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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 who 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.**

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **NEW** 2014 Superintendent of the Year, George Welsh of Center School District

- [Colorado Association of School Boards \(CASE\)](#)
- Mr. Welsh is being honored for his visionary leadership, which has transformed a low-performing school district with a high rate of people living in poverty into a model example of how resources, leadership and determination can make the difference in the lives of Colorado's young scholars.
- Mr. Welsh is also the Chairperson of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center's Advisory Board

❖ **NEW** Peace First Prize Recipient in Colorado

- Sponsored by [Peace First](#)
- Isabella Griffin of Alamosa, Colorado is one of 10 winners for the Peace First Prize, for starting an anti-bullying program in her school after being bullied. Her program is called "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully". When kids take the pledge to be a buddy they all receive bracelets.
- [Click here to learn more about Isabella's program and to watch her video...](#)

❖ **NEW** You Can Play, Colorado! Video Contest

- The [Colorado High School Activities Association](#) (CHSAA) and the [You Can Play Project](#) are teaming up to present voices from all over Colorado as they talk about teamwork, respect and inclusion.
- Teams, clubs, student organizations and entire schools are invited to submit videos talking about their teams, towns and why they welcome everyone based on heart, talent and skill without excluding students because of their race, religions, sexual orientation or gender identity, or other factors.
- Video submissions are accepted between November 8, 2013, and February 15, 2014, by 11:59pm.
- This initiative is supported by a number of statewide organizations including the Colorado School Safety Resource Center.
- [Click here for more information about the video contest...](#)

❖ **NEW** National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

- Created by the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(OJJDP\)](#), [Missing and Exploited Children's Program](#)

- The annual contest creates an opportunity for schools, law enforcement, and other child advocates to discuss the issue of missing and/or exploited children with children, parents, and guardians and to promote child safety. The competition is open to students in 5th grade only.
- **Submissions are due by February 28, 2014.**
- [Click here for information on the contest...](#)

❖ **NEW Director of Youth Services Open Position**

- [Hilltop Community Resources](#)
- The Director of Youth Services is responsible for oversight, operation, and clinical intervention for a 22-bed residential facility for adolescents, a 10-bed alternative treatment unit for youth and adolescents in crisis and the transitional living program for adolescents.
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

❖ **Youth Substance Abuse Symposium**

- **Thursday, November 14, 2013, 8:00am – 3:30pm—Grand Junction, DoubleTree Hotel, 743 Horizon Drive**
- Sponsored by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center, the Colorado Department of Human Services and the Colorado Department of Education
- **Featuring Special Guest Speakers:** Paula Riggs, M.D., University of Colorado at Denver and Lynn Riemer, former forensic chemist with the DEA and a Chemist/Criminalist with the North Metro Drug Task Force
- Dr. Riggs' morning presentation will be Livestreamed and then archived on the CSSRC website. [Click here to access the link...](#)
- Lynn Riemer's afternoon presentation will be Livestreamed (2:15 to 3:30) but will **not** be archived. [Click here to access the link...](#)
- **Designed for:** administrators, school and community mental health professionals, school safety teams including SRO's, teachers, nurses and law enforcement officers
- **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: 1031923. You will need Internet Explorer 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.
- See the [Youth Substance Abuse Symposium](#) training flyer for more information.

❖ **Positive School Climate: Bullying Prevention Institute**

- **SAVE THE DATES:**
 - **February 12 & 13, 2014—Loveland and Colorado Springs (venues TBD)**
- Sponsored by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center, Colorado Legacy Foundation and the Colorado Department of Education with support from the Anti-Defamation League, One Colorado, Facing History and Ourselves and a generous grant from the Gill Foundation
- **Featuring Special Guest Speaker:** Dorothy Espelage, Ph.D., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- **Designed for:** administrators, teachers, PBIS teams, school safety teams, school mental health professionals and school safety teams including SRO's
- **No charge for Colorado participants.** Space is limited and pre-registration is required.
- [Click here to view Dorothy Espelage, Ph.D.'s keynote presentation Livestream from Glenwood Springs...](#)

CSSRC MOST RECENT ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS

❖ **Basic Mental Health Awareness for Educators**

- This NO-COST online learning module is designed as an overview of the most common mental health issues facing students and appropriate classroom strategies.
- Click here for more information on [Basic Mental Health Awareness for Educators](#).

