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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.

COLORADO & NATIONAL SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK IS OCTOBER 20 – 26, 2013

- ❖ [The Governor's Proclamation for Colorado's Safe Schools Week...](#)
- ❖ [Information on Colorado Safe Schools Week...](#)
- ❖ [Information on Suggestions for School-Community Pledge and Partnership...](#)
- ❖ **Events during Colorado Safe Schools Week:**
 - [Colorado School Safety Resource Center training: Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium](#)
 - [2013 Early Childhood Education Design Conference](#)

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **NEW** **October is Substance Abuse Prevention Month**
 - [Click here for more information from the Office of National Drug Control Policy...](#)
 - [Click here for information on federally funded prevention programs...](#)
 - [Click here for resources from the CSSRC website...](#)
- ❖ **NEW** **October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month**
 - [Click here for more information from StopBullying.gov...](#)
 - [Click here for more information from the CSSRC website...](#)
- ❖ **NEW** **School Behavioral Health Initiative Grants**
 - On September 30th, the [Colorado Legacy Foundation](#) announced a grant opportunity for schools that will be released no later than October 6, 2013, and due by November 22, 2013. We urge interested schools to check the Legacy's [website](#) for further information.
- ❖ **Colorado Walk-Bike to School Day**
 - **October 9, 2013**
 - [Click here to learn more about registering your school...](#)
 - Use Walk to School Day 2013 as inspiration for the whole month and participate in the October Activity Challenge brought to you by [Fire Up Your Feet](#).

❖ The Great ShakeOut

- **October 17, 2013**
- Organized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- We all must better prepare ourselves for major earthquakes, and practice how to protect ourselves when they happen. The purpose of the ShakeOut is to help people and organizations do both.
- [Click here and scroll down for resources and more information...](#)

❖ National Above the Influence Day

- **October 17, 2013**
- Organized by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Partnership at DrugFree.org
- Join partners from across the country during National Substance Abuse Prevention Month to recognize National Above the Influence Day.
- [Click here to learn more about National Above the Influence Day...](#)
- [Click here to learn more about the Above the Influence Campaign...](#)

❖ READYColorado Website Launch

- READYColorado is Colorado's official source for homeland security and all-hazards preparedness information.
- [Click here to access the Official State of Colorado Preparedness website...](#)
- [Click here to access the Preparedness Events Calendar...](#)
- [Click here for information on making a School Preparedness Plan...](#)

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

❖ **UPDATED** Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium

- **Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 8:00am – 3:30pm—Grand Junction, DoubleTree Hotel, 743 Horizon Drive**
- Sponsored by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment—Office of Suicide Prevention and the Colorado Department of Education
- **Featuring Special Guest Speaker:** Russell Copelan, M.D., Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction
- **NEW** Dr. Copelan's morning presentation will be LiveStreamed and then archived on the CSSRC website. [Click here to access the link...](#)
- **NEW** Click here to access Dr. Copelan's published article, [Adolescent Violence Screening in the ED](#)
- **Designed for:** administrators, school and community mental health professionals, school safety teams including SRO's, teachers, nurses and other support staff
- **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: 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 & Intervention Symposium](#) training flyer for more information

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

- **Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 8:00am – 3:00pm—Colorado School Districts Self-Insurance Pool, 6857 South Spruce Street, Centennial, CO**
- 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 training to assist schools in developing policies to comprehensively address the difficult topic of adult sexual misconduct in schools.

- **Designed for:** 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
- **No charge for Colorado participants.** Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration closes October 18th.
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **UPDATED 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 Reimer, former forensic chemist with the DEA and a Chemist/Criminalist with the North Metro Drug Task Force
- **NEW** Dr. Riggs' morning presentation will be LiveStreamed and then archived on the CSSRC website. [Click here to access the link...](#)
- **NEW** Lynn Reimer's afternoon presentation will be LiveStreamed 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—Colorado Springs & La Junta (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 Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

- **October 7, 2013, 8:00am – 10:00am MT**
- The [Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) will convene in Washington, DC, to discuss how the [Affordable Care Act](#) will impact health services provided to youth at risk for or experiencing violence, incarceration, homelessness, mental health disorders, or substance abuse, and those transitioning from the foster care or juvenile justice systems.
- [Click here to view the webcast...](#)

❖ **NEW Enhancing Multidisciplinary Responses to Polyvictimization**

- **October 10, 2013, 1:00pm – 2:30pm MT, Impact of Polyvictimization on K-12 Schools**
- **October 24, 2013, 10:00am – 1:00pm MT, Polyvictimization and Urban Communities of Color**
- **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**

- **October 22, 2013, 3:00pm ET, Sensible Steps for Energy Efficiency and Waste Reduction in Schools;** [click here to register...](#)
- **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.

