and the public on Mesa County Valley School District property.
  - Responsible for enforcing laws and district regulation on all campuses.
  - For more information please follow this [link](#).
- **Stepping Up for Our Communities Event Logo Design Challenge**
  - **Entries due February 13, 2015**
  - Presented by the [Mental Health First Aid Colorado](#)
  - Design a logo that represents mental health in a positive way for the Stepping Up for Our Communities annual event.
  - [More information](#)
  - QUESTIONS? email Emily Haller at [ehaller@mhfac.org](mailto:ehaller@mhfac.org) or Megan Staudenraus at [mstaudenraus@mhfac.org](mailto:mstaudenraus@mhfac.org)

- **Missing Children's Day Poster Contest**

- **February 17, 2015, 8:00am-5:00pm, Colorado State Patrol Academy, 15055 S. Golden Rd, Golden, CO**
- 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](mailto:Maria.Lunn@state.co.us)
- [Flyer](#)
- [Letter to Principals with More Information](#)

- **Youth Engaged for School Safety (YES<sup>2</sup>)**

- The CRRSC's youth advisory council, YES<sup>2</sup>, is pleased to announce its social media campaign on Twitter.
- Please follow us [@YES2 Colorado](#) 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.
- YES<sup>2</sup> 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**

- ❖ **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 will be open shortly at this [site](#).
- For more information, please contact the CSSRC at (303) 239-4435.

- ❖ **NEW 2015 Spring School Suicide Symposium**

- **Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 8:00-3:30, Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center, 1500 E. 128<sup>th</sup> Ave., Thornton**
- Sponsored by: The Colorado Education Department, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment/Office of Suicide Prevention and the Colorado School Safety Resource Center
- Presentations will include:
  - Latest Colorado Statistics
  - Vulnerability of both students in special education and LGBTQQ students
  - Prevention, Assessments and Postvention
  - Mental Health First Aid
  - Colorado's NEW Crisis Services
  - And more...
- There is NO COST for this event but you **MUST BE REGISTERED**.
- Registration for this event is on the [CO Train System](#).
- Search for this event by Course ID: 1055120. Click on the title of the conference, "2015 Spring School Suicide Symposium."
- For more [information](#) or questions about the training, please contact the Colorado School Safety Resource Center at 303-239-4435.
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## 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](#)
- [School Safety Planning](#) – 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

### ❖ 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 JAM World Record – Third Annual

- **Allison Stewart, Colorado JAM Leader requests everyone's participation on February 12<sup>th</sup>.**
- National competition and the state that rallies the most people **to sign up and commit** to taking a quick fitness break on February 12<sup>th</sup> wins this year's JAM title.
- It's easy, it's fun, it costs nothing, and you can do it from wherever you are. And, rally everyone around you to join on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Help our state win! Sign up to count in our state's and the world record then take a quick fitness break on 2/12:** Sign up here: [www.jamworldrecord.org](http://www.jamworldrecord.org)
- It's heart month. Our schools and kids are leading this annual global event and you can help them by participating. It's good for our hearts and even better to be a positive role model.
- About the JAM School Program - The JAM School Program offers every school a free set of wellness tools that schools use to help kids and adults learn healthier daily habits and get more active every day. Reaching over 11 million kids, we are dedicated to leaving positive impressions about exercise. [Learn More Click Here.](#)

### • Family Engagement Trainings

#### • **Entries due February 13, 2015**

- **Feb. 12—Grand Junction**
- **Feb. 19—Durango**
- **Feb. 24—Denver Metro**
- Provided by the [Colorado Department of Education](#).