❖ **School Security Personnel: Emergency Management**

- This NO-COST online learning module is designed as an overview of emergency management in schools.
- Click here and scroll down for more information on [School Security Personnel: Emergency Management](#).

❖ **School Security Personnel: Interpersonal Communications**

- This NO-COST online learning module is designed as an overview of interpersonal communications for those working in schools.
- Click here and scroll down for more information on [School Security Personnel: Interpersonal Communications](#).

❖ **CSSRC Trainings—Livestream of Keynote Addresses Available**

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

WEBINARS & OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES

❖ **NEW Best Practices: Success Stories from Healthy Colorado Schools**

- **November 5, 2013, 3:30pm – 4:30pm**
- Sponsored by the [Colorado Legacy Foundation](#)
- Join us as we feature a panel discussion by four previous Colorado Healthy School Champion Score Card winners! From the beginning to now, each panelist will focus on the processes they went through in creating and implementing best practices to build their school health programs. Included is garnering administrative or community support, building a strong health team or incorporating data as a foundation for determining school health priorities, and more.
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **NEW Building Respectful School Climates**

- **November 6, 2013, 12:00pm – 1:00pm**, [Using an Anti-Bias Lens to Examine Early Childhood Children's Books in Your Program](#)
- **November 20, 2013, 2:00pm – 3:00pm**, [Bullying on Campus in the Electronic Age](#)
- [Empowering Students to Combat Bullying](#) (previously recorded)
- [Making the Holocaust Relevant through Visual History Testimony](#) (previously recorded)
- [The December Dilemma: Navigating Religious Holidays in the Public Schools](#) (previously recorded)
- Sponsored by the [Anti-Defamation League](#)

❖ **NEW Shared Use: Is It in You? Engaging School Administrators in the Shared Use of School Facilities to Increase Physical Activity Opportunities for Kids**

- **November 7, 2013, 12:00pm – 1:00pm**
- Sponsored by [Safe Routes to School National Partnership](#)
- This webinar will provide examples and key resources to starting conversations and relationship building with school board members, school administrators and principals. During this webinar, the Safe Routes to School National Partnership will release new resources to help advocates have those conversations with key school personnel.
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **Enhancing Multidisciplinary Responses to Polyvictimization**

- **November 14, 2013, 10:00am – 1:00pm MT, Impact of Polyvictimization on Early Learning**
- **November 21, 2013, 10:00am – 1:00pm MT, Impact of Polyvictimization on LGBTQ**
- **December 12, 2013, 10:00am – 1:00pm MT, Polyvictimization Webinar for First Responders**
- Sponsored by the Complex Trauma Treatment Network of the [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **Sensible Steps to Healthier School Environments**

- **November 19, 2013, 3:00pm ET, Sensible Steps for Mold and Moisture Control in Schools;** [click here to register...](#)
- **December 17, 2013, 3:00pm ET, Renovate Right: EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Program at Schools;** [click here to register...](#)
- In today's challenging financial climate, the ability to identify and take simple, affordable steps to protect the health of students and staff in our schools has never been more important. This webinar series, hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will outline sensible, low- or no-cost steps that school communities can take to create healthier environments in their buildings.

❖ **NEW The Minds of School Shooters: What Do We Do to Prevent School Violence?**

- **November 20, 2013, 1:00pm – 3:00pm**
- Sponsored by [Partners for Success and Innovation](#) (PSI)
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **Childhood Trauma in Indian Country Webinar Series**

- **November 27, 2013, 12:00pm MT, Honoring Children, Respectful Ways**
- **December 18, 2013, 12:00pm MT, Honoring Children, Honoring the Future**
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)
- The Childhood Trauma Series in Indian Country will provide information about stressors, trauma responses, and effective treatments for American Indian and Alaska Native children and youth as well as their parents and other family members. This series is being offered by the [Indian Country Child Trauma Center](#) at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and presented by Dolores Subia BigFoot, PhD.