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

- **October 30, 2013, 12:00pm MT, Honoring Children, Making Relatives**
- **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.

❖ **Break the Silence Informational Awareness Video**

- Created by the [Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner \(SANE\) Sexual Assault Response Team \(SART\)](#)
- The video will be available to be used by persons interested in creating a SART and looking to educate other potential members, management, and the community on the value of a SART. Additionally, the video can be used by rural and Native American SARTs to make their respective communities aware of the SART and its ability to increase conviction rates, thus potentially increasing the willingness by victims to prosecute.
- [Click here for more information and to view the video...](#)

❖ **CERT Supplemental Training: The Incident Command System**

- Interactive web-based course from the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) dated 8/13/13.
- The Incident Command System (ICS) is a proven management system used by emergency managers. Applying ICS during a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) activation will help maintain the safety of disaster workers, provide clear leadership and organizational structure, and improve the effectiveness of rescue efforts. This three- to four- hour web-based course will cover the principles of ICS and help learners understand how to effectively apply the principles through interactive real-life scenarios.
- [Click here for more information and to take this course...](#)

❖ **A National Conversation on Protecting Our Youth**

- A Series of podcasts on underage drinking, hosted by the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's \(OJJDP\) Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center \(EDETC\)](#)
- Podcasts will provide environmental strategies that address underage drinking-related issues in communities, states, and territories and reduce youth access to alcohol. Parents, researchers, law enforcement officials, coalition members, youth groups, advocates, and experts discuss public health and safety issues of youth alcohol use and share successful outcomes and strategies.
- [Click here to access the podcasts...](#)

❖ **Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Insider Threats**

- Interactive web-based course from the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) dated 7/10/13.
- This course provides guidance to critical infrastructure employees and service providers on how to identify and take action against insider threats to critical infrastructure.
- [Click here for more information and to take this course...](#)

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS

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

- **October 1, 2013—Safety & Security Round Table Discussion**, 9:00am – 11:00am, Emergency Operations Center—370 Printers Parkway, Colorado Springs
- **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.

❖ **NEW Study of Bullying in Colorado**

- **October 1, 2013, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**, East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80918

- **October 2, 2013, 5:00pm – 7:00pm**, Idaho Springs Public Library, 219 14th Avenue Idaho Springs, CO 80452
- **October 24, 2013, 5:00pm – 7:00pm**, Omni Institute, 899 Logan Street Suite 600 Denver, CO 80203
- The [Colorado Department of Human Services \(CDHS\)](#), [Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council \(CDDC\)](#) and [OMNI Institute](#) are exploring the problem of bullying of **individuals with disabilities** in Colorado.
- They are seeking 8-10 participants who would be willing to share their experience and ideas about this important issue.
- RSVP to Alejandra Solis at OMNI Institute via e-mail to asolis@omni.org or 303-839-9422, x 144.

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

- **October 3-4, 2013**, 8:00am – 4:30pm, Canon City Fire Station, 1475 N. 15th Street, Canon City, CO
- **October 15-16, 2013**, 8:00am – 4:30pm, Denver City and County Building, Conference Room 30, 1437 Bannock Street, Denver, CO
- **October 30-31, 2013**, 8:00am – 4:30pm, Black Hawk Fire Department, 196 Clear Creek Street, Black Hawk, CO
- This two-day course utilizes the new FEMA ICS-400 (EMI Course #G400) curriculum and meets equivalency requirements established by the NIMS Integration Center for NIMS compliance.
- ICS-400 level training is targeted for command and general staff, agency administrators, department heads, emergency managers, areas commander and Multi-Agency Coordination System/Emergency Operations Center managers.
- Anyone registering for this course must have proof of successful completion of the following: FEMA IS-700, IS-800, ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300 equivalent courses.
- Course topics include: ICS fundamentals review for command and general staff, major and/or complex incident management, area command and multi-agency coordination. It is recommended to bring a laptop computer, if you have one.
- Registration for this course is through www.CO.Train.org, course ID 1006001. For questions on registration, please contact [Michael Bean](#).