- CDE, in collaboration with SACPIE (State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education) will conduct trainings about promising practices to engage all families as partners in education.
  - For More Information use this [link](#), or Contact: Darcy Hutchins, Improvement Planning, Phone: [303-866-5921](tel:303-866-5921), Email: [hutchins\\_d@cde.state.co.us](mailto:hutchins_d@cde.state.co.us)
- **Final Restraint Training on CDE Restraint Rules**
    - **February 3, 2015, 9:00am-12:00pm, Pueblo City Schools Admin Building, 315 W. 11st St, Pueblo, CO**
    - Provided by [Disability Law Colorado](#) in collaboration with the [Colorado Department of Education](#).
    - This training will focus on the CDE "[Rules for the Administration of The Protection of Persons from Restraint Act](#)" 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@disabilitylawco.org](mailto:jpurrington@disabilitylawco.org)**
- **NEW Bullying and Disabilities in the School System**
    - **February 4, 2015, Lunch & Learn at Manual High School, Main Auditorium, 1700 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver 802015-4502**
    - Hosted by the [Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council](#)
    - Lisa Pisciotta from the Denver Public Schools will moderate a panel of experts
    - Experts will explore the topic of bullying and suggest ways to make our schools safer
    - [For more information](#) and to register please contact: Lionel Llewellyn at [lionel.llewellyn@state.co.us](mailto:lionel.llewellyn@state.co.us), or phone 720.941.0176.
- **Denver Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)**
    - **Denver Police District #1, 1311 W. 46<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, 80211**
    - **February 5, 2015, 6:00-9:00 pm**
    - **February 7, 2015, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm**
    - **February 14, 2015, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm**
    - **Class exercise the end of April 2015, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**
    - You must attend all class sessions and exercise to complete the course.
    - Hosted by the Denver's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS); Denver Police District #1; Denver Fire Department; Denver Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Colorado North Central Region
    - [Registration](#)
    - For more information: email [DenverCERT@denvergov.org](mailto:DenverCERT@denvergov.org) or call [303.725.3084](tel:303.725.3084)
- **NEW Marijuana Community Campaign Trainings**
    - [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) invites you to register for one of the four regional community in-person training sessions across the state to inform their valued partners about the new marijuana education and awareness campaign: [Good to Know](#)
    - These materials will help you talk to your community about safe, legal and responsible marijuana use in Colorado.
      - **Denver Metro Training**
        - Date: **Thursday February 5th**
        - Time: 10AM-2PM
        - Location: Mile High United Way, 711 Park Ave. West, Denver, 80205
        - [Register by January 29th](#)
      - **Southern Training- Pueblo**
        - Date: **Friday February 6th**

- Time: 10AM-2PM
- Location: Pueblo City-County Health Dept., 101 West 9th Street, Pueblo, CO 81003
- [Register by January 29th](#)
- **Western Training- Glenwood Springs**
  - Date: **Thursday February 19th**
  - Time: 1-5PM
  - Location: Colorado Mountain College, 1402 Blake Avenue Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
  - [Register by February 12th](#)
- **Mountain Training- Frisco**
  - Date: **Friday February 20th**
  - Time: 10AM-2PM
  - Location: Summit County Community and Senior Center, 83 Nancy's Place Frisco, CO 80443
  - [Register by February 12th](#)
- Cannot participate in person
  - [Register to receive the webcast information](#)
- **[Applied Suicide Intervention Skills \(ASIST\)](#)**
  - Douglas County Sheriff's Office, 9250 Zotos Drive, Highlands Ranch
  - February 5-6, 2015
  - 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.
- **[NEW CISM: Grief Following Trauma](#)**
  - **February 11 & 12, 2015, [HealthONE EMS](#), 333 W. Hampden Avenue, Suite 200, Englewood CO 80110**
  - Designed to help both professional and lay people
  - The course will help participants to identify characteristics of trauma and traumatic events, the normalcy of traumatic grief reaction, learn good death notification and body identification techniques, become skilled at identifying warning signs of complications, and learn the importance of early interventions and support utilizing the SAFER-R Model.
  - Cost: \$180.00
  - [For more information](#)
- **[To: Plant Managers, School Safety Directors and Administrators](#)**
  - **February 13, 2015, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm, BVSD's Education Center (6500 Arapahoe Road, Boulder Co 80303)**
  - Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) will be hosting the **Colorado Schools Plant Managers' Association (CSPMA) meeting**. The agenda will be a round-table discussion with subject matter experts on the topic of how to satisfy fire safety rules while safeguarding students during a lockdown. We will have Rob Geislinger

from the Division of Fire Prevention and Control within the Department of Public Safety in addition to a police officer, school security director, principal, locksmith and two door hardware representatives discussing their various perspectives on the matter.