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS

❖ **Colorado Association of School Nurses 2013 Fall Conference**

- **November 1-3, 2013, Embassy Suites, Loveland, CO**
- Sponsored by the Colorado Association of School Nurses
- [Click here for more information...](#)

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

- **November 1, 2013, 5:00pm – 9:00pm; November 2, 2013, 7:30am – 5:30pm; November 9, 2013, 7:30am – 5:30pm; class exercise in January 2014; Denver Police District #1, 1311 W. 46 Avenue, Denver, CO 80211**
- Sponsored by Denver's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Denver Police District #1, Denver Fire Department, Denver Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the Colorado North Central Region
- 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.
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **NEW Facilitating Restorative Justice Training**

- **November 6, 8, and 15, 2013, (must attend all three dates), 10:00am – 3:30pm, First Congregational Church of Manitou Springs, 103 Pawnee, Manitou Springs, CO**
- Sponsored by Pike's Peak Restorative Practices
- 15 hours of classroom training and 3 hours of independent study including history and background, working with victims, offenders and community members, Colorado law and more! Learn to facilitate victim/offender, family group and community conferences.
- Cost is \$240 and you must bring your own lunch
- To register, contact Lynn Lee at 719.640.1650 (lynnglee@aol.com) or Robin Spaulding at 719.641.2579 (robin@cascadingconnections.com)

❖ **Colorado School Counselors Association 53rd Annual Conference**

- **November 6-8, 2013, Embassy Suites, Loveland, CO**
- Sponsored by the Colorado School Counselors Association
- CSSRC's presentation on an Overview of the Threat Assessment Process on November 8, 2013, at 1:00pm – 2:30pm
- [Click here for more information...](#)

❖ **Colorado Society of School Psychologists 2013 Fall Conference**

- **November 7-9, 2013, Vail Marriott, Vail, CO**
- Sponsored by the Colorado Society of School Psychologists
- CSSRC's presentation on Secondary Traumatic Stress & Self-Care on November 8, 2013, at 10:15am – 11:45am
- [Click here for more information...](#)

❖ **NEW Adolescent Substance Abuse: Trends and Treatment**

- **November 8, 2013, 9:00am – 11:30am, Auraria Campus, Tivoli, Room 320C, Denver, CO**
- Presented by the Center for High Risk Youth Studies at Metropolitan State University of Denver.
- Contact Annie Butler at 303.556.3105 or lbutler6@msudenver.edu to register.

❖ **Colorado Springs Fire & Life Safety Consortium**

- **November 13, 2013—Cyberbullying/Social Media, 9:00am – 11:00am, Police Operations Center, 705 S. Nevada, Colorado Springs**
- These meetings are targeted for: principals, assistant principals, school security personnel, facilities directors, teachers, support staff, counselors and any school staff in any district responsible for student safety.
- Contact Kathy Hook at 719.385.7376 or khook@springsgov.com to register.

❖ **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)**

- **November 13-14, 2013, 7:30am – 4:00pm**
- **February 5-6, 2014, 7:30am – 4:00pm**
- **April 9-10, 2014, 7:30am – 4:00pm**
- **June 11-12, 2014, 7:30am – 4:00pm**
- All training held at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Highland's Ranch Substation, 9250 Zotos Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO
- Sponsored by the Douglas County Suicide Prevention Alliance (DCSPA)
- The ASIST training is a world-wide 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).

- \$50 for community members, \$25 for DCSPA members
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **NEW I Learn America: A Film Screening & Community Conversation**

- **November 13, 2013, 6:30pm, Bud Werner Memorial Library, 1289 Lincoln Avenue, Steamboat Springs, CO**
- **November 14, 2013, 7:00pm, Elaine Wolf Theatre, Mizel Arts and Culture Center at the JCC, 350 S. Dahlia Street, Denver**
- Presented by [Facing History and Ourselves](#), the [Gill Foundation](#) and the [Bud Werner Memorial Library](#)
- In America, one in four children is a child of immigration. Here to stay, they are the future. How we fare in welcoming them will determine the nature of America's continually emerging identity. At the International High School at Lafayette, a Brooklyn public high school dedicated to newly arrived immigrants from all over the world, five teenagers strive to master English, adapt to families they haven't seen in years, and create a future of their own while coming of age in a new land. Through these five vibrant young people, their stories and struggles, we "learn America."
- [Click here to register for the Denver screening...](#)

