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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](http://www.Colorado.gov/SchoolSafetyResourceCenter) or [www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC](http://www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC).**

## **THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

### **2015 Colorado Safe Schools Summit**

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center in Thornton**

- Please plan to join us for another excellent **no-cost** Summit with tracks for school staff, mental health professionals and school law enforcement partners.
- **You must pre-register.** Registration is open at [www.CO.Train.org](http://www.CO.Train.org) with Course ID#: 1056986. [Information flyer here.](#) Our limit for the Summit is 350 participants so get your registration in early.
- We are accepting Workshop Proposals until May 29, 2015. [Please use this form.](#)
- We also have an opportunity for school safety businesses to be a [Summit sponsor](#).

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

- **Don't have a plan?** Want to build your school's first plan to the new standard?
- **Have a plan?** Want to bring your school emergency planning to the next level?
- **Have a great plan?** Want to refine and update your plan?

#### **Here's your chance!**

- 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. **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](mailto:Quintana_V@cde.state.co.us)) to participate in this wonderful opportunity.

**Finally,** we have an opening for a [Program Assistant II](#) to join our team! Please see a new open competitive job announcement posted for the Colorado School Safety Resource Center. Application deadline is May 6, 2015, 5:00 pm or until the first 50 applications are received.

*Kindest regards, Chris*

## **CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NEW Colorado Physical Education Instructional Units Available**

- CDE has posted the Physical Education instructional units based on the Colorado Academic Standards.
- The (k-12<sup>th</sup> grade) teacher-authored units include learning experiences, teacher and student resources, assessment ideas, and differentiation options.
- Each of the units was authored by a team of Colorado educators, including general education, special education, ELL, and other school professionals.
- To review the PE Instructional Units, Please click [here](#).

### **NEW Colorado Mental Health First Aid Seeking Youth to Serve on Education Subcommittee**

- [Mental Health First Aid Colorado](#) is seeking high school juniors and seniors to serve as members on its education subcommittee..
- We need a youth voice to serve as a full member on our committee as we train adults how to work with youth!
- Meetings are the first Thursday of the month from 3:30-4:30 in Lakewood.
- To apply, contact Mark Lanning at [mark@centralcoahec.org](mailto:mark@centralcoahec.org).

### **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](#)

### **NEW Judi's House Bilingual Grief Care Coordinator Position Open**

- **Judi's House Bilingual Grief Care Coordinator**
- The Grief Care Coordinator operates as a primary point of contact for families interested in seeking services at Judi's House and to provide streamlined support for families during and after their time at Judi's House.
- This position has two main components: 1. Clinical Service Coordination 2. Program Administrative Assistance
- To do this most effectively, this position requires the ability to recognize a family's needs, conduct assessments, and utilize community resources. A clear understanding of the purpose and meaning of Judi's House programs is a vital aspect of this role. Coordination of services requires a strong knowledge of and familiarity with community agencies. Building strong relationships with outside agencies makes us more adept at supporting families and our mission. Efficient and effective administrative skills are a core competency for this position.
- More information on the position can be found [here](#).

### **NEW Statewide Forums on additional VOCA Funding to Colorado**

- As part of the 2015 appropriations bill, Congress more than tripled the annual amount of non-taxpayer money released from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund. The VOCA fund is made up entirely of fines and other monetary penalties paid by Federal criminal offenders, not by taxpayers. The money is then distributed to the states and territories to fund programs that help victims of crime.
- [The Office for Victims Program](#) will be hosting community forums around the state to talk about the results of the VOCA survey, obtain some additional information about needs in your communities, talk about the framework for distributing these additional funds, and discuss the federal requirements for the use of these funds.

