

## **July 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 or www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC.

## THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

#### **NEW** Grant Opportunity: Positive School Climate: Intensive Team Work II

The Center is excited to announce that we have received a second Positive School Climate: Intensive Team Work grant from the Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado of the Gill Foundation. Once again we will be accepting RFP applications for elementary, middle and high schools – public, charter and private schools. The work will include administering a climate survey and using school data to choose a project(s) to enhance your school's climate. Those schools that are chosen will receive \$4,000 that can be used for team work (stipends, substitutes, mileage, etc.) or directly on their project. The RFP is available <a href="here">here</a> and all proposals are due by 5:00 PM on Monday, <a href="August 17">August 17</a>, <a href="here">2015</a>.

#### **NEW** Position at CSSRC: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist

The Center is also pleased to report that **SB15-020** *Concerning Education Regarding the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Assault,* originally sponsored by Senator Newell and Representative McCann was signed by the Governor on June 5<sup>th</sup>. It tasks the School Safety Resource Center with hiring a prevention specialist to gather resources and provide training to school personnel, parents and students regarding preventing child sexual abuse while collaborating with community partners. The announcement of the position is attached <a href="here and applications to the state can be made until July 6th, 2015">here announcement of the position is attached here and applications to the state can be made until July 6th, 2015</a>. Please watch for these services to be offered to schools in the next academic year.

We welcome Anthony Wyatt our new Resource Specialist who joined the Center on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Anthony comes to us from the private sector with a great deal of experience in resource management and social media. We are very pleased to have Anthony join our team and you will already see some of the changes he has made to our website.

District administrators have received a link to an assessment tool about your EOPs. It is VERY IMPORTANT that this be completed for all districts in the state. We appreciate your help in completing this important measure.

Enjoy your summer, Chris

## **CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Safe Schools Youth Summit**

- July 16 17 in Montbello.
- The Safe Schools Youth Summit is sponsored by the <u>Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at CU</u> Boulder.
- This is an exciting opportunity for middle school and high school students to make a difference in their community by working to end bullying and violence.
- Participants will be trained in anti-bullying techniques through interactive workshops as well as create their own student-lead project to be implemented in their school in the 2015-2016 school year.
- Wouldn't the world be a better place with less bullying and more kindness? The Safe Schools Youth Summit is two days to work together to cultivate ideas to stop bullying and to create a safe and supportive school. Together we can work towards creating positive school climates that nurture the potential of all.
- For more information, please email Joan Dieter at <a href="mailto:safeschoolsyouthsummit@gmail.com">safeschoolsyouthsummit@gmail.com</a> or apply <a href="mailto:here.">here.</a>

## **Chained Voices Youth Art Event**

- Friday July 17th 4:00-7:00 pm and Saturday July 18th 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- "Chained Voices" is a collaborative effort on behalf of incarcerated juveniles, the <u>Colorado Juvenile Defender</u> Center (CJDC) (a Denver based nonprofit), and Denver based Forensic Social Workers.
- This two-day Art Show is a fundraiser to benefit incarcerated youth and to help inform the public about the plight of juveniles incarcerated in the criminal and juvenile justice system. Submissions are accepted from any person currently incarcerated at a juvenile detention facility or adult DOC facility for a crime committed as a juvenile.
- See drawings, paintings, original poetry and lyrics, sculpture, and other creative art pieces created by artists who were arrested as juveniles and are now incarcerated in juvenile and adult facilities in Colorado.
- The event will be hosted at the Art of Life Gallery located at 200 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, CO 80223.
- All submissions will be sold to attempt to pay for a specific need of the incarcerated artist. The "Chained Voices" committee will provide the requested item/need directly to the artist. All of the money collected for each art piece will be put toward this need; none of the funds will be kept by the committee.
- For more information, please click here.

#### **NEW** Emerging Leaders Committee of JJDP Council Seeks Active Members

- Become a youth member of Colorado's Juvenile Justice and Delinguency Prevention Council
- What you would do:
  - Help make a difference in Colorado's juvenile justice system
  - o Help educate people about the juvenile justice system
  - Help make recommendations to the Governor and state legislature for improving the state's juvenile justice system
  - Review and comment on grant applications for federal and state funding awards to juvenile justice programs
- If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Meg Williams at (303) 239-5717 or meg.williams@state.co.us.
- An informational flyer available here.

