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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

As you know, the 2014 Colorado legislative session is in full swing. As busy educators, we know you do not always have time to follow the bills that are being proposed and debated in both the House and Senate they may affect your work in the schools.

I invite you to take advantage of a quick and easy way to follow what is happening. PEBC is a nonprofit partnership of Colorado education and business leaders dedicated to developing the intellectual and scholarly practices of educators across the continuum of their professional lives and to provide current news in the education arena to foster and provoke informed policy discussions and decision making in our state. (From their website)

PEBC founded **Chalkbeat Colorado**, formerly EdNews Colorado. By following the link to their [Bill Tracker](#), you will know what is happening in the Capitol and have an opportunity to share your thoughts with your legislators. Enjoy!

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **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...](#)

❖ **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.

❖ **UPDATED Youth Preparedness Council**

- **New Application due date: March 3, 2014**
- [FEMA](#) is looking for youth leaders 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.
- Any individual between the ages of 12 and 17 who is engaged in individual and community preparedness, or who has experienced a disaster that has motivated him or her to make a positive difference in his or her community, may apply to serve on the Youth Preparedness Council.
- [Apply here](#)

❖ **NEW National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day**

- **March 3, 2014**
- Hosted by the [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\)](#)
- Commit a couple of hours, or the entire day, and watch as your actions positively contribute to reducing your community's wildfire risk. Challenge your friends, your family, relatives, faith-based group or youth organization to develop a project and join others throughout the nation in making big changes. Your efforts will help raise wildfire awareness, promote collaboration and bring neighbors together to work on projects that can help protect homes, neighborhoods and entire communities from future wildfire risk or current post-fire impacts.
- [More information](#)

❖ **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...](#)

❖ **NEW Fire Up Your Feet (FUYF) Spring Activity Challenge**

- **April 1, 2014**
- Hosted by Safe Routes to School (SRTS), Kaiser Permanente and National PTA
- Fire Up Your Feet will give Challenge Awards to schools and PTA groups to make improvements that boost opportunities for physical activity. These Fire Up Your Feet Challenge Awards go a long way in supporting Safe Routes to School programs and other health and wellness initiatives in schools.
- [Get started and register](#)

❖ **NEW National Walk Bike to School Day**

- **May 7, 2014**

- Hosted by [Safe Routes to School \(SRTS\)](#)
- Join the 12 schools in Colorado who have already registered their 2014 events. This year, the goal is to have 160 Colorado schools participate in this national event.
- [Register your event](#)

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

❖ 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:
 - Dorothy Espelage, PhD, “Realistic Strategies for Bully Prevention and Promoting Positive School Climate” from the Positive School Climate: Bullying Prevention Institute on February 12, 2014
 - 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
 - Russell Copelan, MD, “Youth Nonideation Suicidality” from the Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium on October 22, 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 \(CDE\)](#)
- 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...](#)

❖ **NEW Girls Matter! Webinar Series Addressing Adolescent Girls’ Behavioral Health**

- **March 13, 2014, 3:00-4:30 pm ET,** [The Girl in the Mirror: Behavioral Health of Adolescent Girls](#)
- **April 22, 2014, 3:00-4:30 pm ET,** [Girls and Substance Use: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities](#)
- **May 20, 2014, 3:00-4:30 pm ET,** Digital Girls: Confession, Connection, and Disconnection
- **June 10, 2014, 3:00-4:30 pm ET,** Sanctuary and Support for Girls in Crisis
- **July 14, 2014, 3:00-4:30 pm ET,** The Power of Youth Development and Recovery Supports
- This webinar series provides research, best practice and critical thinking on the topics that professionals working with girls and young women must know. Each session addresses a key area of what matters to adolescent girls today—including challenges, opportunities, and strategies for supporting girls.
- The [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) has created this webinar series to: increase the behavioral health workforce’s understanding of the needs and concerns of adolescent girls (primarily ages 12-18); and bring visibility and attention to the specific behavioral health concerns of adolescent girls
- [More information and registration](#)

OTHER TRAININGS and EVENTS

❖ **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...](#)