- This presents Colorado with a wonderful opportunity to increase services to victims of crime. The funds will be available on January 1, 2016.
- Please click [here](#) or call Lee Hettema at 303-239-5719 to sign up to attend a forum. This link will also provide more information on the exact locations of the forums and there are instructions on how to register for the forums.
- The community forums will be held from 10:00AM - 12:00PM at the following locations:
  - Grand Junction on Thursday, May 7th
  - Durango on Friday, May 8th
  - Pueblo on Monday, May 11th
  - Greeley on Wednesday, May 13th
  - Lakewood on Friday, May 15th

## **COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS**

### **2015 Summer School Safety Conference**

- **July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Breckenridge**
- Sponsored by the Colorado Association of DARE Officers in cooperation with the Colorado School Safety Resource Center
- Presentations will include:
  - F.B.I B.A.U. Active Shooter: Pre-Attack Behavioral Indicators,
  - Effects of Marijuana in the Adolescent Mind,
  - Youth Mental Health First Aid - Certification class
  - 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 [www.coloradodare.com](http://www.coloradodare.com) under 2015 Conference tab.
- **Training space is limited; please reserve your space today!**

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

### **❖ To view all online courses, click on the link below.**

- [Link to CSSRC online course offerings](#)
- Franci Crepeau-Hobson's presentation on [Suicide and the Exceptional Child](#), March 10, 2015 with handouts posted [here](#).
- Mary Hoeffler's presentation on *Colorado's New Crisis Services* [Part I](#) and [Part II](#), March 10, 2015 with slides posted [here](#).

- [Click here to see Livestreams of all previous keynote addresses](#)

## **OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS**

### **NEW Become a Camp to Belong Colorado Volunteer**

- [Camp To Belong](#) is a six day, five-night camp for children ages 8 to 18+. The camp is dedicated to reuniting brothers and sisters who are in separate home placements for events of fun, emotional empowerment, and sibling connections to create lifetime memories.
- Camp To Belong Colorado is run entirely by volunteers! In addition to summer camp, Camp To Belong volunteers work all year long to raise awareness and to raise funds to make camp happen for our siblings!
- If you are interested in volunteering with Camp To Belong Colorado, please [click](#) here for a volunteer application.

### **Colorado's Social Emotional Learning Forum**

- **Thursday, May 14, 2015** from 9:00 AM until Noon at the Anschutz Medical Center
- Keynote address by **Daniel Goleman, Ph.D.**, internationally known psychologist and science journalist, author of the New Your Times bestseller *Emotional Intelligence* (1995). He recently co-authored *The Triple Focus: A New Approach to Education*, which provides educators with a solid rationale for incorporating focus-related skill sets in the classroom.
- And a presentation by Mark Greenberg, Ph.D. and Eric Gordon on "How the Research and Practice of Social Emotional Learning Improves Children's Success."
- Co-hosts for this presentation are CU's Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, CSU's Prevention Research Center, PATHS Worldwide and The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation.
- [Click here to register.](#)

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bridging the Divide: Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit**

- **Thursday & Friday, May 14-15, 2015**, Regis University Lowell Campus (3333 Regis Blvd., Denver)
- Presented by the [Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado \(SPCC\)](#)
- Suicide attempt survivors and people with lived experience with suicidal intensity will join people bereaved by suicide, suicide prevention advocates, mental health service providers, and suicide prevention researchers to pool the many forms of knowledge that shape our efforts to stem the high rates of suicide in the Rocky Mountain States. The regional conference will explore ways to prevent suicide by incorporating the expertise of people who have been there. To see a complete update of workshops offered click [here](#).
- [Click here to register.](#)

### **NEW Motivational Interviewing to Improve School-based Practice and Research**

- **Friday, May 22, 2015** from 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM at the Boettcher Foundation Community Room
- [The University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work](#) presents a lecture by Andrew Frey, PhD, MSW Professor, Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville.
- The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.
- [Register here.](#)

### **UPDATED Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Marijuana Prevention Training**

- Adolescence is a time of change and opportunity. The physical, social and psychological changes young people undergo impacts their behavior, how they interact with the world and how the adults around them respond to this transformation.
- [The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment](#) is hosting this training to help you understand and learn the skills and knowledge needed to integrate the evidence-based PYD approach into your current youth

programming efforts; the resources and support needed to incorporate marijuana prevention efforts into your current work; and how to access marijuana campaign materials, toolkits and technical assistance.

