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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

BASIC Prep or Businesses Assisting Schools in Communities Prep

A new initiative that the Center will be launching on Thursday, June 5th at the Marriott in Ft. Collins starting at 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

We invite **RURAL schools** to send a representative to hear more about this exciting pilot program facilitated by the CSSRC that aims to enhance emergency preparedness and safety planning initiatives in Colorado schools **by aligning districts and individual schools with local business partners.**

This program is intended to help schools create sustainable preparedness strategies for manmade and natural disasters, while providing businesses with the opportunity to share expertise and increase their value to Colorado communities. While the CSSRC is not offering funding for this pilot program or individual projects, BASIC Prep will provide facilitated collaboration between Colorado schools and businesses as they work in partnership to enhance school resiliency, emergency preparedness and safety planning. We hope to use the pilot project to create a replicable model for the entire state. [For more information and to register, please click here.](#)

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Youth Engaged for School Safety (YES²) Applications Now Being Accepted

- **Applications due May 16, 2014**
- CSSRC is now accepting applications for Youth Engaged for School Safety, YES², a youth advisory council for the Center for students entering grades 9 through 12 for the 2014-2015 school year. Interested students dedicated to improving school safety and school culture in the state of Colorado, [please click here for more information and to apply](#). Students will meet in person and/or electronically and be paid a stipend for their participation.

❖ 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](#)
- [Helmets on Heads Bike Share Giveaway](#)

❖ **National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day**

- **May 8, 2014**
- Hosted by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)
- On this day, state and local programs can join more than 1,100 communities around the country in spotlighting the importance of children's mental health from birth.
- [Learn more and participate](#)
- [Local activity ideas](#)

❖ **No Place for Hate®**

- ADL has begun to sign-up schools interested in our No Place for Hate® Initiative for the 2014-2015 school year!
- No Place for Hate® is an initiative of the [Anti-Defamation League](#), Mountain States Region, offered to schools in Colorado and Wyoming.
- The initiative 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® provides a unique framework to incorporate new and existing programs with one consistent message. 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.
- [Sign up and learn more](#)

❖ **Ready, Steady, Strong workshops**

- FEMA is offering Colorado schools an opportunity to receive FREE emergency preparedness workshops specifically geared toward students ages 14-18. Ready, Steady, Strong workshops are intended to teach youth about preparing for natural disasters, while empowering students to know how to help their families and communities in the face of an unexpected crisis. These interactive, age-appropriate workshops can be customized to meet a variety of time, curriculum and audience structures and can be tailored to fill the specific needs of a school or community.
- **For more information, or to schedule a FREE Ready, Steady, Strong workshop at your school, please contact Daniel England, at daniel.england@fema.dhs.gov, or Ariella Ross, at ariella.ross@fema.dhs.gov.**

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

❖ **Threat Assessment in Schools**

- **Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 8:30 – 11:30 am, Miller Middle School Auditorium, 2608 Junction St, Durango 81301**
- Sponsored by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center and San Juan BOCES
- Dr. John Nicoletti will analyze the latest school attacks discussing insider vs. outsider threats and how schools can minimize vulnerabilities.
- Registration is required. Contact Kathy Morris at kmorris@sjboces.org, 970-247-3261 x801
- [Threat Assessment in Schools Flyer](#)

❖ **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.
- [More information and registration](#)
- Portions of this year's event will be available to an online audience. For more information visit www.fpsv.org.

❖ **NEW Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools**

- The Colorado School Safety Resource Center, in partnership with the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is proud to offer the following courses presented by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- **L364, Multi-hazard Emergency Planning for Schools Field Course** will be held on Monday and Tuesday, **June 9th and 10th** in Loveland, CO. This course will have a maximum of 40 attendees. You will need to create an account in CO.Train if you do not already have a registration account. The course ID in CO.Train is [1050575](#).
- **L362, Train-the-Trainer for L364** is a three (3) day course and will be held on **August 13th, 14th and 15th** at the State Patrol Academy in Golden. This course will have a maximum of 30 attendees. You will need to create an account in CO.Train if you do not already have a registration account. The course ID in CO.Train is [1050583](#).
- **You must attend L364 to be eligible to attend L362, Train-the-Trainer**
- After you've registered there will be a process to choose the final candidates and you will be notified as to whether or not you may attend. We do urge you to attend with a small team from your school and community.
- **There is no charge to attend these classes.**
- Please remember that you must register yourself on co.train.org but please feel free to call the Colorado School Safety Resource Center, at (303)239-4435 with any other questions.

