

#### October 1, 2012

**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 email to others on your email list with an interest in supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado. They may register for this listserv on our website** www.Colorado.gov/SchoolSafetyResourceCenter

# COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

- Bullying Prevention Institute Sponsored by Colorado School Safety Resource Center, Colorado Department of Education, and Colorado Legacy Foundation
  - Thursday, October 25, 2012, 8:00 am 3:30 pm, Silverthorne Town Pavilion, 400 Blue River Parkway, Silverthorne, 80498 \*\*Registration is open\*\*
  - Featuring Special Guest Speaker: Dorothy Espelage, Ph.D., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
  - Designed for: administrators, PBIS teams, school safety teams, school mental health professionals
  - No charge for Colorado participants. Space is limited and registration is required.
  - **Registration Instructions**: Please go to <a href="www.co.train.org">www.co.train.org</a>. Set up a learner account and register for the Symposium location and date using the **course ID** number: **1033731**. 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 Bullying Prevention Institute Flyer for more information.
- Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium Sponsored by Colorado School Safety Resource Center, Colorado Department of Education, and Office of Suicide Prevention (CDPHE), with support from Aurora Public Schools
  - Thursday, November 29, 2012, 8:00 am 3:30 pm, Aurora Public Schools Professional Learning and Conference Center, 15771 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Aurora, CO 80011 \*\*Registration is open\*\*
  - Featuring Special Guest Speaker: Mary Margaret Kerr, Ed.D., University of Pittsburgh
  - **Keynote address:** *Components of a Comprehensive School Approach* specifically designed for school administrators. This keynote address will be live-streamed across the state from 8:30am 10:30am. Check the CSSRC website for the web access information.
  - **Designed for:** school administrators and school suicide intervention teams, including school psychologists, school social workers, counselors, SROs, nurses, special educators, teachers, community partners, and crisis response teams
  - No charge for Colorado participants. Space is limited and registration is required.

- Registration Instructions: Please go to <a href="www.co.train.org">www.co.train.org</a>. Set up a learner account and register for the Symposium location and date using the course ID number: 1034667. 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 Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium Flyer for more information.

# NEW: In-Person Training Opportunity: Adult Sexual Misconduct in Schools: Prevention & Management

- Does your district/school need assistance in developing policies and procedures to address the difficult topic of adult sexual misconduct?
- Would your district/school benefit from a NO-COST video-based, interactive, two-hour training on this topic?
- Recently, staff from the CSSRC and others completed an excellent train-the-trainer workshop delivered by the U.S. Department of Education and developed by the Seattle Public Schools on this topic. We now have the capability to bring this training at no cost to your BOCES, district or school.
- Please call or e-mail <u>Mike Lythgoe</u>, School Outreach Consultant, at the School Safety Resource Center for more information or to plan a training. Mike's direct line is 303.239.4533.

# **CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Colorado Safe Schools Week

• Join the Colorado School Safety Resource Center in recognizing Safe Schools Week, October 21-27, 2012. Look for information on our <u>website</u> in the Staff Pick section and on <u>Twitter</u>.

## StopBullying.gov

- The Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention invite youth ages 13 to 18 to create 30- to 60-second public service announcements as part of the Stop Bullying Video Challenge. Video submissions should showcase ways the youth are taking action against bullying and promoting kindness and respect within their communities.
- The grand prize is \$2,000 and two runner-ups will each receive \$500. The three winning videos will be featured on StopBullying.gov.
- Check out the website for information on the video challenge...
- Entries must be received by 11 p.m. E.T. on October 14, 2012
- The Bullying Prevention Training Module Materials are research-based resources that can help you lead bullying prevention efforts in your community
- See the Community Action Planning Training Module with Speaker Notes for more information
- See the Community Action Planning Community Action Toolkit for more information

#### The Great ShakeOut

- Join more than 14 million participants, including thousands of schools who will take part in earthquake drills. You can register even if your school, college, university or organization is not in a participating state, and be counted in this nationwide event.
- Click here for more information...

# **CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS**

## Crisis Planning for an Off-Campus Event

- Learn how to prepare your school with the Colorado School Safety Resource Center's new NO-COST online learning module, "Crisis Planning for an Off-Campus Event."
- The training works best with Internet Explorer web browser. To access the training:
  - 1. Go to www.co.train.org
  - 2. Sign in or create a new account. You will already have an account if you have attended CSSRC inperson trainings in the past.
  - 3. Search for Course ID 1026872
  - 4. This course counts as one hour of professional training. A printable certificate will be available upon completion of the course.