- **Who:** Youth-serving professionals and anyone else interested in youth health and well-being.
- **Cost:** There is no cost for this training and lunch will be provided
- **What will you get:**
  - Training on Positive Youth Development
  - Introduction to the state's marijuana prevention efforts
  - Time with OMNI's Regional Prevention Consultants, funding by the Office of Behavioral Health, to address local prevention programming questions
  - Training hours that may potentially be used for the Colorado Certified Prevention Specialist credentials.

**Details:** Linked [here](#).

- **Durango Area Training: Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Durango Recreation Center, 2700 Main Street, Durango 81301
- **Denver Metro Training: Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the JeffCo Public Schools, 1829 Denver West Drive, Room #27, Golden, CO 80401

Please [register here](#).

### **Enhancing After School Safety and Security**

- **Monday, June 8, 2015** at Cherry Creek School District sponsored by the [National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security](#)
- This course is designed to help prepare school districts in developing and coordinating after school safety and security management programs.
- This 8-hour course is for Superintendents, Law Enforcement, Athletic Directors and Principals
- **Location:** CCSD Education Services Center - 4700 South Yosemite Street #136, Greenwood Village, CO 80111
- **Cost:** \$189/person or \$700 for group of 4 from the same district
- Click here to [register](#) or for more information, please contact Randall E. Councell, Director of Safety & Security-Emergency Planner at 720.554.4489 or [RCouncell@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:RCouncell@cherrycreekschools.org)

### **NEW LCSW Training - Solution Focused Brief Therapy Intensive Workshop**

- This training sponsored by the [National Association of Social Workers, Colorado Chapter](#) will provide all the basic information about Solution-Focused Brief Therapy as well as give specific examples throughout the day regarding how this approach works with mental health disorders, including chronic disorders that require psychotropic medications.
- The “Hows and Whys” of the approach will be explained including the application to diverse populations, various cultures, all age ranges, and both genders. The focus of this training will be on gaining the knowledge through discussions and other didactic methods and on seeing the approach in action through demonstrations and exercises.
- The workshop will be held on **June 10, 2015** from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work. Teri Pichot, LCSW, LAC, MAC, the founder of the Denver Center for Solution-Focused Brief Therapy will facilitate the training.
- For more information or to register, please [click here](#).
- For questions, please contact Julie Butscher at [ProEduc@naswco.org](mailto:ProEduc@naswco.org) or 303-918-0416

### **NEW Teen Community Emergency Response and Recovery Training**

- The [Denver Disaster Ready Club](#) (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: **July 14, 15 and 16, 2015** 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 [here](#) to register.
- The training is provided at NO COST to participants. If you have questions, please email [DenverCERT@DenverGov.org](mailto:DenverCERT@DenverGov.org)
- Sponsored by [Denver's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security \(OEMHS\)](#); [Denver Amateur Radio Emergency Service \(ARES\)](#) and the [Colorado North Central All-Hazards Region; Denver Parks & Recreation](#).

### **NEW No Place For Hate® Initiative**

- The initiative of the [Anti-Defamation League](#), 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**

### **National Bike to School Day, Registration Now Open**

- [Colorado Safe Routes to Schools](#) announces – National Bike to School Day, **Wednesday, May 6, 2015**
- Register your event at [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org)
- Buckle up your helmets and join thousands of children, parents, school officials and community members nationwide for the fourth annual National Bike to School Day on May 6, 2015. The National Center for Safe Routes to School announces Bike to School Day registration is now open.
- Last year, more than 2,220 events registered for the third annual National Bike to School Day – a thirty percent increase from the previous year.
- Bike to School Day event registration is free and open to all individuals and/or organizations planning a 2015 Bike to School Day event in the United States.
- Registering a Bike to School Day event provides organizers access to a variety of downloadable materials, including stickers, certificates, badges, classroom activities and a chance to win bikes, helmets, and other giveaways.
- For safety tips before your child rides their bike to school, see [The Spin](#).