- It should prove to be a great discussion and any interested parties are invited to come participate. A formal invitation will be sent in January but it will be Friday, 02.13.15 from 0800-1230 hours at BVSD's Education Center (6500 Arapahoe Road, Boulder Co 80303).
- If you have any questions, please contact Chris Wilderman, Director of Operations, Security & Environmental Services, Boulder Valley School District at [Chris.wilderman@bvsd.org](mailto:Chris.wilderman@bvsd.org).
- **NEW Crisis Walk-In and Stabilization Unit – OPEN HOUSE**
  - **February 17, 2015, 1:00-2:30 PM** at Santa Fe House of the [Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Center](#) 6509 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO
  - Learn about the new Colorado system of care that will help individuals of all ages and families access behavioral health care before, during and after a crisis occurs.
  - Tour the new, expanded Acute Care Campus
  - Learn how services work, regardless of ability to pay
  - RSVP to Alyson Fetherolf by phone at 303.793.9671 or [email](#) no later than 5 PM on Friday, February 13, 2015
- **Colorado Integrated Emergency Management Conference**
  - **February 24-26, 2015, Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center, 7800 E Tufts Ave, Denver 80237**
  - The [Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management \(DHSEM\)](#) and the [Colorado Emergency Managers Association \(CEMA\)](#) once again joined forces with public health and medical, fire, law enforcement, local and county government, EMS and private citizens to develop a conference agenda with a theme of “Comprehensive Emergency Management.”
  - The three-day conference will feature speakers and vendors from across the state on a range of topics from health and medical, emergency management, to emergency medical response, law enforcement and fire.
  - [More information and registration](#)
- **NEW safeTALK Workshops**
  - **February 24, 2015**
  - **March 19, 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](http://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](mailto:Roxanne.Derks@dcsdk12.org) or 303.387.9508.

- **NEW Elevate the Conversation**
  - **February 26-27, 2015, University of Denver, 2055 East Evans Avenue, Denver, CO 80208**
  - Hosted by the [Carson J. Spencer Foundation](#)
  - Day one is a pre-conference workshop: Suicide to Hope
  - Day two is a “Learning through Lived Experience” skills training
  - For more information on the conference, please follow this [link](#).
- **NEW Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Youth Preparedness Council**
  - **Applications due by March 2, 2015 for their new Youth Preparedness Council**
  - Members will be selected for a one-year term
  - Applicants must be 13 to 17 years old and engaged in individual and community preparedness or have experienced a disaster that motivated them to make a positive difference in their community
  - Adults are encouraged to share the application form with young people interested in applying
  - To be eligible, applicants must submit a completed application form and two letters of recommendation to [FEMA](#).
  - For more information [please visit this site](#).
- **NEW Colorado State Patrol Youth Academy**
  - **Applications due by March 6, 2015 for June 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Academy**
  - The goal of the [Colorado State Patrol](#) (CSP) Youth Academy is to assist in the development of future leaders for the state of Colorado.
  - Focus 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 NO-COST Academy is limited to 40 participants selected throughout the state.
  - For more information please follow this [link](#)
- **NEW Colorado Department of Education/Office of School Nutrition & Colorado Education Initiative**
  - Four 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.
    - **March 10, 2015:** La Junta (TBD)
    - **March 24, 2015:** Fort Morgan
      - Morgan County School District, Board Room, 715 W. Platte Ave., Fort Morgan, CO 80701
    - **April 23, 2015:** Denver
      - The Curtis Denver, 1405 Curtis Street, Denver, CO 80202
    - **April 29, 2015:** Montrose
      - Montrose County RE-1J District Boardroom. 930 Colorado Ave, Montrose, CO 81401
  - Please **register for the training** [at this website](#).
    - Contact [Amanda Mercer](#) at 303-866-6659, if you have any questions or concerns.
    - See more [here](#).