❖ **NEW How Faith-Based Organizations Can Partner with Government Following a Crisis in the Denver Community**

- **November 14, 2013, 8:30am – 12:00pm OR 5:30pm – 9:00pm, Central Park, 9651 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Denver, CO 80238**
- Presented by the Denver Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
- RSVP with your name, organization, address, E-mail and phone number to DenverCERT@Denvergov.org

❖ **NEW Evaluating Your Truancy Reduction Program**

- **November 14-15, 2013, 8:00am – 4:30pm on Thursday and 8:30am – 12:30pm on Friday, Tramway Nonprofit Center, 3532 Franklin Street, Training Room E, Denver, CO 80205**
- Presented by the [Partnership for Families & Children](#) and the [National Center for School Engagement](#) (NCSE)
- This 1.5 day training is offered in response to the many inquiries received from truancy program staff about how to measure the effectiveness of their programs. NCSE has designed this interactive training based on practical training experience, lessons learned about truancy reduction and expertise in research and evaluation.
- Training cost is \$299
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **NEW A Statewide Discussion on Prescription Drug Abuse Among Youth: Denver Town Hall Event**

- **November 20, 2013, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus, Education 2, North Building**
- Presented by Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America in collaboration with the Office of the Governor and the Peer Assistance Services Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Program
- Topics include warning signs and symptoms, national and local solutions, new overdose prevention legislation and personal stories from affected families
- [Click here for more information and to register for the live event or one of the LiveStreaming locations...](#)

❖ **NEW Brown Bag It: Emergency Preparedness Program**

- **November 21, 2013, 12:05pm – 12:45pm, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, 1437 Bannock Street, Room #3 (in the basement) – Conference Room, Denver, CO 80202**

- Bring your lunch and learn how to prepare you and your family for an emergency. We will be talking about Denver's hazards, your responsibilities, making a plan, packing a kit and the important document you will need to have on hand after a disaster.
- E-mail DenverCERT@Denvergov.org to RSVP for this event.
- If you have questions contact Carolyn H. Bluhm, Community Relations and Preparedness Specialist, by e-mail at DenverCERT@Denvergov.org.

❖ **NEW Adult Sexual Misconduct in Schools: Prevention and Management Training**

- **December 6, 2013, 8:00am – 3:00pm, Poudre School District Administrative Complex, 2407 La Porte Avenue, PSD Boardroom, Fort Collins, CO 80521**
- The [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools \(REMS\) Technical Assistance \(TA\) Center](#), in partnership with the [U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Healthy Students](#), is pleased to offer an on-site training to assist schools in developing policies to comprehensively address the difficult topic of adult sexual misconduct in schools. This course is designed to develop and train key administrators and master trainers in developing policies and procedures related to adult sexual misconduct in schools.
- Who should attend: teams of three to five people from participating districts, charter schools, and private schools who are human resources (HR) directors, executive management, school board members, and master trainers responsible for training site-based staff and secondary students.
- Register at <http://www.remstacenter.org/TBR/TrainingRegistration.aspx?trainingsid=116>. Registration closes on Friday, November 22, 2013, at 3:00pm.

❖ **NEW ICS 400—Advanced Incident Command System**

- **December 7-8, 2013, 8:00am – 5:00pm, North Washington Fire Department, 8055 Washington Street, Denver, CO**
- This two-day course is designed to provide overall incident management skills rather than tactical expertise. Course goals are: to explain how major incidents have special management challenges; introduce major and/or complex incident/event management, describe the circumstances in which an Area Command is established; describe the circumstances in which multiagency coordination systems are established. Topics will also include unified command, area command and multi-agency coordination. A series of exercises build on the basic principles learned in ICS-100/200 and 300 culminating in a final exercise.
- ICS-400 level training is targeted for senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in an Area Command or multiagency coordination system. Command or Upper Level Management in the following disciplines: Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Services, Law Enforcement, Public Works, Public Safety Communications, Emergency Management, Public Health, Health Care, Government Officials and Hazardous Materials Tech.
- Required Prerequisites: ICS-100/700, ICS-200, IS-800 and ICS-300
- Registration for this course is through www.CO.Train.org, course ID 1006001 and select the North Washington Fire location. For questions on registration, please contact Crystal.Abeyta@denvergov.org or 720.865.7654.