### **National Prevention Week May 17-23, 2015**

- [National Prevention Week](#) is a [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)-supported annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, substance abuse and mental health issues.
- National Prevention Week's three primary goals are to involve communities in raising awareness of behavioral health issues, foster partnerships and collaboration with federal agencies as well as national organizations, and to promote and disseminate quality behavioral health resources and publications. To learn more about this event, click [here](#).

## **NEW** 2015 Juvenile Justice Youth Summit

- **"The Time is Now: Creating Change with Young Emerging Leaders."**
- The Summit, which is aimed at emerging leaders (individuals ages 17-25 interested in juvenile justice reform), will take place **July 23-24, 2015** in Washington, DC.
- For the first time, [Coalition for Juvenile Justice](#) will be adding a **Hill Day** component to the Youth Summit. Registrants for Hill Day will be paired with professional advocates who will help them prepare for their Hill visits. These advocates will accompany young people as they visit with federal lawmakers and their staff and share their views on why Congress should enact juvenile justice reforms. For additional information, please contact Naomi Smoot at [smoot@juvjustice.org](mailto:smoot@juvjustice.org).
- Attendees will also be able to participate in **job shadowing**. Those who choose to participate will be matched with a juvenile justice professional based on their interests. Possible shadowing opportunities will include government officials, reform advocates, and legal professionals.
- For questions or more information, contact Jonathan Litt, CJJ's Field Relations Associate, at [litt@juvjustice.org](mailto:litt@juvjustice.org).
- **Applications are due Friday, May 1, 2015.** Scholarships are available.

## **NEW** 2015 School-Justice Partnerships Certificate Program

- The [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#) at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy is pleased to announce that the application window for the inaugural [2015 School-Justice Partnerships Certificate Program: Fostering Success for Youth At Risk](#) is now open through **July 10, 2015**.
- The program will run from **September 28-October 2, 2015** at the Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center.
- 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.
- To download the complete application packet, please click [here](#).
- Please direct questions to Jill Adams, Program Manager, at [jill.adams@georgetown.edu](mailto:jill.adams@georgetown.edu).

## **NEW** You Have Options Program and Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview Training

- The goal of the [National Sexual Violence Resource Center's SAAM 2015](#) is to support campuses in creating a culture of prevention and effective, trauma-informed response. One of the ways campuses can do this is by learning about and participating in the [You Have Options Program \(YHOP\)](#).
- Created by law enforcement for law enforcement, the YHOP focuses on changing two fundamental elements in the law enforcement response to sexual violence: "increasing the number of victims who report to law enforcement, and thoroughly investigating identified offenders for serial perpetration."
- The 2015 [YHOP Overview and Implementation Guide \(PDF\)](#) has the most up-to-date and complete information about the program. Law enforcement agencies wishing to join the YHOP should review this guide, visit the [How to Join](#) page, review the [20 Elements of Victim-Centered and Offender-Focused](#) response and read the [YHOP Memorandum of Understanding \(PDF\)](#).

## **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **"Now is the Time" Project AWARE-Community Grants**

- **Application Due Date: Friday, May 1, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.** (Eastern Time). Applications must be received by the due date and time to be considered for review. Please see Part II, Section I of the application announcement for submission requirements.
- SAMHSA is accepting applications for up to \$25.8 million the "Now is the Time" Project AWARE-Community grants

- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is accepting applications for fiscal year 2015 “Now is the Time” Project AWARE-Community (Short Title: NITT-AWARE-C) grants. The purpose of this program is to support the training of teachers and a broad array of community service providers, including parents, law enforcement, faith-based leaders, and other adults, who can interact with youth through their programs.
- SAMHSA expects that 70 grantees will be awarded up to \$125,000 per year for up to three years. The actual award amounts may vary, depending on the availability of funds.
- WHO CAN APPLY: Eligible applicants are political subdivisions of states, tribes, and tribal organizations, and other public or private nonprofit entities. Local Educational Agencies that have received grant funding under either Project AWARE-LEA or Project AWARE-SEA are not eligible to apply for NITT-AWARE-C funding. State educational agencies that have received funding under Project AWARE-SEA are also not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.
- HOW TO APPLY: You must go to both [Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) and the [SAMHSA website](http://www.samhsa.gov) to download the required documents you will need to apply for this SAMHSA grant. Your application must be submitted through <http://www.Grants.gov>. Please refer to Appendix B – Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications, PART II.
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants with questions about program issues should contact Michelle Bechard at (240) 276-1872 or [Project Aware](http://www.ProjectAware.org).
- For questions on grants management and budget issues please contact Gwendolyn Simpson at (240) 276-1408 or [gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov)

### **School Health Professional Grant**

- **Applications are due on Thursday, May 7, 2015**
- School Health Professional Grant application now available for 2015-16.
- This matching grant program exists to help secondary schools serving grades 7-12:
  - Increase the presence of school health professionals to provide substance abuse and behavioral health care to students who have substance abuse or other behavioral health needs;
  - Provide training and resources for the newly hired school health professionals, other behavioral health school team members, and school staff on the implementation of evidence-based programming on substance abuse prevention education and behavioral health education for all students; and
  - Allow school health professionals to provide care coordination and connect students with services that are provided by community-based organizations for treatment and counseling for students who are at risk for substance abuse.
- Approximately \$2.2 million is available for the 2015-2016 school year. Applicants must demonstrate a match of 10% of the funds requested. This may include both in-kind and cash matches.
- For more information and to access the RFP, please visit the School Health Professional Grant [website](http://www.schoolhealthprofessionalgrant.org).
- An application training webinar will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register for this technical assistance via [Eventbrite](http://www.eventbrite.com).
- Program Contact: Jessica Bigler - [bigler\\_j@cde.state.co.us](mailto:bigler_j@cde.state.co.us)

### **National Program to Increase Local Foods in Schools**

- [US Department of Agriculture](http://www.usda.gov) is accepting proposals for [Farm to School](http://www.farmtoschool.gov) planning, implementation, and support service grants due at 11:59 p.m. EST, **Wednesday, May 20, 2015**
- **Letters of intent** for training grants are due at 11:59 p.m. EST, **April 30, 2015**.
- National Program Continues to Increase Local Foods in Schools and Provide New Economic Opportunities for Farmer and Ranchers
- Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced on March 16, 2015 the release of a request for applications for the USDA's Fiscal Year 2016 round of Farm to School grants.

- Designed to increase the availability of local foods in eligible schools, these grants help new farm to school programs get started or expand existing efforts, facilitating stronger connections between local and regional producers and school cafeterias.
- More information about the grant program, upcoming webinars relevant to applicants, and sample grant applications can be found on-line [here](#).

### **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Grant**

- **Courses for this grant can be scheduled through Sunday, May 31, 2015.**
- Do you have a School Based Health Center (SBHC) in your district? Mental Health First Aid Colorado has a grant to offer Youth Mental Health First Aid training to all SBHC staff, school and district personnel, and key community partners.
- No cost and lunch is included
- SBHCs find the course an excellent opportunity to increase partnership with schools, demonstrate
- The training is subsidized through a grant to the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council and their [Mental Health First Aid](#) office as a commitment to integrated health, and to promote resources the SBHC can provide to the district. Often, the YMHFA course also serves as a catalyst for reviewing mental health policies and procedures. Please see the attached flyer or contact Mark Lanning [mark@mhfacolorado.org](mailto:mark@mhfacolorado.org) for more information or to set up a course.