## **NEW NAMI Colorado Art Show: Creatively Celebrating Diversity**

- July 31<sup>st</sup> at El Centro Su Teatro, 721 Santa Fe Drive in Denver.
- NAMI Colorado will host the NAMI Colorado Art Show: Creatively Celebrating Diversity in observance of Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month to raise awareness about severe mental illness in diverse communities.
- Tickets are available for \$12 <a href="here">here</a> and scholarships may be available for people with limited means. The show begins at 5pm.
- The mission of NAMI Colorado is to build communities of recovery and hope by educating, supporting and advocating for individuals affected by mental illness and their families.
- For additional information about National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, and to access resources and suggested activities, visit the <a href="NAMI">NAMI</a> website.
- Follow this link to read the Art Show Press Release in its entirety, or this informational article.

## **NEW** Colorado Department of Public Safety New Website and Web Address

- The Colorado Department of Public Safety has revamped the website.
- Visit it today using a new and easy to remember web address: https://www.colorado.gov/publicsafety
- If you have previously bookmarked the Department's website, please be sure to update it.

#### **Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado**

- <u>Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado</u> is a dynamic group of mediators, attorneys, non-profit
  representatives, college students, professors, elected officials, and community members gather to form a
  group called the Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado "Synergizers."
- Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado's goal is to inspire the use of constructive problem solving in Colorado.
  We aim to inspire our Colorado communities to find ways to celebrate and participate in productive problem solving in all aspects of our lives. The sky is the limit in terms of the possibilities we rely on the creativity of everyone involved to determine the ways we support and celebrate constructive problem solving across the state!
- Join us for our monthly Synergizer meeting! No obligation required, just stop by and join right in! No
  experience necessary—all you need is an interest in promoting civility and productive, nonviolent problem
  solving in Colorado!
- We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, February through November, and look forward to your involvement
- For more information and to offer suggestions and expertise, please contact Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado at <a href="mailto:com">crmonthco@gmail.com</a>.

## **Free Technical Assistance from Education Facilities Clearinghouse**

- <u>Education Facilities Clearinghouse (EFC)</u> focus is to collect and disseminate research and other information on
  effective practices regarding the planning, design, financing, procurement, construction, improvement,
  operation, and maintenance of safe, healthy, and high-performing facilities for Pre-K through higher
  education
- The EFC can provide FREE technical assistance to public schools, school divisions, State Education Agencies (SEAs) and public institutions of higher learning. These services may be provided on-site, by telephone, email, or on the web.
- The Technical Assistance Request Form may be accessed <u>here</u>.

#### Safety and Security Specialist Wanted in Falcon School District 49

- School District 49 in Peyton, CO is looking for a Safety and Security Specialist for the upcoming school year.
- The Safety and Security Specialist provides supervision, coordination and direction of school site security officers. The Safety and Security Specialist assists the Director of Safety and Security to plan for, deliver or cause to be delivered all training for district staff. The Safety and Security Specialist serves as the incident commander and back up for the director of safety and security.
- For more information on this position or to apply, please click here.

## **NEW** Vote for a Champion of Innovation

- <u>Health Links</u>, a nonprofit initiative spearheaded by the Center for Worker Health and Environment within the Colorado School of Public Health, recognized Cherry Creek Schools as a Healthy Business Certified Leader.
- This is the highest level of distinction awarded and it is achieved by meeting or exceeding evidence-based benchmarks for a multicomponent health program.
- This spring, Cherry Creek School District was invited to apply for their Champion of Innovation award for a business that "has gone above and beyond being creative and inventive in how they offer worksite wellness programming to their employees." CCSD was recently notified that they are a finalist based upon the work they are doing in the area of mindfulness!
- A Facebook contest is being conducted so that members of the community have an opportunity to vote on
  the organization that is "exceptional in bringing wellness to work and helping others in the community reach
  the next level of promoting health, safety and wellbeing in the workplace."
- The Facebook contest will being June 15 and run through July 15th and the link to vote can be found at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/HealthLinksColorado">www.facebook.com/HealthLinksColorado</a>. Please help CCSD by voting. Thank you!

## COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

## **Emergency Operation Plans (EOP) Training Opportunity**

- This is an open invitation for any district team or charter/private school team to have the opportunity to create a high-quality EOP. The Colorado Department of Education in collaboration with the Colorado School Safety Resource Center has secured a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to conduct no-cost workshops across the state over the next year to work with your teams to enhance your EOPs.
  - o **Don't have a plan?** Want to build your school's first plan to the new standard?
  - o **Have a plan?** Want to bring your school emergency planning to the next level?
  - o Have a great plan? Want to refine and update your plan?
- Funds are also available for participant support which could include stipends, the cost of substitutes for team
  members to participate as well as lodging and mileage to travel to the regional training sites.
- This project is focused on rural school districts from Cortez to Sterling and Springfield to Rangely and everywhere in between. Thru a series of three workshops, your team will have the materials and expertise to assist all schools in your district to upgrade and practice their plans through tabletop drills.
- Workshop schedules are being created now so please call or email Vanessa Quintana at CDE (303.866.6601 or Quintana V@cde.state.co.us) to participate in this wonderful opportunity.

#### 2015 CADO Summer School Safety Conference

- July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Breckenridge.
- Sponsored by the <u>Colorado Association of DARE Officers</u> in cooperation with the Colorado School Safety Resource Center
- Presentations will include:
  - o F.B.I B.A.U. Active Shooter: Pre-Attack Behavioral Indicators,

- o Effects of Marijuana on the Adolescent Mind,
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification class
- o Drug Impaired Education for Educators and Professionals
- And more
- Conference Room Rates start at \$94.00,+resort fee and taxes, you may book 3 days before or after and receive the conference room rate
- Special educational conference rates apply.
- This conference will benefit DARE officers, School Resource Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, Educators, Administrators, Security Officers, and more.
- Spend a day or the week, check out the details and register at <u>www.coloradodare.com</u> under 2015 Conference tab.
- Training space is limited; please <u>reserve your space today!</u>

## 2015 Colorado Safe Schools Summit

- October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Adams 12 Conference Center in Thornton, CO.
- No-cost but you must be registered.
- All four plenary speakers are confirmed and the 24 workshops will be announced shortly. Please see the flyer for more information.
- Registration is open at <u>www.CO.Train.org</u> with Course ID#: 1056986. <u>Information flyer here</u>.
- We also have an opportunity for school safety businesses to be a Summit sponsor.

## **CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS**

- ❖ To view all online courses, click on the link below.
  - Link to CSSRC online course offerings
  - Franci Crepeau-Hobson's presentation on <u>Suicide and the Exceptional Child</u>, March 10, 2015 with handouts posted here.
  - Mary Hoeffler's presentation on *Colorado's New Crisis Services <u>Part I</u> and <u>Part II</u>, March 10, 2015 with slides posted here.*
  - Click here to see Livestreams of all previous keynote addresses

## WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES

## NEW Race and School Discipline in Colorado: Differential and Unequal

- July 16, 2015 12:00-1:00pm MST
- The second presentation in <u>Padres & Jóvenes Unidos'</u> 2015 Summer Webinar Series is Race and School Discipline in Colorado: Differential and Unequal.
- Join us for an interactive discussion as to why out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, and referrals to law
  enforcement rates for White students are decreasing faster than those of Black, Latino, and Native American
  students.
- Attendees will receive information on what racial disparity in school discipline is and the extreme
  consequences it has our youth, families and communities. Our guest will be Russell Skiba, Professor in
  Counseling and Educational Psychology and Director of the Equity Project at Indiana University, specializing in
  areas of school violence, school discipline, classroom management, and equity in education.
- Participants will be given tools to take action against unequal and unfair discipline practices in their school.
   Recommended audience includes youth, parents, educators, administrator, law enforcement, and

- community partners interested in learning more about the campaign to End the School-to-Jail Track in Colorado as well as those looking for tools to take action today.
- If you have questions, please contact Keri Smith, Statewide Manager for Padres & Jóvenes Unidos End the School-to-Jail Track Campaign at <a href="mailto:keri@padresunidos.org">keri@padresunidos.org</a> or by calling (303) 351-2731.
- Please register <u>here</u>.