❖ **NEW Colorado Emergency Management Conference**

- **February 25-27, 2014**
- For more information, please go to <http://www.cemacolorado.com/>

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ **NEW Interactive Intelligence Foundation Proposals Geared to At-Risk Youth**

- **Applications are due by November 15, 2013**
- Sponsored by [Interactive Intelligence Foundation](#)

- The Foundation has announced a Request for Proposals from organizations working to foster life improvements for at-risk youth. Special emphasis is placed on projects that promote technology education among the targeted at-risk youth sector.
- To be eligible, organizations must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and support at-risk youth up to the age of 18. Priority will be given to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)-related projects, as well as those projects with a specific start/stop time and measurable outcomes.
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

❖ **NEW Truancy Pilot Programs**

- **Applications are due by November 18, 2013**
- Grant funds provided by federal Formula Grant funds and federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds, administered by the [Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance](#).
- The purpose of these four pilots is to learn and document the following: the causal factors of truancy; the effective prevention approaches that keep youth in school and on track academically and socially, and increase school and student engagement; and the systems changes needed to successfully address truancy.
- Pilot sites will be eligible for up to two years of funding; up to six months to develop their collaborative strategic plan during year one with the remaining 18 months dedicated to implementation and evaluation.
- [Click here for more information on the Truancy Pilot Programs grant...](#)
- [Click here for more information on the Formula Grant Application Instructions...](#)
- [Click here for the Formula Grant Application...](#)
- [Click here for more information on the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Application Instructions...](#)
- [Click here for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Application...](#)

❖ **NEW The Colorado Framework for School Behavioral Health Services**

- **Applications are due by November 22, 2013 by 5:00pm**
- [Colorado Legacy Foundation](#) through funding from the [Rose Community Foundation](#) is accepting applications for its Colorado Framework for School Behavioral Health Services Funding.
- Funding available to Colorado K-12 School Districts, Colorado BOCES and Charter School Organizations.
- The intent of this funding is to advance best practices in social, emotional, and behavioral health in Colorado school districts and schools to improve student outcomes and school climate and culture. The goal is to support measurable, sustainable and innovative approaches to social and emotional wellness because of the clearly established link between healthy students and/or staff, positive school climate, and improved academic outcomes.
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

❖ **2014 Safe Routes to School**

- **Applications are due by December 6, 2013**
- The [Colorado Department of Transportation \(CDOT\)](#) is accepting applications for 2014 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding. Awards for both non-infrastructure (education) and infrastructure (capital) projects are available.
- Eligible applicants include schools, school districts, cities, counties, tribal entity, and/or any other local or regional government entity. Non-profit organizations may apply by partnering with any of the above entities. This round of grants will be 100% federally funded (no local match required), so don't miss out!
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

❖ **Programs Serving At-Risk Children**

- **Applications are due by February 1, 2014**

- The [PeyBack Foundation](#) focuses on economically disadvantaged children and youth, with an emphasis on programs that directly benefit children through relationships and activities. Programs designed to enrich the lives of disadvantaged youth through activities conducted outside the typical school day are favored.
- Eligible applicants must be nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations serving economically disadvantaged children between the ages of 6 and 18 in the Denver metro area.
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

❖ **NEW** Lawrence Foundation Proposals for Environment, Education, Human Services and Disaster Relief Projects

- **Applications are due by April 30, 2014**
- The [Lawrence Foundation](#) is focused on making grants to support environmental, human services and other causes although they may fund other areas on an occasional basis. There are both program and operating grants and there are no geographic restrictions on grants.
- Nonprofit organizations that qualify for public charity status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or public schools and libraries are eligible for contributions or grants.
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