# Bullying Prevention & Intervention Under Colorado Law

- Keep yourself and your school informed about Colorado laws (HB 11-1254) and best practices
  regarding bullying with the Colorado School Safety Resource Center's new NO-COST online learning
  module, "Bullying Prevention & Intervention Under Colorado Law."
- The training works best with Internet Explorer web browser. To access the training:
  - 1. Go to www.co.train.org
  - 2. Sign in or create a new account. You will already have an account if you have attended CSSRC inperson trainings in the past.
  - 3. Search for **Course ID 1034235**
  - 4. This course counts as one hour of professional training. A printable certificate will be available upon completion of the course.

# OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS

#### ❖ Youth Sexual Health in Colorado: A Call to Action

- October 27, 10:30am-1:30pm, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Boulevard, Denver, CO 80205
- The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment presents youth, parents and professionals from across the state to take action to improve youth sexual health in your community.
- Email <u>youthsexualhealthcolorado@gmail.com</u> with questions or to reserve your seat.
- Please see the Save the Date for Youth Sexual Health in Colorado flyer...

## Colorado Society of School Psychologists Fall 2012 Conference

- November 8-10, 2012, Park Hyatt Resort & Spa, Beaver Creek, Colorado
- The Colorado Society of School Psychologists empowers school psychologists by advancing effective practices to improve Colorado students' learning, behavior, and mental health.
- The Colorado Department of Education, <u>PAR Inc.</u>, <u>Pearson</u> & <u>Sopris West</u> present the conference titled: Integrative Social-Emotional & Behavioral Interventions: Competence, Caring & Community
- 35 workshops including "Creating a Positive School Climate—Bullying Prevention and Intervention" on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-5:00pm presented by CSSRC Director, Chris Harms, the Colorado Department of Education, the Anti-Defamation League and One Colorado.
- Please see the <u>flyer</u> for more information...

# **ONLINE TRAININGS**

Courses

# Sources of Strength: Preventing Suicide among High School Students through Peer Leadership and Adult Mentoring

- Presented by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC).
- <u>Sources of Strength</u> (<u>NREPP</u> and <u>SPRC-BPR Section I</u>) is a program that trains diverse high school students to serve as peer leaders and connects them with adult advisors at school and in the community. With support from the advisors, the peer leaders conduct well-defined messaging activities intended to change peer group norms influencing coping practices and problem behaviors (e.g., self-harm, drug use, unhealthy sexual practices).
- Access the slides and a recording of the webinar

# **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **❖ POTENTIAL HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY:**

Forward Promise Innovation Grants: Promoting Opportunities for the Health and Success of Young Men of Color

- Brief proposal deadline is October 10, 2012 by 3:00pm ET
- Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- This grant aims to improve the health of middle school- and high school-aged boys and young men of color, as well as their opportunities for success in school, work, and life.
- Up to 10 grants will be awarded with grantees receiving up to \$500,000
- Public agencies (including colleges and universities) and non-profits with operating budgets in excess of \$1,500,000 are invited to apply
- Please see the <u>call for proposals</u> for more information

# Consolidated Grant and Technical Assistance Program to Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Violence and Engage Men and Boys as Allies

- Applications due October 24, 2012 by 11:59pm ET
- Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (<u>OVW</u>)
- Consolidated Grant Program: Grant recipients will develop and implement strategies to address
  stalking, domestic and dating violence, and sexual assault. This will include providing child- and youthcentered prevention, intervention, and treatment services and conducting public education campaigns
  to raise community awareness and solicit male involvement in combating the kinds of violence outlined
  above.
- **Technical Assistance Program:** The awardee will provide comprehensive training and technical assistance to the Consolidated Grant Program grantees.
- Non-profit, non-governmental agencies (including colleges and universities) are invited to apply.
- For more information and application...

#### Colorado Safe Routes to School

- Applications due December 7, 2012 by 4:00pm
- Funded by the <u>Colorado Department of Transportation</u>
- Colorado Safe Routes to School (SRTS) uses a comprehensive approach to make school routes safe for children when walking and bicycling to school. CDOT administers Colorado's SRTS program. In Colorado, many communities, parents and schools are fostering a safe environment for their students by using SRTS programs to not only fund education and safe infrastructure, but also to encourage healthy options for our children that are safe for both walking and bicycling.

- School districts and local education agencies are among the groups who are invited to apply.
- For more information and the application...

# Colorado Legacy Foundation Extended Learning Opportunities Pilot

- Applications due December 14, 2012 by 11:00am
- Funded by the Colorado Legacy Foundation made possible by the Ford Foundation
- CLF, in partnership with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), is leading a multi-stage multi-year
  strategic plan which includes raising and distributing funds to seed, document, and replicate innovative
  practices, programs, services, and approaches in line with Colorado's vision for ELO, an innovative
  teaching and learning platform designed to ignite the unique potential of every student through the
  creation and delivery of dramatically personalized learning experiences. Once these projects are
  developed, implemented, and documented, they will be used as proof points to engage a broader set of
  schools and districts, as well as to drive a policy agenda that supports broad implementation of key ELO
  elements.
- Award amounts vary.
- For more information and the application...