## **NEW Police in Schools and School Discipline**

- September 17, 2015 12:00-1:00pm MST
- The final presentation in <u>Padres & Jóvenes Unidos'</u> 2015 Summer Webinar Series is Police in Schools and School Discipline.
- Join us to learn more about the relationship between police in schools and school discipline as well as how it relates to the School-to-Jail Track in Colorado.
- Their guest will be Janelle Krueger, Manager of Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Program from Colorado Department of Education. Attendees will gain information on the history and current role of police in schools, the harmful impact of the criminalization of youth behavior, and be provided with tools and examples of how youth, parents, educators, administrators, law enforcement, and community members can work together to take action against the School-to-Jail Track.
- Recommended audience includes youth, parents, educators, administrator, law enforcement, and community partners interested in learning more about the campaign to End the School-to-Jail Track in Colorado as well as those looking for tools to take action today.
- If you have questions, please contact Keri Smith, Statewide Manager for Padres & Jóvenes Unidos End the School-to-Jail Track Campaign at <a href="mailto:keri@padresunidos.org">keri@padresunidos.org</a> or by calling (303) 351-2731.
- Please register <u>here</u>.

## **Designing Safe Schools Webinar**

- The U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS), with its Education
   Facilities Clearinghouse (EFC) and Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical
   Assistance (TA) Center, celebrated National PrepareAthon! Day by hosting a Webinar that provided insight on
   safety and security design and cost-effective features to consider for new construction of or retrofitting
   existing school buildings and grounds.
- The presenters shared their knowledge about recommended safety considerations for the design and construction of new school buildings, as well as improvements to existing facilities. Specifically, participants were equipped to identify the most common construction and retrofits for school safety, discuss costeffective options for improving safety and security in school buildings, recognize various types of site assessments, and take action to resolve safety concerns in educational facilities.
- The "Designing Safe Schools: Planning and Retrofitting for Safety in Education Facilities" webinar and resources may be accessed <a href="here">here</a>.

## **OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS**

#### **Summer Institute on Child Protection**

- July 2-24, 2015
- Join the faculty from the <u>Kempe Center</u> and the University of Colorado for a participatory and interdisciplinary Institute on Child Protection. (If a Windows Security dialogue box appears when clicking the Kempe Center link, please click "cancel" to access the page.)

- The Summer Institute is designed to improve knowledge, practice, and policy related to the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect and family violence. Participants will learn the latest approaches in research, clinical services, prevention and administration.
- The Summer Institute offers short, intensive courses for professionals, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows who are concerned about the safety of children.
- The registration deadline is June 1, 2015. If registering for course credit the deadline is May 15.
- To review more information on the Summer Institute brochure, please click here.

## Teen Community Emergency Response and Recovery Training

- July 14, 15 and 16, 2015
- The <u>Denver Disaster Ready Club</u> (DRC) training teaches you about the potential disasters that could affect the Denver Metro area and how to safely and responsibly respond to and recover from them.
- This training is open teen's ages 14 18 years of age. We will accept up to 40 participants for this program. No youth under 14 years of age. Non Denver residents are welcome.
- Class will be held from 8:00 AM 4:30 PM. (You must attend all class sessions (3 Days) and you will receive a certificate for 24 hours of community service.)
- Class will be held at La Alma Recreation Center,1325 W. 11th Ave., Denver 80204
- Registration is now open, please click <a href="here">here</a> to register.
- The training is provided at NO COST to participants. If you have questions, please email DenverCERT@DenverGov.org
- Sponsored by <u>Denver's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS)</u>; <u>Denver Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)</u> and the <u>Colorado North Central All-Hazards Region</u>; <u>Denver Parks & Recreation</u>.

## NEW CDC Public Health Emergency Law Course

- Wednesday, July 29, 2015 and Friday, July 31, 2015
- This one-day course, sponsored by the <u>Colorado Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response</u>, is a survey of selected legal issues that typically arise during emergencies.
- The primary goal of this competency based training is to enhance the ability of government employees to identify potential legal issues so that necessary adjustments to planning, policies, or procedures can be developed prior to a public health emergency, and to ensure a more effective response.
- The course will be tailored to discuss Colorado specific statutes and regulations, and agency or county attorneys are highly encouraged to attend.
- The course will be offered on July 29<sup>th</sup> on the Western Slope and July 31<sup>st</sup> in the Denver Metro area from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Lunch will be provided.
- Registration is open on <u>www.co.train.org</u> course #1058027.
- For questions or more information, please contact Nicole Cantrell <u>nicole.cantrell@state.co.us</u> (720)-413-7562 or review the <u>informational flyer</u>.