RESOURCES & INFORMATION

Statistical Resources

❖ **NEW** Colorado Teen Driving

- Launched October 2013 by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Colorado Teen Driving Alliance (CTDA).
- Teens who say their parents set rules and monitor their driving behavior in a supportive way are 50 percent less likely to crash and 70 percent less likely to drive intoxicated.
- [Click here to access the Online Parent Course on Colorado's Graduated Driver Licensing Laws...](#)
- [Click here to access information for parents...](#)

❖ **NEW** Prevalence Rates of Male and Female Sexual Violence Perpetrators in a National Sample of Adolescents

- Published 10/7/13 in [JAMA Pediatrics](#), of the American Medical Association.
- Nearly 1 in 10 youths (9%) reported some type of sexual violence perpetration in their lifetime; 4% (10 females and 39 males) reported attempted or completed rape.
- [Forced Sexual Contact Common among Teens, Study Suggests](#), published 10/7/13 on [NBCnews.com](#), summarizes the journal article.
- [Click here to access the abstract...](#)

❖ **Results from the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Summary of National Findings and Detailed Tables**

- Published the US Department of Health and Human Services, [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#)
- This report and the detailed tables present a first look at results from the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), an annual survey of the civilian, non-institutionalized population of the United States aged 12 years old or older.
- [Click here for more information and to access the report...](#)

Prevention Resources

❖ **NEW Adolescent Intimate Partner Violence Shows Some Impact on Women's Educational Attainment and Earnings**

- Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a serious, widespread problem that negatively affects women's lives, including their economic status. A recent study explored whether the financial harm associated with IPV begins as early as adolescence. They found that women who had been victimized by a partner during adolescence obtained less education compared with non-victimized women, with victimization indirectly influencing women's earnings via educational attainment.
- [Click here for more information on the study...](#)

❖ **NEW Dating Violence Experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth**

- Published by the [Urban Institute](#)
- Media attention and the literature on lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth overwhelmingly focus on violence involving hate crimes and bullying, while ignoring the fact that vulnerable youth also may be at increased risk of violence in their dating relationships. In this study, researchers examine physical, psychological, sexual, and cyber dating violence experiences among lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth—as compared to those of heterosexual youth, and explore variations in the likelihood of help-seeking behavior and the presence of particular risk factors among both types of dating violence victims.
- [Click here for more information and to read the study...](#)

❖ **NEW National Sports Concussion Coalition**

- Sports organizations and health professionals have joined together to make sure the fear of concussions doesn't deter kids from deriving immeasurable health benefits of an active lifestyle.
- [Click here for more information on the coalition...](#)
- [Click here to for an article on youth sports organizations joining together in new concussion coalition...](#)

❖ **NEW U.S. Department of Education Teen Dating Violence Prevention Resources**

- The Office of Safe and Healthy Students just developed and released a fact sheet on teen dating violence, [Teen Dating Violence - A Fact Sheet for Schools](#)
- The US DOE's [National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments](#) released a training module – [Get Smart, Get Help, Get Safe](#) – to help school nurses, school counselors and school psychologists identify and respond appropriately to signs of abuse.

❖ **Changing Course: Preventing Gang Membership**

- Published the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and [National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\)](#)
- Written by some of the nation's top criminal justice and public health researchers, Changing Course offers evidence-based principles that can halt the cascading impact of gangs on youth, families, neighborhoods and society at large. The goal of the book (and a separate executive summary publication) is to help policymakers who make decisions about the best use of taxpayer dollars — and practitioners who work in the trenches, such as law enforcement officers, teachers and community services providers — understand what the research says about keeping kids out of gangs.
- [Click here to access the Executive Summary...](#)
- [Click here to access the full report...](#)

❖ **Technology, Teen Dating Violence and Abuse, and Bullying**

- Published by the [Urban Institute](#) Justice Policy Center
- The goal of this project was to expand knowledge about the types of violence and abuse experiences youth have via technology (e.g., social networking sites, texting on cell phones), and how the experience of such cyber abuse within teen dating relationships or through bullying relates to other life factors. The study's findings showed that more than a quarter (26%) of youth in a relationship said they experienced some form

of cyber dating abuse victimization in the prior year. With regard to other findings on bullying experiences, the study showed that one in six youth (17%) reported being victims of cyber bullying. Fewer than one in ten youth reported perpetrating cyber bullying in the prior year.