- **SAVE THE DATE: 26<sup>th</sup> 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](#)
- **Colorado Education Initiative 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto:khall@coloradoeducationinitiative.org)
- **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bridging the Divide: Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit**
  - **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.
  - [Learn more here.](#)

## **NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS**

- **NEW 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



## **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **❖ Positive School Climate: Intensive Team Work Grant**

- **Applications due February 6, 2015**
- Provided by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC)
- The intent of this funding is to further the work of school teams in evaluating and enhancing the school's climate.
- Awards will be made to no more than 12 schools in the amount of \$4,000 each
- Any public, charter or private schools are eligible to apply
- Grant period – Fifteen months from March 1, 2015 until May 31, 2016
- Teams will receive technical assistance from the CSSRC, the Anti-Defamation League and the Colorado Education Initiative to map their resources, analyze their data and utilize evidenced-based strategies or programs to enhance their school's climate.
- Funds may be used to reimburse schools for stipends, substitutes and/or evidenced-based programs
- [For more information access the RFP \(modifiable Word doc\)](#)

### **❖ School Emergency Management: Contract Opportunity for Regional Training Coordination**

- **Applications due February 10, 2015**
- Provided by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE)
- Contract opportunity with CDE for LEA's (BOCES, Districts or others) to work with the Colorado School Safety Resource Center to host two series of three trainings for district teams on high-quality emergency operations' plans.
- Funds are available to facilitate trainings as well as reimburse districts for stipends, substitutes, mileage and reasonable costs to host the trainings.
- Awards will be made to no more than 7 LEAs for up to \$54,000 each
- Grant period – Thirteen months from March 1, 2015 until March 31, 2016
- Informational webinars on applying:
  - January 13, 2015 from 3:30 to 4:15
  - Repeated on January 15, 2015 from 3:00 to 3:45
  - [Click here for the announcement](#) and all application information.

### **• Solicitation for Coordinated Tribal Assistance Programs (CTAS)**

- **Applications due February 24, 2015 7:00pm MST.**
- Provided by the [U.S. Department of Justice](#) and the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(OJJDP\)](#).
- 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](#)

### **• NEW Capital Construction Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Grant**

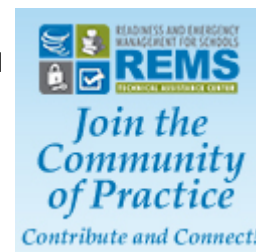
- **BEST Grant application is open January 5, 2015 – February 27, 2015. [Click here to log in.](#)**
- Provided by the [Colorado Department of Education](#).
- The BEST Grant is a competitive grant focused on helping public schools with a multitude of capital construction needs. The goal of the BEST program is to provide first class, high performing, 21st century facilities and to help alleviate health and safety concerns.
- Projects are considered in the following order:

1. Projects addressing health and safety issues
  2. Projects to relieve overcrowding
  3. Projects addressing technology
  4. All other capital needs projects
- The Division hosted two webinars to review the updated grant application, the BEST Grant timeline, the detailed project budget, all due diligence required, and the new waiver applications. Click the links below to view the recorded webinars:
    - [Click here to view the January 13, 2015 webinar](#)
    - [More information](#)
  - **NEW Drug-Free Community Support Program Grant**
    - **Applications are due by March 18, 2015.**
    - Provided by the [Office of National Drug Control Policy](#).
    - 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 Expelled and At-Risk Student Service Grant – Proposal Due April 1, 2015**
    - **Submit letters of intent by February 13, 2015. Applications are due Wednesday, April 1.**
    - Eligible applicants include school districts, BOCES, charter schools, alternative education schools with school districts, facility schools, and non-public non-parochial schools. Interagency agreements with local government, community-based organizations, and higher education are allowable.
    - The funding priority for this competition is for eligible applicants that have not received EARSS grant funding in the past three years. Eligible applicants who do not meet this priority can still apply as funds may remain available after funding prioritized applicants. Fiscal agents of currently funded grantees cannot apply.
    - The request for proposal is available for a new four-year grant cycle. Awards are contingent upon funding appropriated to the EARSS program in the fiscal year 2016 state budget. It is anticipated that grant awards will be based on \$1,000 to \$2,500 per eligible student served, depending on the intensity and length of services.
    - Application materials and a recorded training webinar are available at the link below.
    - [http://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/earss\\_request\\_for\\_proposals](http://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/earss_request_for_proposals)
  - **NEW 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

- **NEW Join the REMS TA Center of Community of Practice**

- With more than 200 members from across the country, the new [REMS TA Center: Community of Practice \(CoP\)](#) is a virtual space for those working in and affected by the field of emergency management for schools and institutions of higher education (IHEs). Joining the growing community is easy.
- Visit [Community of Practice website](#) and then click **join** at the bottom of the page.
- After joining, you will be prompted through the steps to create a profile and accept the community rules.