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

- **March 4, 2014, 8:30am – 3:30pm, Grand Junction**
- **April 17, 2014, 8:30am – 3:30pm, Denver Metro Area**
- 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...](#)

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

- **DENVER—**
 - **March 6, 2014, 6:00pm – 9:00pm; March 8, 2014, 8:00am – 5:30pm; AND March 15, 2014, 8:00am – 5:30pm; class full scale training 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...](#)

❖ **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

❖ **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...](#)

❖ **RESCHEDULED** 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@iloveuguy.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.ecconference.com/>

❖ **NEW** Advanced Hazmat Life Support Toxic Terrorism

- **March 20, 2014, 8:00am – 12:00 pm, Rita Bass Trauma and EMS Education, 190 W 6th Ave, Denver, CO 80204**
- **This course is open to responders within the NCR UASI.**
- Taught by the physicians and paramedics of the Denver Paramedic Division.
- This course is designed to teach medical professionals how to treat people exposed to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents. AHLS provides the specialized knowledge and skills needed to determine the toxic agent involved and the appropriate treatment for victims.
- [Registration and more information available here](#)

❖ **NEW** Helping Traumatized Youth

- **March 21, 2014, 9:00-9:30am: Networking, 9:30-11:30am: Training, Tivoli Room 320A/B, Auraria Campus, 900 Auraria Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204**
- Presented by The Center for High Risk Youth Studies at Metropolitan State University of Denver, Providers for Youth Partnerships (PYP)
- Presented by Dr. Jerry Yager
- For more information and to register, contact Annie Butler, 303-556-3105, or lbutler6@msudenver.edu

❖ **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...](#)

❖ Legacy Summit

- **April 17, 2014**, Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center, 650 15th Street, Denver
- Hosted by the [Colorado Legacy Foundation](#)
- The Summit will be comprised of sixteen workshop sessions, which will feature local and national experts and implementers of Colorado Legacy Foundation's areas of work: Educator Effectiveness, Colorado Legacy Schools, Health and Wellness, Next Generation Learning, and STEM. CLF will provide best practices and tangible tools for advancing the professional growth of educators and academic achievement for all students.
- [Learn more and register to attend](#)

❖ 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 [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:
 - **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** Colorado Mentoring Symposium

- **April 25, 2014**, Red Lion Hotel in Aurora, Colorado
- The [Youth Mentoring Collaborative](#) and Serve Colorado are partnering together to host this 3rd Annual Conference. Presenters and topics that support and promote high quality mentoring in Colorado will be at the Symposium.
- Early registration ends April 1, 2014
- \$85 per individual
- \$75 per person in a group of 5 +
- \$50 per person for lunch plus Keynote Speaker
- [Registration](#)

❖ Advanced Hazmat Life Support

- **May 1-2, 2014, 8:00am – 5:00 pm**, Rita Bass Trauma and EMS Education, 190 W 6th Ave, Denver, CO 80204
- **May 22-23, 2014, 8:00am – 5:00 pm**, Rita Bass Trauma and EMS Education, 190 W 6th Ave, Denver, CO 80204
- Taught by the physicians, toxicologists and paramedics of the Denver Paramedic Division and Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center.
- **This course is open to responders within the NCR UASI.**
- This is a 16 hour, two-day course that teaches healthcare professionals to medically manage patients exposed to hazardous materials, including chemical, biological and radiological incidents. Participants learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of exposure in order to medically management of hazmat incidents. Healthcare professionals receive a four-year verification status upon successful completion of the course.

- [Registration](#)
- ❖ **NEW Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Youth**
 - **May 9, 2014, 9:00-9:30am: Networking, 9:30-11:30am: Training**, Tivoli Building, Auraria Campus, 900 Auraria Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204
 - Presented by The Center for High Risk Youth Studies at Metropolitan State University of Denver, Providers for Youth Partnerships (PYP)
 - For more information and to register, contact Annie Butler, 303-556-3105, or lbutler6@msudenver.edu
- ❖ **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/>
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **NEW Tier 1 Intensive Training in the Collaborative Problem Solving Approach**
 - **August 6-8, 2014, Hangar 61, Stapleton Fellowship Church, 8700 E 21st Ave, Denver, 80238**
 - Presented by [Collaborative Consultation & Counseling](#) in partnership with THINK:KIDS
 - The approach used is based upon the model described in the book Treating Explosive Kids by Dr. Ross Greene and Dr. Stuart Ablon. This model has been applied to children with a wide range of social, emotional, and behavioral challenges, and in a variety of settings.
 - [More Information](#) and [Registration](#)
- ❖ **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...](#)