### **NEW State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Cooperative Agreements**

- **Applications are due June 2, 2015**
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2015 PPHF-2015 Cooperative Agreements for State-Sponsored Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention (Short Title: State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Cooperative Agreements) (PPHF-2015).
- The purpose of this program is to support states and tribes (including Alaska Villages and urban Indian organizations) in developing and implementing statewide or tribal youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies.
- For more detailed information on the grant, please refer to the [SAMHSA website](#).

### **Comprehensive School Safety Initiative**

- **Applications are due by June 12, 2015.**
- The National Institute of Justice will be awarding grants under a large-scale, research-focused initiative to increase safety in our nation's schools.
- Projects funded under the CSSI are designed to produce knowledge that can be applied to schools and school districts across the nation for years to come.
- For more information on this grant, please click [here](#).

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

- The Department of Education (ED) 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 [here](#).

## **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.

## **NEW INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

### **NEW NaBITA Training**

- [National Behavior Intervention Team Association](#) (NaBITA) is an organization for the support and professional development of behavioral intervention team members on college campuses.
- This two-day course is designed for schools that are in the early stages of behavioral intervention team development or that do not yet have a team. The focus on this training is two-fold.
  - First, participants will understand the common best practices for team formation and operations.
  - Second, they will be given the practical, hands-on tools to return to their campus and beginning the process of implementing a BIT.
- Hosted by University of Colorado, Boulder, CO on **June 29 & 30, 2015**
- To register, please click [here](#). Registration deadline is Friday, June 19, 2015.

### **NEW NASPA Launches Gender-Based Violence Online Series**

- [NASPA](#), Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, launches its first online short course series that will provide a comprehensive suite of courses to help student affairs professionals to understand, comply with, and implement laws and best practices for addressing gender based violence at their institutions.
- Courses provide a range of information on gender-based violence issues from an introduction to the fundamentals of addressing violence such as sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking to in-depth looks at specific prevention methods and the laws that apply to them.
- For more information, or to register, please visit the [NASPA website](#).
- For questions, please email [srizk@naspa.org](mailto:srizk@naspa.org).

### **Resources for Hazing Prevention on College Campuses**

- [StopHazing](#), an organization dedicated to research about hazing and its prevention, collects data on hazing and is developing an evidence-base for hazing prevention.
- It offers a range of options for institutions to collaborate, build capacity, and create momentum around hazing prevention.
- Upcoming opportunities include: joining the [Hazing Prevention Consortium](#) or receiving [customized hazing research and prevention consultation](#) to support hazing prevention initiatives on your campus.
- For more information, click [here](#).

## **RESOURCES and INFORMATION**

### **Prevention Resources**

#### **Adolescent Development and Policing**

- The [International Association of Chiefs of Police](#) (IACP) recently released a new resource for law enforcement that focuses on adolescents, ages 15-19, and interactions with law enforcement.

- The brief, developed with support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, US Department of Justice, addresses key differences between the development of the adolescent and adult brain and how this presents key challenges for law enforcement.
- The brief includes information on:
  - Characteristics of youth thinking and behavior
  - How to foster positive youth development and reduce the negative effects of risk factors
  - Ten strategies to improve law enforcement interactions with youth
  - Legal considerations when interviewing and interrogating juveniles
  - Law enforcement agencies with successful youth programs that address problem behavior early on
  - Youth focused resources for law enforcement
- Download the [brief](#) or contact IACP for more information.

### **NEW Bill to Protect all Homeless Youth Introduced in the U.S. House**

- Congressman Dave Reichert (WA-8) and Congressman John Yarmuth (KY-3) introduced H.R. 1779, the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA).
- The reauthorization for the first time recognizes the needs of all young people, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth experiencing homelessness.
- RHYA is our nation's only federal law that specifically funds vital services for homeless youth, including street outreach, basic shelter, and transitional living programs
- Research continues to show that while LGBT youth make up just seven percent of the general youth population, they comprise 40 percent of the 1.6 million youth that are homeless in America each year.
- For additional information on the bill, please click [here](#).