❖ **Colorado School Social Work Association 2013 Fall Conference**

- **October 4, 2013**, Adams 12 Five Star Schools Professional Development Center, 1500 East 128th Avenue, Thornton, CO
- School Based Mental Health in an MTSS Model: Prevention, Assessment and Intervention
- CSSRC's presentation on Crisis Response & Mental Health Resources for School Social Workers at 11:10am – 12:15pm.
- [Click here for more information...](#)

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

- **October 4, 5 & 12, 2013**, times vary per day and you must attend all three days, Central Park Rec Center, Multipurpose Room, 9651 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Denver
- Sponsored by Denver's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS); Denver Police District #1; Denver Fire Department; Denver Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Colorado North Central Region
- This emergency/disaster preparedness and response training (FEMA course IS317) will include how to plan for an emergency, and teach basic response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and emergency/disaster medical operations.
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **Initial Law Enforcement Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents**

- **October 7, 2013**, 8:00am – 5:00pm, Westminster Police Department, 9110 Yates Street, Westminster, CO

- This course provides front-line law enforcement officers with the skills and knowledge to effectively interdict and respond to an imminent suicide bombing attack (person-borne or vehicle-borne) or a non-suicide attack involving a vehicle-borne device.
- **This course is open to law enforcement personnel only.**
- Registration through www.CO.train.org; course ID: 1046099.

❖ **NEW ICS 300—Intermediate Command System**

- **October 8-9, 2013**, 8:00am – 5:00pm, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, 215 Rice Street, Grand Junction, CO
- **October 9-10, 2013**, 8:00am – 5:00pm, Memorial Hospital Administrative Center, 2420 East Pikes Peak Avenue, Colorado Springs
- **October 17-18, 2013**, 8:00am – 5:00pm, Montrose County Health and Human Services Building, 1845 S. Townsend Avenue, Montrose, CO
- **October 28-29, 2013**, 8:00am – 5:00pm, Black Hawk Fire Department, 196 Clear Creek Street, Black Hawk, CO
- ICS-300 level training is targeted for middle management, strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors and Multi-Agency Coordination System/Emergency Operations Center staff.
- Course topics include: ICS Fundamentals Review; Unified Command; Incident/Event Assessment and Incident Objectives; Planning Process, Incident Resource Management; Demobilization, Transfer of Command and Closeout.
- Pre-requisite course: FEMA IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800.
- Registration for this course is through www.CO.Train.org, course ID 1005860. For questions on registration, please contact [Michael Bean](#).

❖ **Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition and Response**

- **October 8, 2013**, 8:00am – 5:00pm, Westminster Police Department, 9110 Yates Street, Westminster, CO
- This course provides first responders with the knowledge to recognize and report the presence of the homemade explosives as well as the precursors and facilities where homemade explosives are fabricated.
- **This course is open to all first responders.**
- Registration through www.CO.train.org; course ID: 1046139.

❖ **NEW Denver Emergency Management Summit**

- **October 9, 2013**, 8:00am – 3:00pm, Grand Hyatt, 1750 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80202
- This regional event will gather top leaders in emergency management, public safety and homeland security and provide a forum to share best practices, renew relationships and work on new solutions in Colorado for both the problems that are anticipated—and those that aren't.
- Colorado Department of Public Safety Executive Director James Davis will discuss upcoming initiatives, training exercises, and preparedness plans for the State of Colorado.
- Breakfast and lunch are provided. No cost for public sector professionals and non-profit organizations.
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **NEW Out of the Past: Confronting Homophobia in History and Today**

- **October 9, 2013**, 4:30pm – 8:00pm, Johnson & Wales University Campus, 7150 Montview Blvd., Aspen Hall, 3rd Floor, Denver, CO
- Sponsored by [Facing History and Ourselves](#)
- In this workshop, we will examine the effects of homophobia and intolerance, in history and today, and a look at individuals who have successfully fought to make their communities safer places. Using the themes of human rights and civil rights, we will introduce and discuss ways to make classroom content more inclusive of the experiences of lesbian and gay people.
- This course is suitable for 6th-12th grade educators, guidance counselors, administrators or coaches.