#### **CEI Professional Development Series on Classroom Management**

- Wednesdays, Sept. 23, Oct. 21, 2015 and Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016.
- <u>Colorado Education Initiative (CEI)</u> will offer a professional development series entitled *Classroom Management Matters: A Social and Emotional Learning Approach,* presented by Colorado educator and author Gianna Cassetta.
- The workshop leads K-8 educators through developing a deep understanding of social and emotional competencies and a vision for a holistic approach to classroom practices that will support every student, even those who struggle most.
- Topics will include:

- The five social and emotional competencies
- Why children typically misbehave
- o Child development and its impact on behavior
- The three main strands of effective classroom management-relationships: 1) relationships, 2) rules and procedures, and 3) engaging instructions
- Planning for students with high behavioral needs
- Stay tuned for registration details.

## NEW Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Course Announcement

- September 29 & 30, 2015
- This two day course, sponsored by the <u>Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management</u>, is an intermediate level training that incorporates exercise guidance and best practices from the HSEEP.
- Throughout the course, participants will learn about topics including program management, design and development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning. In addition to the instructor-led presentations, the course includes small group activities, videos, group discussions, and introductions to HSEEP-related initiatives such as technology (e.g., HSEEP Toolkit) and capabilities-based planning.
- Registration is through Co. Train, Course ID # 1016777.
- For questions on Co.Train, contact Lynn Bailey at <a href="mailto:lynn.bailey@state.co.us">lynn.bailey@state.co.us</a>
- An information <u>flyer</u> is available.
- The course will be held at Denver International Airport from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day
  - Students will be notified at a later date of room location.
  - PLEASE NOTE: Students are responsible for parking fees

## NEW G-131 Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning Course Announcement

- October 27 & 28, 2015
- For an emergency management or security system to be effective, it is critical that personnel, plans, procedures, facilities, and equipment be exercised and tested on a regular basis. No amount of exercising will be constructive unless each exercise is followed by a structured evaluation that enables the jurisdiction or organization to identify strengths, weaknesses, gaps, disconnects, and related corrective actions that need to be taken to ensure improved capability.
- This course, sponsored by the <u>Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management</u>, focuses on a systematic exercise and improvement planning program as the primary means by which Federal, State, Local, Tribal, Territorial, and other organizations' managers can:
  - o Validate the effectiveness of their emergency and security management programs;
  - Determine whether program changes are being appropriately implemented;
  - Evaluate preparedness capabilities to prevent, prepare, and respond to hazard incidents of all sizes;
  - o Identify corrective actions that require additional emphasis or improvement (such as planning,
  - o training, equipment, facilities, or personnel); and
  - Generate data on exercises that can support a nationwide view of capabilities.
- Registration is through Co.Train, Course ID # 1034353.
- For questions on Co.Train, contact Lynn Bailey at lynn.bailey@state.co.us
- An information flyer is available.
- The course will be held at Denver International Airport from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day
  - Students will be notified at a later date of room location.
  - PLEASE NOTE: Students are responsible for parking fees

#### **UPDATED** International Bullying Prevention Conference in Denver!

- November 8 thru 10, 2015 at the Marriott City Center, Denver
- "Reaching New Heights in Bullying Prevention Thru Empathy and Kindness"

- Sponsored by the International Bullying Prevention Association
- Don't miss this wonderful opportunity right here in Denver.
- For more information and to register go to this link
- \$100 off scholarships to the conference are available to those working in rural districts. The scholarships are provided by Facebook and are available on a first come, first serve basis. The coupon code to enter is <u>FB15</u>.

## No Place For Hate® Initiative

- The initiative of the <u>Anti-Defamation League</u>, Mountain States Regional Office is designed to rally the entire school around the goal of creating a welcoming community committed to stopping all forms of bias and bullying.
- No Place For Hate® can help your school foster a culture of respect and create a safe, bully-free learning
  environment for students at all grade levels.
- No Place for Hate® is an initiative of the Anti-Defamation League, offered to schools in Colorado and Wyoming.
- Registrations for the 2015-16 are now being accepted. Please click here to register your school.