### **Bullying App for Parents and Students**

- SAMHSA's bullying prevention efforts include the [KnowBullying app](#), a free smartphone tool that provides information and guidance on ways to prevent bullying and build resilience in children.
- Download [KnowBullying for iOS® Devices](#)
- Download [KnowBullying for Android™ Devices](#)
- The app is designed to address the needs of children ages 3–18 and includes discussion prompts for adults working with children who are bullied, who witness bullying, or who bully others.
- KnowBullying also includes useful tips on how to deal with cyberbullying, how to recognize warning signs that a child may be facing a bullying problem, how to work with schools on this issue, and how to find and reach out to local mental health services or other supports.

### **Drunk Driving Prevention**

- **NoDUIColorado.org** - This [website](#) is an on-going effort of the Persistent Drunk Driver Committee, which reports to the Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving.
- It is the state's comprehensive resource regarding impaired driving. Since it launched in 2011, it's mainly served as a resource for those who have gotten a DUI/DWAI. We're now working to increase awareness of this site as a prevention resource.
- For more information, please contact Andy Cohen, Senior Account Manager at [303.796.8888](tel:303.796.8888) or [acohen@webstrategic.com](mailto:acohen@webstrategic.com)

### **NEW Empower the Youth Program**

- [iEmpathize](#) launched a nationwide exploitation prevention program for youth.

- [The Empower Youth Program](#) is an interactive, media-based toolkit designed to help adults facilitate prevention-focused conversations with youth about empathy and exploitation.
- The program provides youth with strategies to stay safe while also nurturing the development of empathy, so that they will be inspired to help others stay safe as well.

### **UPDATED Event Security During Graduation**

- Graduation season is fast approaching, and now is the time to re-evaluate security procedures and identify gaps or inefficiencies.
- The Bureau of Justice Assistance, working in partnership with CNA Analysis and Solutions, developed [Managing Large-Scale Security Events: A Planning Primer for Local Law Enforcement Agencies \(PDF\)](#).
- The Planning Primer "brings together model practices and lessons learned in all aspects of security planning and operations that will help guide future decision makers and senior leaders as they prepare for large-scale security events."
- The FBI's Crisis Management Unit (CMU) provides support in preparing for and successfully responding to critical incidents and special events.
- Each of the FBI's 56 field offices has special events staff that can assist before your event.
- For more information, visit the [FBI support webpage](#).

### **NEW Handbook of Social and Emotional Learning: Research and Practice**

- The SEL field now has a comprehensive and definitive handbook covering all aspects of research, practice, and policy from the [Collaborative for Social, Emotional and Academic Learning](#) (CASEL).
- The editors and contributors describe state-of-the-art intervention and prevention programs designed to build students' skills for managing emotions, showing concern for others, making responsible decisions, and forming positive relationships.
- To order the handbook, please click [here](#).

### **National Child Traumatic Stress Network *Dissemination Watch***

- In order to support the dissemination of NCTSN products, each month they will be sending out a [Dissemination Watch](#) that will highlight a network product or resource that's available to you on [www.NCTSN.org](http://www.NCTSN.org).
- Their inaugural [Dissemination Watch](#) highlights the updated [NCTSN Resource List by Title](#).
- This document traditionally has been one of the most downloaded resources from the NCTSN website.
- Stay tuned for further announcements about network products and resources available to you!

### **NEW NCTSN Announces New Product *Child Maltreatment in Military—A Fact Sheet for Providers***

- Military families serve and sacrifice courageously for their country. Military service is stressful: frequent moves, separation from family and support networks, lengthy absences of a parent, increased demands on at-home parents, the return of a service member with physical or mental wounds, and other transitions and events that are unique to military life.
- This factsheet from the [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#) offers providers information about military families, child maltreatment in the military, how the deployment affects the family, and what providers can do to support the military families they serve.
- To access the Fact Sheet, Please click [here](#).