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:
 - Michelle Murphy, JD, “Overview of Guiding Legislation” from Proactive School Discipline on May 1, 2014
 - Eldridge Greer, PhD, “Discipline, Data and Disproportionality” from Proactive School Discipline on May 1, 2014
 - Erin Sullivan, MEd, “Data Analysis to Drive Decisions” from Proactive School Discipline on May 1, 2014
 - John Nicoletti, PhD, “Analyzing School Attacks to Minimize Vulnerabilities” from the Threat Assessment in Schools Training on April 2, 2014
 - 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
- [Click here to see Livestreams of all previous keynote addresses...](#)

WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES

❖ **Green Strides Webinar Series**

- **May 14, 2014, 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET**, Rainforest Alliance Curriculum (Rainforest Alliance)
- **May 14, 2014, 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET**, Effective Climate Change Communication (NPS)
- Hosted by the U.S. Department of Education, this series provide school communities the tools to reduce schools’ environmental impact and costs; improve health and wellness; and teach effective environmental literacy, including STEM, green careers, and civic engagement. Find sessions for educators, facilities managers, and advocates weekly.
- [More information and registration](#)

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

- **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](#)

❖ **NEW Mandated Reporters Training**

- Created by the [Colorado Department of Human Services \(CDHS\)](#)
- This training is intended for those including healthcare providers, mental health providers, educators, first responders, and others who are mandated by law to report child abuse and neglect.
- Access the training on Google Chrome or Firefox at <http://coloradocwts.com/community-training>

❖ **Online Learning Courses from the Partnership for Families and Children**

- [Getting Serious: A Best Practice Approach to Bullying Prevention](#)
- [Truancy and Dropout: Mending Cracks in the Graduation Pipeline](#)
- These are longer, more challenging courses that include multiple units, unit quizzes, and a final exam. These courses are more intense and offer extensive information in the subject matter, provided by the [Partnership for Families and Children](#).
- [Learn more and register here](#)

OTHER TRAININGS and EVENTS

- ❖ **NEW Denver Community Emergency Response Training (Denver CERT)**
 - **May 1, 2014, 6:00pm – 9:00pm, May 3, 2014, 8:00am – 5:30pm, and May 10, 2014, 8:00am – 5:30pm,** Denver Police District #1, 1311 W 46 Ave. Denver CO 80211
 - You must attend all class sessions (3 Days) and the class exercise in order to complete the course.
 - This emergency/disaster preparedness and response training (FEMA course G317) will include how to plan for an emergency, and teach basic response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and emergency/disaster medical operations. At the completion of this training, participants are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in our community.
 - [More information and registration](#)
- ❖ **safeTALK: Bridging the Divide Pre-Summit**
 - **May 6, 2014,** Regis University Lowell Campus in Denver
 - Sponsored by the [Colorado Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#) and the [Bridging the Divide Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit](#)
 - Offered free of charge and open to anyone over the age of 15.
 - [Learn more and register](#)
- ❖ **NEW Practical Approach to Preventing Suicide in High Schools: Utilization of SAMHSA's High School Toolkit: Bridging the Divide Pre-Summit**
 - **May 6, 2014, 1:30-4:30pm** Regis University Lowell Campus in Denver
 - Co-hosted by the [Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado](#) and the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Office of Suicide Prevention](#)
 - This workshop will utilize the toolkit released by SAMHSA- Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for High Schools. Each participant will receive a copy of the toolkit and Mr. Wright will help school personnel or other partners access their ability to prevent suicide and respond to suicides that may occur.
 - [Registration](#)
- ❖ **Bridging the Divide Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit**
 - **May 6-7, 2014,** Regis University Lowell Campus in Denver
 - Co-hosted by the [Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado](#) and the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Office of Suicide Prevention](#), this year's Summit theme, "Upstream, Downstream: Navigating the Waters of Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Grief Support," will explore ways to stop the devastating effects of suicide by focusing on a time continuum from prevention to postvention.
 - [Learn more and register](#)
- ❖ **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