## **NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS**

# NEW NASSLEO 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- July 26 July 29, 2015
- The National Association of School Safety and Law Enforcement Officials (NASSLEO) is devoted to a safe learning environment for the K-12 educational system. NASSLEO provides best practices, networking capabilities and professional development for national and international memberships.
- Your registration fee includes the following:
  - All educational and keynote sessions
  - o Access to the Vendor Showcase
  - 2 continental breakfasts, 1 plated breakfast and 2 lunches
  - Sunday evening Reception
  - Host city night event
  - NASSLEO President's Award Dinner
  - 2015/2016 membership in NASSLEO
- The conference will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe NW Grand Rapids, MI, 49503.
- Thank you to our Diamond Sponsor, Video Insight who provided scholarship funding allowing NASSLEO to
  offer registration at a reduced cost for the first 50 registrants.
- For conference details please click <u>here</u>, or register <u>here</u>.

#### 2015 School-Justice Partnerships Certificate Program

- September 28-October 2, 2015
- The <u>Center for Juvenile Justice Reform</u> at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy is pleased
  to announce that the application window for the inaugural <u>2015 School-Justice Partnerships Certificate</u>
  <u>Program: Fostering Success for Youth At Risk</u> is now open through **July 10, 2015.**
- It is designed to provide school and district staff, court professionals, law enforcement, and other child-serving community leaders with the knowledge and understanding necessary to address the immediate and long term needs of students known to, or at risk of entering, the juvenile justice system.
- Please direct questions to Jill Adams, Program Manager, at jill.adams@georgetown.edu.

## **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

## NEW Skills for Success Program

- July 29, 2015
- The U.S. Department of Education (ED) has invited applications for the Skills for Success Program which supports Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and their partners in implementing, evaluating, and refining tools and approaches for developing the non-cognitive skills of middle-grades students in order to increase student success.
- Grants provide funding for the implementation, evaluation, and refinement of existing tools and approaches (e.g., digital games, growth mindset classroom activities, experiential learning opportunities) that integrate the development of students' non-cognitive skills into classroom-level activities and existing strategies designed to improve schools.
- All applications must be submitted electronically via <u>Grants.gov</u>.
- To locate the application package on the Grants.gov website and hover over the "Applicant" tab. Select the "Apply for Grants" option, then click on "Download a Grant Application Package." Key in the CFDA (84.215) or the Funding Opportunity Number (ED-GRANTS-060915-001). Click "Download Package."
- Additional information on this grant, and a pre-application webinar are available here.

## **Summer Training Offers Opportunity to Improve Grant Writing Skills**

- In this one-day free training, attendees will learn about <u>Colorado Department of Education's (CDE)</u> competitive grant processes, hear helpful tips for writing fundable proposals, and complete hands-on exercises to put grant writing skills to use.
- All representatives from schools and districts are welcome to attend.
- Register for this free one-day training in your region by clicking on the event registration links below:
  - Aug. 19: southeast region (Limon)
  - https://cdegrantwritingtraining-081915.eventbrite.com
  - o Aug. 28: west central region (Grand Junction)
  - https://cdegrantwritingtraining-082815.eventbrite.com
- Additional information and resources will be sent via email one week prior to these events

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

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

#### **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.

## INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

## **ARC3 Develops Free Campus Climate Survey**

- ARC3, the Administrator-Researcher Campus Climate Collaborative, is a group of student and legal affairs
  professionals, campus advocates, students, campus law enforcement, and sexual assault and harassment
  researchers who initially came to work on a campus climate survey that is divided into modules to allow
  campuses flexibility in survey length and content, features that campuses indicated they needed to
  administer a successful campus climate survey.
- An updated version of the survey will be released this fall based on the results of pilot sites and lessons learned. In addition, "we will also provide additional background information on the modules, best practices for administering the survey (including, for example, strategies for collecting complete, high-quality responses), and scoring recommendations. "
- Today, many campuses are developing climate surveys in-house or contracting with outside companies to
  develop surveys for them. Costs can climb well over \$60,000 to purchase surveys. ARC3 hopes that by
  developing an adaptable, research-based, free survey, colleges and universities will be able to use this
  resource to address their need for a climate survey.
- The ARC3 final draft survey is available for <u>download (PDF)</u>. If you have any questions or need additional information, please <u>contact us</u>.