❖ **NEW National Prevention Network (NPN) Prevention Research Conference**

- **September 15-18, 2014, Hartford, CT**
- Presented by the [National Prevention Network \(NPN\)](#), a component group of the [National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors \(NASADAD\)](#)
- State prevention directors together with representatives in territories, jurisdictions and tribes, will join together for a conference program that will highlight "CONNECTing Healthy Communities through Prevention Research and Practice." The purpose of the conference is to highlight and introduce evidence-based programs, innovations, practices and principles supporting high quality prevention programming.
- [More information and registration](#)

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ **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...](#)

❖ **NEW Recovery Community Services Program-Statewide Network Grants**

- **Applications are due by March 5, 2014**
- Issued by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)
- The purpose of this program is to expand the capacity of addiction recovery community organizations (RCOs) through the development of an organized statewide network. In collaboration with other relevant groups, grantees will work to strengthen the voice of the larger addiction recovery community at the local and state levels.
- Eligibility is limited to RCOs that are domestic private nonprofit entities in states, territories or tribes.
- [More information and application](#)

❖ **NEW Community-Police Partnership Awards**

- **Applications due March 9, 2014**
- Sponsored by [MetLife Foundation](#)
- The Community-Police Partnership Awards program aims to recognize partnerships that exhibit tangible accomplishments in their efforts to advance the process, outcome, and/or evaluation of effective police-community collaborations. Award categories include Gang Prevention & Youth Safety and School-Based Programs.

- Winning partnerships of nonprofit community-based organizations and local police departments receive monetary awards ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000 and their work will be promoted to a wide audience of practitioners, policymakers, and academics.
 - [Learn more and apply](#)
- ❖ **NEW Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention Community Grant**
- **Proposals due March 10, 2014**
 - Funding provided by the [Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention](#)
 - Priorities are data-driven and focus on high risk populations in the counties and regions of the state with the highest numbers and rates of suicide deaths and attempts. For the July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 community grant program, the OSP will fund projects that implement strategies and programs that target high risk populations in areas of the state with high suicide death and attempt rates.
 - [Learn more and 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.
 - [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)
- ❖ **NEW Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program Grants**
- **Applications due March 24, 2014**
 - Funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP).
 - Eligible applicants are community-based coalitions addressing youth substance use that have never received a DFC grant; or have previously received a DFC grant, but experienced a lapse in funding; or have concluded the first five-year funding cycle and are applying for a second five-year funding cycle.
 - Coalitions receiving DFC funds are expected to work with leaders within their communities to identify and address local youth substance use problems and create sustainable community-level change.
 - [Click here for more information](#)
 - [Click here to apply](#)
- ❖ **NEW “Typical or Troubled” School Mental Health Grant Program**
- **Applications due March 31, 2014**
 - Funded by the [American Psychiatric Foundation](#) (APF)
 - Schools and school districts are invited to apply to implement the *Typical or Troubled?* program in middle and high schools. By encouraging adults who closely interact with adolescents to notice the warning signs of mental health problems, equipping them with intervention strategies, and showing them where to refer teens for help in addressing these issues, the program is intended to help ensure student health and safety.
 - APF expects to award 25-30 grants of \$1,000-\$2,000.