- [Click here to register...](#)

❖ Preparation for the Suicide/Homicide Bomber

- **October 14-15, 2013, OR October 18-19, 2013, OR October 21-22, 2013**, 8:30am – 4:30pm, Embassy Suites Downtown Denver, 1450 Stout Street, Denver, CO
- Sponsored by RTD Transit Police.
- The Preparation program improves first responders' and their agencies' capabilities to save, minimize suffering, and protect property against martyrdom threats involving explosives.
- **This course is open to all first responders.**
- Contact Diana Woodson at 303.299.2650 or Diana.Woodson@rtd-denver.com to register.

❖ Interdiction of the Suicide/Homicide Bomber

- **October 16-17, 2013, OR October 23-24, 2013**, 8:00am – 5:00pm, Metro Denver Area range to be determined
- Sponsored by RTD Transit Police.
- The 16-hour Interdiction of the Suicide/Homicide Bomber training program builds up-on the Preparation interactive classroom program through live fire range skills development culminating with coordinated team exercises.
- **This course is open to current sworn law enforcement or TEMS personnel only**
- Contact Diana Woodson at 303.299.2650 or Diana.Woodson@rtd-denver.com to register.

❖ safeTALK Workshop

- **October 17, 2013**, 1:00pm – 4:00pm, Douglas County Sheriff's Office Highlands Ranch Substation, 9250 Zotos Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO
- Sponsored by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Youth Education and Safety in Schools (YESS) Program and the Douglas County Suicide Prevention Alliance
- safeTALK, about three hours in duration, is a training that prepares anyone over the age of 15 to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.
- Contact Phyllis Harvey at 303.814.7033 or pharvey@dcsheriff.net to register.

❖ **NEW** Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention

- **October 22 - 24, 2013**, 8:00am – 5:00pm, HealthONE EMS, 333 W. Hampden Avenue, Suite 200, Englewood, CO 80110
- Sponsored by the [Colorado Crisis Support Network](#)
- This course is recommended for emergency responders and hospital personnel.
- This unique combination course will be an intensive crisis intervention training experience. The curriculum teaches one-on-one crisis intervention techniques and covers a wide spectrum of group crisis services including: crisis management, victims' education, demobilizations after large scale traumas and Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) for emergency responders.
- [Click here to register...](#)

❖ 2013 Early Childhood Education Design Conference

- **October 25, 2013**, 7:00am – 6:00pm, Tivoli Student Union, Auraria Campus, Denver, CO
- The conference will bring together nationally recognized experts and thought leaders to highlight best practices and cutting edge research in designing, developing and managing high performance learning environments for early childhood education.
- [Click here to register...](#)

❖ 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...](#)

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

- **November 13-14, 2013, 7:30am – 4:00pm, 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...](#)

NATIONAL TRAININGS

❖ **National Forum on Character Education: Educating for Character at Home, in Schools and in Communities**

- **October 24-27, 2013, Washington, DC**
- The 2013 National Forum will bring together like-minded individuals to focus on school safety, character education and the Common Core, assessment, leadership & community involvement, and so much more. Teachers, counselors, psychologists, and other school leaders will come together to network and learn about solutions, strategies, and frameworks for the pressing issues in schools today.
- [Click here for more information and registration...](#)

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ **Healthy Schools: Environmental Factors, Children's Health and Performance, and Sustainable Building Practices**

- **Applications are due on October 8, 2013 by 11:59 ET**
- Sponsored by the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- Part of the Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, the EPA is seeking applications proposing research that will inform school (K-12 educational facilities) building design, construction and operation practices in

order to foster safe and healthy school environments and maximize student achievement and teacher and staff effectiveness.