#### **New Resources**

#### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: A Chronicle of Education Resource

- <u>The Chronicle of Higher Education's</u> Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webpage features the latest trends and insights shaping diversity on college campuses such as data on the backgrounds and beliefs of college freshmen, blog posts on the enrollment of minority students in law school, media on the evolution of diversity, and more.
- To access the webpage, click <u>here</u>.

## **NEW Hunting Ground Viewing Guide**

- The <u>Clery Center</u> is excited to share their "*Hunting Ground*" Viewing Guide, which suggests things to consider prior to screening the film and outlines follow-up action steps after your institution's screening.
- Over 200 colleges and universities across the nation are screening "Hunting Ground," a documentary which details experiences of sexual assault survivors on college campuses. These screenings continue a critical national conversation about sexual assault on college campuses.
- To access a free PDF copy of the Guide, please click here.
- If you have any questions or if you need assistance, please contact Marissa Marzano, Development & Communications Manager, at mmarzano@clerycenter.org.

## **NEW NCCPS** Webinar Recording: Framing Three Key Issues in Campus Public Safety

- <u>National Center for Campus Public Safety (NCCPS)</u> mission is to bring together all forms of campus public safety, professional associations, advocacy organizations, community leaders, and others to improve and expand services to those who are charged with providing a safe environment on the campuses of the nation's colleges and universities.
- If you weren't able to participate in NCCPS' inaugural webinar, <u>Framing Three Key Issues in Campus Public</u>
  <u>Safety</u>, you can view the webinar recording, access the speaker slides and download topic-specific papers on our website.
- A panel of national experts discussed three essential topics in campus public safety:

- o Thomas R. Tremblay trauma-informed sexual assault investigation
- o <u>Dr. Marisa Randazzo</u> (PDF) behavioral threat assessment
- o Steven J. Healy fair and impartial policing

#### **NEW VCU Threat Assessment Resources**

- Recently the Virginia Commonwealth University's case manager shared their tools at a national conference. Other IHE might find their documents helpful. VCU Threat Assessment webpages provide information and resources on threat assessment, including:
  - Threat Assessment and Violence Prevention Policy (PDF)
  - o Early Warning Signs (PDF) of violent behavior
  - o Faculty and Staff Guide: Assisting Distressed Students

## Violence Against Women Act Resource Package

- <u>PaperClip Communications</u> has published a comprehensive resource package to increase Violence Against Women (VAWA) competence and readiness.
- With the final regulations of the VAWA taking effect on July 1, 2015, institutions of higher education must be prepared to comply with the new regulations. The package will help users to save time and figure out which requirements apply to them, implement the required programs, understand strategies to reduce risk of compliance missteps and liability concerns, and more.
- To access this resource, click here.

## RESOURCES and INFORMATION

**Prevention Resources** 

#### 2015 Reference Guide for School Personnel

- <u>The Colorado Sex Offender Management Board</u> is pleased to announce the 2015 publication of the Reference Guide for School Personnel concerning Juveniles who have Committed Sexually Abusive and Offending Behavior.
- This document provides best practice guidelines related to the responsibilities of the school
  administration in developing a safe and inclusive environment and school community while addressing
  the educational and developmental needs of juveniles who have committed sexually abusive and
  offending behaviors.
- Please send requests to receive a copy of the guide to Raechel Alderete
   at <u>Raechel.Alderete@state.co.us</u> or feel free to check the <u>SOMB website</u> for further information on the
   guide and available training resources.

## Cybersecurity Resources from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

- <u>United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team</u> (US-CERT) under the <u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u> has provided a list of top resources specially designed to help Small and Midsize Businesses (SMBs) recognize and address their cybersecurity risks.
- Although these resources are designed for small and midsize businesses, we are sure there is valuable information here for schools also.
- To review these valuable resources, please click <u>here</u>.