❖ **Community Awareness Program (CAP) Train the Trainer**

- **May 12, 2014, 1:00-5:00pm**, The CELL, 99 W. 12th Ave. Denver, CO 80204
- The CAP is [the CELL's](#) public safety initiative approved through the Department of Homeland Security that educates individuals on how to help prevent criminal and possible terrorist activity.
- Who is eligible to become a trainer:
 - Colorado POST certified individuals
 - Terrorism Liaison Officers (TLO) through the CIAC
 - Other First Responder: Emergency managers, Active Military, Fire Instructor 1/Fire Safety Educator, Paramedic, Law Enforcement
 - CERT Instructor through Office of Emergency Management
- To register: Email Jesse Quick at cap@thecell.org or call 303-844-4000 ext.4

❖ **NEW Community Awareness Program (CAP)**

- **May 13, 2014, 6:00-8:30pm**, [registration](#)
- **June 10, 2014, 6:00-8:30pm**, [registration](#)
- **July 29, 2014, 6:00-8:30pm**, [registration](#)
- The CELL, 99 W. 12th Ave. Denver, CO 80204
- The CAP is [the CELL's](#) public safety initiative approved through the Department of Homeland Security that educates individuals on how to help prevent criminal and possible terrorist activity.

❖ **NEW Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado: Summit County Conference**

- **May 16, 2014, 8:15am-4:00pm**, Beaver Run Resort, 620 Village Road, Breckenridge, CO 80424
- Presented by the [Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado](#)
- Registration is \$49 or \$15 for brain injury survivors
- [Registration](#)

❖ **Network Leadership Training Academy**

- **May 19-21, 2014**, School of Public Affairs, University of CO Denver, 1380 Lawrence Street Terrace Room, Denver, 80214
- Hosted by the Research Program on Collaborative Governance (RPCG) in the [School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver](#).
- The NLTA is a place where public sector leaders gather to learn, share ideas, and develop skills for engaging in the "network way of working." The workshop is focused on building, managing, and evaluating effective networks. Many people today are deeply involved in the network way of working, but are struggling to find tools and a place to build skills for this new way of connecting across boundaries. This workshop provides conversations about network leadership, activities and exercises to share and demonstrate skills and ideas, and practical tools to translate back to practice.
- [Registration](#)

❖ **NEW Mental Health in the Sangres Symposium**

- **May 21, 2014, 8:00am – 4:30pm**, CSU Pueblo Student Center, 2200 Bonforte Blvd, Pueblo, 81001
- Presented by the Mental Health Integration Committee
- [More information and registration](#)

❖ **Advanced Hazmat Life Support**

- **May 22-23, 2014, 8:00am – 5:00pm**, 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](#)

❖ **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 Brain Injury Conference: Frontiers in Brain Injury Treatment**

- **June 5, 2014, 7:15am – 4:00pm**, the Pinery at the Hill, 775 West Bijou St, Colorado Springs
- Presented by BrainCare, a program of [Rocky Mountain Health Care Services](#)
- [Learn more and register](#)

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- [More information and registration](#)
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❖ **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:
 - **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 The Briefings National School Safety Symposium**

- **June 16-20, 2014, Chatfield High School, 7227 S Simms St, Littleton, CO 80127**
- Hosted by the [Colorado Attorney General](#), [Jeffco Public Schools](#), [Jefferson County Sheriff's Office](#), and [the "I Love U Guys" Foundation](#)
- This week-long symposium examines lessons learned from traumatic events and reveals new, preemptive school safety measures growing in multiple realms.
- [Registration and more information](#)