- Public nonprofit institutions/organizations (includes public institutions of higher education and hospitals) and private nonprofit institutions/organizations (includes private institutions of higher education and hospitals) located in the U.S., state and local governments, federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, and U.S. territories or possessions are eligible to apply.
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

❖ **Lowe's Toolbox for Education**

- **Requests are due by October 15, 2013**
- Funded by the [Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation](#), the Lowe's Toolbox for Education program provides grant awards of up to \$5,000 to support school improvement projects at K-12 public schools in the United States.
- For the 2013-14 school year, the Foundation will give priority to basic necessities, with a preference for funding requests that have a permanent impact, such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) as well as landscaping/cleanup projects. Projects that encourage parent involvement and help build stronger community spirit are encouraged.
- Any public K-12 school or nonprofit parent group associated with a public K-12 school is eligible to apply. Parent groups that are applying (PTO, PTA, etc.) must have an independent EIN and official 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. Groups without 501(c)(3) status should apply through their school. Preschools are not eligible.
- [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...](#)

RESOURCES & INFORMATION

Prevention Resources

❖ **NEW 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...](#)

❖ **NEW 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...](#)

❖ **NEW 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...](#)

❖ **A Back to School Message from SpeakNow!**

- The SpeakNow! Campaign was developed to address underage drinking, and more specifically, binge drinking among Colorado youth. In fact, Colorado ranks 9th highest in the nation in terms of binge drinking among teenage youth. Learn about research and laws about teen alcohol use in Colorado.
- [Click here to access the SpeakNowColorado.org website...](#)
- [Click here for more back-to-school information from SpeakNow!...](#)

❖ **Dear Colleague Letter for Schools Regarding Bullying and Harassment of Students with Disabilities**

- From the [U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services \(OSERS\)](#)
- [Click here to access the Dear Colleague letter published August 20, 2013...](#)

❖ **Four in 10 Teens Have Experienced Dating Violence: What Parents and Providers Can Do**

- The [American Psychological Association](#) issued a press release, summarizing some new and alarming statistics on teen dating violence in the United States.
- [Click here to access the press release...](#)
- [Click here to access an abstract of the “National Rates of Adolescent Physical, Psychological and Sexual Teen-Dating Violence” study...](#)

❖ **Health, Wellness & Nutrition: Pertussis Guidelines**

- The state of Colorado experienced a record number of cases of pertussis (whooping cough) in 2012. This disease is highly contagious, causes severe coughing fits and can cause severe disease or death in at-risk persons, including infants. The infection is often spread to infants by other children and adults caring for them.
- [Click here to access Pertussis Information and Guidelines for Schools and Childcare Settings](#), published by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

❖ **School Chemical Safety**

- Rules and regulations governing schools in the state of Colorado, Colorado Board of Health Special Advisory Committee Report
- [Click here to access links to Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Schools, Safe Lab Practices and EPA and NIOSH Information...](#)

❖ **When Gangs Come to School**

- The National Gang Center (NGC) is jointly funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP) and the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#). NGC conducts research on street gangs and serves as a clearinghouse for individuals and agencies seeking information, technical assistance, and training in the areas of gang prevention, intervention, suppression, and reentry.
- [Click here for the Summer 2013 Newsletter...](#)

Recovery Resources

❖ **NEW 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...](#)

❖ **NEW CO Recovery**

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

Statistical Resources

❖ **NEW 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...](#)

Other Resources & Information

❖ **NEW 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...](#)

❖ **NEW** Information from the National School Climate Center

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

❖ **Safe Supportive Learning Websites for Early Learning and Higher Education**

- Sponsored by the National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments (NCSSLE) in coordination with the U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- [Click here to view the new and improved website...](#)
- [Click here to view the Early Learning section...](#)
- [Click here to view the Higher Education section...](#)

❖ **Toolkit for Community Conversations About Mental Health**

- Created by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)
- Launched in 2013, the Toolkit for Community Conversations About Mental Health is designed to help those interested in holding a conversation about mental health and it includes three parts: an Information Brief, a Discussion Guide, and a Planning Guide. The toolkit will help communities and individuals start a conversation about mental health to help identify innovative and creative next steps to address the mental health needs of our nation.
- [Click here to access the Toolkit for Community Conversation About Mental Health...](#)

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