### Prevention Resources

- **Guidance Letter Regarding Tobacco Free Schools**

- Provided by the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#).
- The Tobacco Free Schools statute was amended in 2013 by [Senate Bill 13-283](#) to require school districts to prohibit retail marijuana use on school property.
- [Read the letter](#)
- [Access tools and resources to support the implementation of the updated Tobacco Free Schools statute from RMC Health.](#)

- **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 Controlling the Spread of Enterovirus D68 in School Settings](#)
- [CDPHE Infectious Disease Guidelines for Schools and Child Care Settings](#)
- [CDPHE Influenza Information and Guidelines for Schools and Child Care Facilities](#), December 11, 2014
  - Over the past few weeks, influenza activity has increased across Colorado. From the beginning of this influenza season (which started on Sept. 28) through Friday, Dec. 6, there have been 248 influenza-associated hospitalizations reported in 23 counties and 24 outbreaks in long term care facilities.
  - The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment does not conduct surveillance in schools and child care settings for influenza or respiratory illness, but has heard anecdotal reports of increased respiratory illness in these settings. Contact your local public health agency before making a closure decision. They will assist schools in determining if a closure is appropriate and provide necessary resources such as parent letters. They will also determine if further investigations are necessary.
- [CDPHE Pertussis Information for Schools and Child Care \(Whooping Cough\)](#)
- [CDPHE Summary of Guidance for Schools and Child Care Settings regarding Ebola](#)
- 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.

- **SPARK Talks**

- Provided by the [Suicide Prevention Resource Center \(SPRC\)](#)
- SPARK Talks are Short, Provocative, Action-oriented, Realistic, and Knowledgeable videos of leaders in the suicide prevention movement. Each of these innovators describes a new development or direction in the field that can have an impact on suicide and issues a call to action.
- [Access the videos](#)

- **Teen Dating Violence: How Peers Can Affect Risk and Protective Factors**

- Published by the [National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\)](#) in November 2014.
- Approximately 9% of high school students report being physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend in the past year. Despite this, many teens do not seek help after violence has occurred, and those who do most frequently turn to a friend. Research shows that teens shape each other's experiences of what is considered normal and acceptable in romantic relationships. Depending on the context, peers can contribute to the risk of dating violence or protect against it.
- This research brief explores the latest research on teen dating relationships to uncover how peers can encourage or hinder help-seeking behavior after violence.
- [Read the brief](#)

### ***Mitigation Resources***

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline**

- 1-844-CO-4-KIDS
- The [Colorado Department of Human Services \(CDHS\)](#) launched a new statewide child abuse and neglect hotline on Jan. 1. Governor Hickenlooper's Child Welfare Plan "Keeping Kids Safe and Families Healthy" called for the creation of the hotline to promote greater safety for Colorado's children.
- Designed to provide one, easy-to-remember phone number for individuals to use statewide to report suspected child abuse and neglect, the hotline serves as a direct, immediate and efficient route to Colorado's 64 counties and two tribal nations, which are responsible for accepting and responding to child abuse and neglect inquiries and reports. All callers will be able to speak with a call-taker 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- [More information](#)

- **Questions and Answers on Title IX and Single-Sex Elementary and Secondary Classes and Extracurricular Activities**

- Published by the [U.S. Department of Education](#) in December 2014.
- These guidelines today instruct public schools to treat transgender students consistent with their identity in single-sex classes. In practical terms, the guidelines mean a student who identifies as a transgender boy should be allowed entry to a boys-only class; vice versa for transgender girls in classes designed to focus on female students.
- Issued by the Department's Office of Civil Rights, the guidelines are the latest interpretation of Title IX, which bans publicly funded schools from gender-based discrimination.
- [Read the Guidelines](#)

### ***Protection Resources***

- **NEW Are Schools Focusing Too Much on the Active Shooter Scenario?**

- Published by [Emergency Management](#), Jim McKay, Author, July 9, 2014
- The author discusses the risk of decreased preparation for other types of emergencies if only the active shooter scenario is practiced.
- [Link to the article](#)