## **NEW Sex Trafficking Training Available to Law Enforcement Officers**

- The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), in collaboration with the Office of Community
   <u>Oriented Policing Services (COPS)</u> at the U.S. Department of Justice, and the <u>Violent Crimes Against</u>
   <u>Children Section</u> of the Criminal Division at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is pleased to announce
   the launch of the Child Sex Trafficking: A Training Series for Frontline Officers online training course.
- This no-cost, interactive course is self-paced, available 24/7 and <u>available to law enforcement officers</u> only.
- The training will educate frontline officers on how to recognize and respond to victims of child sex trafficking. This is a series of training videos which depicts sworn law enforcement officers demonstrating alterative responses to different types of scenarios involving child sex trafficking.
- For information on the system requirements to take the course, visit the *Getting Started* page.
- For more information, contact Cari Jankowski at 1-800-843-4227 x802 or cev@theiacp.org.

## Student Bereavement Resources Available

- The Coalition to Support Grieving Students was convened by the <u>New York Life Foundation</u>, a pioneering advocate for the cause of childhood bereavement, and the <u>National Center for School Crisis and</u>
   Bereavement, which is led by pediatrician and childhood bereavement expert David J. Schonfeld, M.D.
- The Coalition has worked with Scholastic Inc., a long-standing supporter of teachers and kids, to create <u>grievingstudents.org</u>, a groundbreaking, practitioner-oriented website designed to provide educators with the information, insights, and practical advice they need to better understand and meet the needs of the millions of grieving kids in America's classrooms."
- School personnel can access the Grief Support Modules <a href="here">here</a>.

## **Stories from the Field**

## NEW SchoolDNA - Pinnacle School Testimonial

- <u>BuildingDNA</u>, developer of the SchoolDNA™ dynamic mapping platform for school emergency planning, preparedness and response, announced the success of its first school pilot program within the CSSRC's BASIC Prep Project, as evidenced by the institutional adoption of SchoolDNA as the digital foundation for school-wide safety protocols and first responder coordination.
- <u>SchoolDNA™</u> is the first-ever resource for schools that combines a building visualization tool with live data feeds to empower emergency teams to best 'Plan, Prepare & Respond'.
- With SchoolDNA administrators can provide actionable, visual situation reports, and first responders can access live security video and motion sensor data en route to the school.
- The platform is a dynamic training solution, bringing table top exercises to life allowing schools to more frequently and effectively train staff. It is also a digital emergency plan repository and ready-access catalogue of identified risks and available resources.
- Amber Oeltjenbruns, Human Resources and School Safety Manager for The Pinnacle Charter School, summarized the school's experience with the SchoolDNA application and the BuildingDNA team in the following brief <u>video</u>.
- For more information on SchoolDNA™, contact Tim Buttrill at tim@buildingdna.com.

#### **NEW** Fire Up Your Feet Colorado Winners

- Fire Up Your Feet is a core program of the Safe Routes To School National Partnership.
- Available to any elementary and middle school in grades K-8 nationally, Fire Up Your Feet offers free
  resources, an online activity tracker, a school fundraising organizer and more, all aimed at increasing physical
  activity before, during and after school for students, parents, school staff and teachers.
- Congratulations to the Colorado Fire Up Your Feet Spring 2015 Activity Challenge winners:
  - o 1st Place: Manitou Springs Middle School, Manitou Springs

- 2nd Place: Peiffer Elementary School, Littleton
- 3rd Place: Lincoln School of Science & Technology, Canon City
- o 3rd Place: Van Buren Elementary School, Loveland
- 3rd Place: Washington Elementary School, Canon City
- Runner Up: Frontier Valley Elementary School, Parker
- Visit <u>Colorado Fire Up Your Feet</u> to learn more about how schools can get involved. Fire Up Your Feet's Fall Challenge runs October 1 October 31, 2015.

## **NEW** "Flakka" Is The Latest Synthetic Drug to Worry Experts

- A drug known as "flakka" is the latest synthetic compound to raise concern among public health experts, Fox News reports. Flakka is a tweaked version of bath salts.
- In some cases, it can cause heart palpitations and aggressive, violent behavior, the article notes. Use of the drug can affect the kidneys, leading to kidney failure or death.
- Flakka use has recently been reported in Florida, Ohio and Texas. The name is derived from the Spanish word "flaca," which means "skinny." The drug is sold in other parts of the country as "Gravel."
- Read the full article here.

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