❖ **NEW National School Climate Center Institutes**

- **July 7, 2014, Winston Preparatory School, NY – School Climate Policy Institute**
- **July 8-10, 2014, Winston Preparatory School, NY – School Climate Renewal and the Common Core**
- Hosted by the National School Climate Center (NSCC)
- Learn about integrating school climate with the Common Core and model policies
- [Registration and more information](#)

❖ **Supporting Military Children through School Transitions: Social/Emotional**

- **July 24-25, 2014, Learning Development Center, 600 S. Aspen St, Building #1032, Buckley, CO 80011**
- Funded by the US Air Force; No Cost to Participants
- This is a professional development training for educators and service providers (mental health, social work and child-care) in Colorado. This two day, 12 contact hour course will be conducted July 24-25. There are 50 seats in the class.
- [Learn more and register](#)

❖ **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...](#)

❖ **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

❖ **NEW Bulletproof Vest Partnership**

- **Applications due May 13, 2014**
- Funding provided by the [Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\)](#)
- [More information and application](#)

❖ **NEW Mentoring for Child Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Domestic Sex Trafficking Initiative**

- **Applications due May 15, 2014**
- Funding provided by the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(OJJDP\)](#)
- Eligible applicants include states, units of local government, and nonprofit and for-profit organizations
- This initiative supports efforts to provide mentoring services for child victims of commercial sexual exploitation and domestic sex trafficking. Funding is available under two categories: Mentoring Project Sites and Training and Technical Assistance.
- [Learn more and apply](#)

❖ **NEW Campus Suicide Prevention Grant**

- **Applications due May 27, 2014**
- Funding provided by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)
- The purpose of this program is to facilitate a comprehensive approach to preventing suicide in institutions of higher education. This program is designed to assist colleges and universities build a foundation for their efforts to prevent suicide attempts and completions and to enhance services for students with mental and substance use disorders that put them at risk for suicide and suicide attempts.
- [Learn more and apply](#)

❖ **NEW Now is the Time Improving Life Trajectories for Youth and Young Adults with, or at Risk for, Serious Mental Health Conditions Grants**

- **Applications due June 13, 2014**
- Funding provided by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)
- The purpose of this program is to improve access to treatment and support services for youth and young adults ages 16 – 25 that either have, or are at risk of developing a serious mental health condition.
- [Learn more and apply](#)

❖ **NEW Now is the Time Project AWARE Local Educational Agency Grants**

- **Applications due June 16, 2014**
- Funding provided by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)
- The purpose of this program is to assist local educational agencies to begin to support the training of school personnel and other adults who interact with youth in both school settings and communities to detect and respond to mental illness in children and youth, including how to encourage adolescents and their families experiencing these problems to seek treatment. It is required that individuals be trained in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) or Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHA).
- Award Amount: Up to \$50,000 per year

- [More information and application](#)
- ❖ **NEW Project Prevent Grant Program**
 - **Applications due June 30, 2014**
 - Funding provided by the U.S. Department of Education [Office of Elementary and Secondary Education \(OESE\)](#)
 - This program provides funding to local educational agencies (LEAs) to increase their capacity both to identify, assess, and serve students exposed to pervasive violence, helping to ensure that affected students are offered mental health services for trauma or anxiety; support conflict resolution programs; and implement other school-based violence prevention strategies in order to reduce the likelihood that these students will later commit violent acts.
 - [Learn more and apply](#)
- ❖ **NEW Developing Knowledge about What Works to Make Schools Safe**
 - **Applications due July 10, 2014**
 - Funding provided by the [National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\)](#)
 - NIJ seeks proposals to develop knowledge about the effects of personnel, programs, and activities on school safety in the United States. Funds are available to local education agencies (LEAs), public charter schools that are recognized as an LEA and State educational agencies (SEAs). Applicants are expected to enter into an agreement to partner with highly qualified researchers and research organizations to test whether an intervention helps us understand what works in making schools safer. NIJ is particularly interested in the impact on school safety of mental health services, public safety and preparedness (such as the use of school resource officers), and school climate and culture programs.
 - [Learn more and apply](#)
- ❖ **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](#)
- ❖ **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 Alcohol and the Teen Brain, and Marijuana and the Teen Brain**
 - New information sheet created in April 2014 by the [SpeakNow!](#) Campaign, an effort of the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health (OBH).