- [Click here to access the report...](#)

❖ **Transforming School Climate Toolkit**

- Published by the [Colorado Legacy Foundation](#)
- What research shows is effective in transforming school-wide culture, as well as reducing bullying and peer victimization, are those strategies aimed at getting to the heart of how students feel – their sense of safety, belonging, connectedness and confidence – in combination with effective response to social, emotional and mental health needs and strong skill building.
- Use this toolkit to discover how Colorado schools are creating positive school climates. Access online tools, watch videos featuring Colorado schools and programs, and download template documents.
- [Click here to access the toolkit...](#)

Preparedness Resources

❖ **NEW A Message from the Red Cross: Don't Wait for the Next Disaster: Prepare Now**

- There is no better time than now to take specific, simple steps to improve your state of preparedness. Get trained. Download lifesaving apps. Get involved.
- Get Trained: [“RED CROSS READY”](#) The Red Cross conducts different programs to help people be prepared.
- The [“Ready When the Time Comes”](#) program trains employees from corporations and mobilizes them as a community-based volunteer force when disaster strikes.
- The [Ready Rating™](#) program and [First Aid Emergency Drills](#) help businesses, schools and other organizations better prepare for emergencies.
- [“Be Red Cross Ready”](#) is a basic, entry-level overview of individual, household and community preparedness with a focus on **Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Be Informed**. We offer this course at least once a month in various sites. [Click here to find the next course or to sign up...](#)
- **Download Helpful Apps:** You can download [free Red Cross apps](#) to put great preparedness and disaster information at your fingertips. Apps currently available include first aid and shelter finder apps, as well as apps that give real-time information on what to do before, during and after a wildfire, tornado or flood. The Red Cross Apps can be found in the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#) for Android by searching for American Red Cross.
- **Get Involved:** It takes every member of a community to build resilience; resilience is a safety net, woven from the varied strands of individuals, neighborhoods, businesses, organizations and groups. We hope you'll take a few moments this week to act now, so that your Colorado community is stronger and more prepared for the next disaster that might strike.

❖ **NEW Sharing Ideas & Resources to Keep Our Nation's Schools Safe!**

- Published by the [National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center \(NLECTC\)](#), a program of the [National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\)](#).
- This report examines new products and apps to gauge and prevent potential school crises. The report also identifies new uses for familiar, standard-bearing technologies in school settings and highlights successful safety programs in urban and rural schools nationwide.
- [Click here to read the report...](#)

Recovery Resources

❖ **NEW Returning to Learning Following a Concussion**

- Published in [Pediatrics](#), the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, October 27, 2013
- Unfortunately, because most children and adolescents look physically normal after a concussion, school officials often fail to recognize the need for academic or environmental adjustments. Appropriate guidance and recommendations from the pediatrician may ease the transition back to the school environment and facilitate the recovery of the child or adolescent. This report serves to provide a better understanding of possible factors that may contribute to difficulties in a school environment after a concussion and serves as a framework for the medical home, the educational home, and the family home to guide the student to a successful and safe return to learning.
- [Click here to read the study...](#)

❖ Resources for Those Impacted by the Floods

- CDE has established a webpage with resources available to districts impacted by the floods. The page contains answers to common questions, links to state and CDE educational resources, and more.
- [Click here to access the resources...](#)

❖ CO Recovery

- Website focusing on flood recovery, created by the [Colorado Office of Emergency Management](#).
- [Click here to access the website...](#)

Other Resources & Information

❖ Colorado Healthy School Champions Score Card

- The Score Card is available through January 17, 2014.
- The score card is a voluntary program assessment tool and recognition program used to assess and showcase coordinated school health efforts and accomplishments.
- This year's tool has been updated and is easier to use, with quick access to rubrics, resources, worksheets and a glossary and guidelines for writing success stories.
- [Click here for more information and to access the Score Card...](#)

❖ Information from the National School Climate Center

- [Click here to read the most recent newsletter...](#)

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