# **RESOURCES**

## Healthy Kids Colorado Survey Factsheets

- In the fall of 2011, a total of 1,614 students in 33 public middle schools and 1,523 students in 33 public high schools throughout Colorado completed the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS), which includes components of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).
- Colorado achieved sufficient participation in 2011 from selected schools and students that data was able to be weighted and can be considered representative of students in Colorado in grades 9-12.
- Download the Middle School fact sheet
- Download the High School fact sheet
- Learn more about the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey
- Learn more about OMNI.org

#### Research and Statistics Resources

## Effects and Consequences of Underage Drinking

- Bulletin released September 2012 by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
  presenting findings from a literature review that investigated how drinking can affect a youth's physical,
  emotional, and neurological health. Also discusses personal, legal, and economic consequences of
  underage drinking.
- To read the bulletin...

# National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services National Stop Arm Violation Count Survey Results on Illegal Bus Passing

- While school buses remain incredibly safe, students who ride in buses are most vulnerable when they are outside the bus in the "danger zone".
- View the Near Miss Video
- Read the <u>Press Release</u>
- Learn more about the National Stop Arm Violation Count

# America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2012

- The <u>Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics</u> publishes an annual report on the well-being of children and families. Pending data availability, the Forum updates all 41 indicators annually on its website and alternates publishing a detailed report with a summary version that highlights selected indicators. The America's Children series makes Federal data on children and families available in a nontechnical, easy-to-use format in order to stimulate discussion among data providers, policymakers, and the public.
- For more information on the study...

#### Prevention Resources

## National Strategy for Suicide Prevention

- A report of the <u>US Surgeon General</u> and the <u>National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention</u>
- The revised strategy emphasizes the role every American can play in protecting friends, family members, and colleagues from suicide. It also provides guidance that takes into account nearly a decade of research and other advancements in the field since the last strategy was published. The strategy includes 13 goals and 60 objectives across four strategic directions: wellness and empowerment; prevention services; treatment and support services; and surveillance, research, and evaluation.
- The audience for the strategy includes prevention professionals, researchers, community coalitions, educators, media, policymakers, program planners, administrators, project managers, and public health professionals, among others.
- For more information...

## Lights on Afterschool

• The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention invites communities to participate in the annual Lights on Afterschool on October 18. The nationwide event emphasizes the value of afterschool programs, which keep kids safe, help working families, and inspire learning. They provide opportunities to help young people develop into successful adults.

#### ❖ PEERx

- An initiative of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- Aims to empower teens to avoid prescription drug abuse
- Please see the PEERx website for more information
- <u>Activity Guide</u> provides ideas for engaging educational activities

# Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for High Schools

- Created by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in June, 2012
- Assists high schools and school districts in designing and implementing strategies to prevent suicide and promote behavioral health. Includes tools to implement a multi-faceted suicide prevention program that responds to the needs and cultures of students.
- For information on the Toolkit...

#### **Preparedness Resources**

Heads Up! TBI and Concussion Awareness

- The <u>US Department of Health and Human Services</u>, the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> are teaming together to educate parents, kids and teens about traumatic brain injuries and concussion awareness.
- Follow this link to watch Kurt Warner's Heads Up PSA on YouTube

#### Safe Start Center Toolkit for Schools

- As the <u>National Survey for Children Exposed to Violence</u> has shown, children's exposure to home and community violence is prevalent in the U.S. Exposure to traumatic events is often unexpected and can leave educators with many uncertainties about what to do next. Faced with students struggling to cope and a community struggling to respond, schools need reliable information, practical tools, and pragmatic guidance. Safe Start Center's Toolkit for Schools is a collection of resources for school administrators and teachers to learn more about the prevalence and negative consequences of children's exposure to violence and how they can help.
- Please see the <u>Safe Start Center Toolkit for Schools</u> for more information...

#### Other Resources

# CDE Open Position Opportunity

- Director, Office of Health and Wellness
- Please see the <u>at-will position opening</u> for more information

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- For the latest school safety information between monthly E-Updates, follow @CoSSRC on Twitter.
- Featuring daily updates on new research, resources, upcoming trainings, and Center activities.



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THE CSSRC IS AVAILABLE to any Pre-K through higher education school to assist in your school safety planning. Our mission is to provide *no-cost consultation, resources, training and technical assistance* that can help you create a safe, positive, and successful school. We can customize a variety of trainings for your school safety and crisis planning teams or your school staff as you plan and train this school year. We invite you to continue monitoring our website (<a href="www.Colorado.gov/SchoolSafetyResourceCenter">www.Colorado.gov/SchoolSafetyResourceCenter</a>) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. Call us at: 303-239-4435.



Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!

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