- Learn about the effects of alcohol and marijuana on adolescents.
- [Access the information sheet](#)

❖ **Bullying and Youth with Disabilities and Special Health Needs**

- Resources provided by [Stop Bullying.gov](#)
- Children with disabilities—such as physical, developmental, intellectual, emotional, and sensory disabilities—are at an increased risk of being bullied. Any number of factors— physical vulnerability, social skill challenges, or intolerant environments—may increase the risk. Research suggests that some children with disabilities may bully others as well.
- Kids with special health needs, such as epilepsy or food allergies, also may be at higher risk of being bullied. Bullying can include making fun of kids because of their allergies or exposing them to the things they are allergic to. In these cases, bullying is not just serious, it can mean life or death.
- [Access the tip sheet](#)
- [Review the website](#)

❖ **NEW E-Cigarettes and Calls to Poison Centers**

- Released April 2014 by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Calls to Poison Centers for Exposures to Electronic Cigarettes — United States, September 2010–February 2014](#)
- [Press Release: New CDC Study Finds Dramatic Increase in E-Cigarette-Related Calls to Poison Centers](#)

❖ **Heroin Research Report**

- Updated by the [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#) in February 2014
- This report offers the most current data on heroin use and its consequences as well as treatment options for heroin use disorders.
- [Read the report](#)
- [Also available in Spanish](#)

❖ **NEW Not Alone: The First Report of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault**

- Released in April 2014 by the White House.
- One in five women is sexually assaulted in college. Most often, it's by someone she knows – and also most often, she does not report what happened. Many survivors are left feeling isolated, ashamed or to blame. Although it happens less often, men, too, are victims of these crimes.
- The President created the Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault to turn this tide. As the name of our new website – [NotAlone.gov](#) – indicates, we are here to tell sexual assault survivors that they are not alone. And we're also here to help schools live up to their obligation to protect students from sexual violence.
- [Read the report](#)

❖ **NEW The Relationship between Bullying and Suicide: What We Know and What it Means for Schools**

- Released in April 2014 by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).
- As school administrators, teachers and school staff in daily contact with young people, you are uniquely affected by these events and feel enormous pressure to help prevent them in the future. The purpose of this document is to provide concrete, action-oriented information based on the latest science to help you improve your schools' understanding of and ability to prevent and respond to the problem of bullying and suicide-related behavior.

- [Access the report](#)

Mitigation Resources

❖ **NEW Advancing Transportation and Health: Approaches from the Federal Safe Routes to School Program that Offer Broad Application**

- Published December 2013 by the [Federal Highway Administration](#) and [National Safe Routes to School](#)
- This report summarizes a SRTS Roundtable held with transportation and health professionals who examined the contributions that SRTS has made, and can continue to make, to transportation and health programs.
- [Read the report](#)

❖ **Bikeology: A Middle and High School Bicycle Safety Curriculum for Physical Education Teachers and Recreation Specialists**

- Published March 2014 by the [American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance \(AAHPERD\)](#).
- This is a ready-to-use bicycle-safety curriculum for physical education and recreation specialists working with students in grades 6-12. Aligned with the National Standards for K-12 Physical Education, this curriculum includes lessons and assessments highlighting the skills and knowledge students need to enjoy a lifetime of safe bicycling. It also provides a guide for parents on ways they can support safe bicycling, including guidance on selecting an appropriate bicycle and helmet for their child. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides funding and technical support for this project.
- [Click here to download the Bikeology Curriculum and Parent Guide](#).