- **Best Practice Considerations for Schools in Active Shooter and Other Armed Assailant Drills: Guidance From the National Association of School Psychologists and the National Association of School Resource Officers**

- Released by the [National Association of School Psychologists](#) and the [National Association of School Resource Officers](#) in December 2014.
- School psychologists and school resource officers serve as important members of school crisis teams. Both associations are committed to creating safe and successful schools and fostering local capacity for effective

crisis response. The new guidance addresses the factors that schools should take into account when considering and conducting these types of drills and how these drills might fit into a larger comprehensive approach to school safety and crisis response.

- [Read the Guidance](#)

## **Response & Recovery Resources**

### • **Colorado Crisis Services**

- [Colorado Crisis Services](#) are provided by the [Colorado Department of Human Services \(DHS\)](#)
- This new service was created by [Senate Bill 13-266, Integrate Community Wide Crisis Response System](#)
- This initiative will create a foundation for the development of a comprehensive statewide behavioral health crisis care system for individuals, families, and communities.
  - It will improve access to the most appropriate resources and services as early as possible;
  - decrease the number of unnecessary involuntary civil commitments, utilization of hospital emergency departments, jails, prisons, and homeless programs for individuals experiencing a behavioral health emergency; and
  - Promote recovery for the individual.
- **Statewide 24-Hour crisis + support line** – Lines staffed by skilled professionals and peers to assess and make appropriate referrals to resources and treatment. **1.844.493.8255 (TALK)**
- **Walk-in crisis services / crisis stabilization unit(s)** – 24 hour Urgent care services with capacity for immediate clinical intervention, triage, stabilization, and connection to services.
- **Mobile crisis services** – 24 hour Mobile crisis units with the ability to respond within one-hour in urban and two-hours in rural areas to a behavioral health crisis in the community for immediate clinical intervention, triage, stabilization, and connection to services.
- **Crisis Respite/Residential** – A range of short-term crisis residential services (e.g., supervised apartments/houses, foster homes, and crisis stabilization services).
- **Statewide awareness campaign and communication** – multi-media campaign/branding and communication to increase awareness of behavioral health illness and resources.
- [Access the website](#)

## **Stories from the Field**

### ❖ **NEW Highlighted School Safety Story**

- **Submitted to the CSSRC by Sue Mateer, School Resource Officer, Ft. Collins Police Services, Poudre School District**
- From the *Coloradoan Newspaper*, December 27, 2014
- “‘Mrs. Gillan, I have a new best friend and he is a policeman!’ This came from a very excited student from Putnam Elementary after he had participated in a morning of fun and shopping with Shop with a Cop. Thirty students from Poudre School District participated in this wonderful program this year at the Super Target in Fort Collins. All of the students were paired with a special friend from various law enforcement and rescue agencies, and went shopping for their families. This created an atmosphere of friendship and empathy as the students work together with their law enforcement partner to find the best gifts for their loved ones. We want to thank Dawn Johnson and her many friends from law enforcement and rescue agencies for taking the time to shop and engage with our students. You have truly made a difference for them and their families.”  
**Steve Apodaca, Principal, Putnam Elementary, Poudre School District**

### ❖ **NEW Youth Engaged in School Safety (YES<sup>2</sup>) Article**

- ❖ The youth from [Youth Engaged for School Safety \(YES<sup>2</sup>\)](#) are working on projects to carry out in their schools for this semester. Each participant, or group of participants from a school, is in the initial phases of identifying what project they will conduct and what resources will be needed.
- ❖ Project ideas include bringing students together from different extracurricular organizations to form a 'Safe Society' in the school, organizing a "celebration of culture" community event and subsequent workshops for youth to talk about current events in a safe manner, hosting a school safety contest, bringing speakers in to talk about substance abuse and other priority topics, conducting a student survey of school safety priorities, or working with other school organizations to bring a "Buddy Bench" to campus.
- ❖ YES<sup>2</sup> youth will present to CSSRC's Advisory Board in April about their projects.
- ❖ Submitted by Anna Gisetti, CSSRC School Outreach Consultant, and co-coordinator of YES<sup>2</sup>.

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