- [Click here for more information and application](#)
- ❖ **Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) Grant**
- **Applications are due by April 1, 2014**
 - Issued by the [Colorado Department of Education](#) (CDE)
 - 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 Video Insight Video Surveillance Systems Donation**
- **Applications due monthly throughout 2014**
 - Donated by [Video Insight](#)
 - Video Insight has developed the School Security Grant to help schools that lack funds implement a video surveillance solution and to give back to these communities in need. Beginning in January 2014 — and for each month throughout the year — a school or college will be chosen to receive the software and equipment necessary to implement a video surveillance solution.
 - [More information and application](#)
- ❖ **NEW Comprehensive School Safety Research Grants**
- The [National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\)](#) has announced it will make available approximately \$15 million under the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative for multiple grants to address school safety nationwide. These grants will fund research to examine the root causes of school violence and to develop new technologies, apply evidence-based approaches, and test pilot programs to enhance school safety.
 - [Visit NIJ's funding Web page for grant opportunities.](#)

RESOURCES and INFORMATION

Prevention Resources

- ❖ **NEW Model School District Policy on Suicide Prevention: Model Language, Commentary, and Resources**
- Released January 2014 by the [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention \(AFSP\)](#), [American School Counselor Association \(ASCA\)](#), [National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#) and [Trevor Project](#)
 - This modular, adaptable document is designed to help educators and school administrators implement comprehensive suicide prevention policies. It is research-based and designed for middle and high schools without policies or in need of amendments to their existing policies.
 - [Access the Model Policy](#)
 - [View a recorded webinar on the Model Policy](#)
- ❖ **NEW A Practitioner's Resource Guide: Helping Families to Support Their LGBT Children**
- Published in February 2014 by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

- Offers information and resources to help practitioners throughout health and social service systems implement best practices in engaging and helping families and caregivers to support their lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) children.
 - [Read the guide](#)
- ❖ **NEW Protecting Student Privacy While Using Online Educational Services: Requirements and Best Practices**
- Published in February 2013 by the U.S. Department of Education's [Privacy Technical Assistance Center \(PTAC\)](#)
 - This document addresses privacy and security considerations relating to computer software, mobile applications (apps), and web-based tools provided by a third-party to a school or district that students and/or their parents access via the Internet and use as part of a school activity. Examples include online services that students use to access class readings, to view their learning progression, to watch video demonstrations, to comment on class activities, or to complete their homework.
 - [Read the best practices](#)
- ❖ **NEW Pertussis Information**
- There were 1,458 cases of pertussis (whooping cough) reported in Colorado in 2013.
 - [Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition](#)
 - [Colorado School Immunizations](#) requirements and information from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
 - [Pertussis Information and Guidelines for Schools and Child Care Settings](#), CDPHE 2013
- ❖ **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](#)
- ❖ **NEW Student Drug Testing and Positive School Climates: Testing the Relation Between Two School Characteristics and Drug Use Behavior in a Longitudinal Study**
- Published in the [Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs](#), January 2014.
 - Drug testing was not found to be associated with reductions in student drug use. Positive school climate is found to be associated with a reduction in student cigarette and drug use.
 - [Read the study](#)

Mitigation Resources

- ❖ **NEW Bicycle Safety Education for Children From a Developmental and Learning Perspective**
- Published January 2014 by the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](#)
 - First, this report describes the nature of children and adolescents' bicycle injuries in addition to understanding the types of programs that exist and their effectiveness. Second, this report explores the psychological domains related to riding a bicycle in childhood and adolescence such as motor skill development, cognitive development, brain development, and risk-taking and social influences. Understanding how each of these interacts with children's abilities to learn and ride a bicycle safely in traffic

allows researchers and safety practitioners to design more effective bicycle education programs to teach children and adolescents how to safely negotiate traffic as bicyclists.

- [Read the report](#)

Response & Recovery Resources

❖ **NEW** Principles of Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Treatment: A Research-Based Guide

- Published in January 2014 by the [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#)
- Presents research-based principles of adolescent substance use disorder treatment; covers treatment for a variety of drugs including, illicit and prescription drugs, alcohol, and tobacco; presents settings and evidence-based approaches unique to treating adolescents.
- [Read the guide](#)

❖ **NEW** SAMHSA Behavioral Health Disaster Response Mobile App

- Released January 2014 by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)
- Offers first responders immediate access to field resources for aiding disaster survivors. Has the ability to search for and map behavioral health service providers in the impacted area, review emergency preparedness materials, and send resources to colleagues.
- [Learn more and download the app](#)

Research and Statistics Resources

❖ 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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