❖ **NEW Civil Rights Data Collection: Data Snapshot: School Discipline**

- Published March 2014 by the U.S. Department of Education [Office for Civil Rights](#)
- This issue brief contains the latest information about school discipline, restraint, and seclusion.

❖ **Discipline Disparities: A Research-to-Practice Collaborative**

- In order to improve the state of our knowledge and encourage effective interventions, the [Discipline Disparities Research to Practice Collaborative](#), a group of 26 nationally known researchers, educators, advocates, and policy analysts, came together to address the problem of disciplinary disparities. Funded by Atlantic Philanthropies and Open Society Foundations, the Collaborative has spent nearly three years conducting a series of meetings with groups of stakeholders – advocates, educators, juvenile justice representatives, intervention agents, researchers, and policymakers—in order to increase the availability of interventions that are both practical and evidence-based, and to develop and support a policy agenda for reform to improve equity in school discipline.
- [Discipline Disparities Series](#), published March 2014
- [Key Findings Executive Summary](#)
- [Overview](#)
- [How Educators Can Eradicate Disparities in School Discipline: A Briefing Paper on School-Based Interventions](#)
- [Eliminating Excessive and Unfair Exclusionary Discipline in Schools: Policy Recommendations for Reducing Disparities](#)

❖ **Official State of Colorado Website for Marijuana Information & Resources**

- Published March 2014 by the [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment \(CDPHE\)](#)
- This website is managed and administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on behalf of the Office of the Governor and in partnership with a broad team of Colorado State agencies and partners.

- Colorado.gov/marijuana was created to provide statewide current information for the general public about the laws, data and health effects of marijuana. The information available here will continually expand to feature a Spanish language version of the site, newly released data and public awareness campaigns to inform Coloradans.
- [Access the website](#)
- [Information for parents](#), including health and education effects on youth, safe storage and accessibility, and how to talk to youth about drugs and alcohol

Response & Recovery Resources

❖ Childhood Traumatic Grief Resources

- Published in March 2014 by the [National Child Traumatic Stress Network \(NCTSN\)](#)
- [Helping Military Children Grieve: Tip Sheet for Educators](#)
- [Helping Children with Traumatic Grief](#)
- [10 Things a School-Age Child with Traumatic Grief Wants You to Know and How to Help](#)
- [LGBTQ Youth and Sexual Abuse: Information for Mental Health Professionals](#)

❖ NEW Concussion Management Guidelines

- Updated in April 2014 by the [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#)
- CDE is working with Colorado school districts to develop a comprehensive system of support for children with a mild to severe brain injury, through the development of systemic district-level protocol and partnership with community resources.
- [Access the brain injury site and updated Guidelines](#)

❖ NEW Through Our Eyes: Children, Violence and Trauma

- New videos added in April 2014 by the US Department of Justice [Office for Victims of Crime \(OVC\)](#)
- This series now includes eight videos, accompanying resource guides, and public awareness posters—the most recent videos highlight intervention in schools, innovations in juvenile justice, addressing violence in the home, and a call to action on how you can help a child in need.
- [Access the videos](#)

Research & Statistics Resources

❖ Trends in Unwanted Online Experiences and Sexting: Final Report

- Published in February 2014 by the [Crimes Against Children Research Center \(CCRC\)](#)
- This report, supported by funding from the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(OJJDP\)](#), summarizes key findings from the Third Youth Internet Safety Survey. Topics include youth reports of unwanted sexual solicitations, online harassment, uninvited exposure to sexual material, and “sexting.”
- [Read the report](#)

❖ NEW Youth Exposure to Violence Prevention Programs in a National Sample

- Published in March 2014 in [Child Abuse & Neglect](#)
- The survey findings show that two-thirds of children ages 5–9 and three-quarters of youth 10–17 years old have benefitted from formal bullying or violence prevention programs. The researchers found that school-age children had lower levels of both peer victimization and perpetration, while older youth made more disclosures about victimization to parents and authorities.
- [Access the study](#)

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