### **SAMHSA Suicide Safe App for Healthcare Providers**

- Now available for [download](#), Suicide Safe is a free resource provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that is based on the nationally recognized Suicide Assessment Five-Step Evaluation and Triage (SAFE-T) pocket card.
- This suicide prevention learning tool for mobile devices and tablets equips providers with education and support resources to assess patients' risk of suicide, communicate effectively with patients and their families, determine appropriate next steps, and make referrals to treatment and community resources.
- Sign up for [SAMHSA e-mail updates](#).

### **Sandy Hook Advisory Commission Final Report to Gov. Malloy, March 6, 2015**

- Promotes “All Hazards Approach” to school safety
- “Safe by Design” should not detract from educating our children
- Importance of situational awareness
- Importance of positive school climate and relationship to school safety
- “Comprehensive School Climate Inventory”
- Recognized individual district/school differences
- Recognized need for constant vigilance and updating
- Need for “local champions”
- The full report can be [accessed here](#).

### **NEW StopBullying.gov Blog, Preventing Bullying from the Very Beginning**

- [Sesame Workshop](#), the nonprofit education organization behind *Sesame Street*, consulted with early childhood experts to address the sensitive topic of bullying with preschool-aged children in an episode where Big Bird is bullied.
- The organization also assembled a panel of experts to create a five-part video series, [“Happy to Be Me: An Anti-Bullying Discussion,”](#) addressing bullying and the steps parents, educators and children can take to prevent and stop the behavior in preschoolers.
- To read the blog in its entirety, please click [here](#).

### **NEW STRYVE, Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere**

- STRYVE is a national initiative led by the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) to prevent youth violence before it starts among young people ages 10 to 24, including college-aged students.
- STRYVE online, a critical part of the website, is an evolving resource that IHE administrators, community members, organizations, and leaders can use to develop, implement, and evaluate youth violence prevention approaches.
- For more information on STRYVE and its programs, click [here](#).

### **Suicide Assessment Five-Step Evaluation & Triage (SAFE-T)**

- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#) (SAMHSA) has developed suicide assessment [pocket cards and mobile apps](#) based on the Suicide Assessment Five-Step Evaluation and Triage (SAFE-T).
- SAFE-T assists clinicians in conducting suicide assessment using a 5-step evaluation and triage plan to identify risk factors and protective factors, conduct a suicide inquiry, determine risk level and potential interventions, and document a treatment plan.
- To access this resource, click [here](#).

## ***Protection Resources***

### **EOP Assist**

- The U.S. Department of Education announces with great excitement the release of EOP ASSIST, the REMS TA Center's free, web-accessible emergency operations planning software!
- Administrators and emergency management personnel can use EOP ASSIST to create, revise, manage, and review school emergency operations plans (EOPs).
- This user-friendly application walks users through the six step planning process for creating a customized school EOP, as recommended in the *Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans*.

## **Stories from the Field**

### **NEW ADL's No Place for Hate® Poster Contest Winners**

- The Anti-Defamation League Mountain States Regional Office announced the winners of its 2014-2015 Imagine A World Without Hate® Student Art Contest awhile back but we just stumbled upon the link recently.
- The contest had been open to participants from their current 2014-2015 No Place for Hate® schools, providing an opportunity for elementary, middle and high school students to submit original artwork to convey the student's vision of a world without prejudice through art that illustrated building bridges of understanding between diverse groups of people, honoring diversity, cultural pride, and fair treatment for all people.
- If you need a smile today, [view the winners here](#).

### **NEW Cherokee Point Elementary School's Trauma Informed Approach**

- This video highlights a school in a struggling neighborhood and how using a trauma-informed approach has turned around the life of the students and reduced discipline referrals and suspensions dramatically.
- Watch the video [here](#).

### **NEW Minnesota High School Screens Students for ACEs to develop trauma-informed education**

- This article examines the trauma-informed approach Paladin Career & Technical High School in Blaine, MN takes with its students.
- The school focuses on building resiliency in students who deal with toxic stress, by providing specific interventions to help students overcome the obstacles they face on a daily basis.
- Read the article [here](#).

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