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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

❖ **RELEASED IN JULY CSSRC Online Trainings**

- Basic Mental Health Awareness for Educators
- School Security Personnel: Emergency Management
- School Security Personnel: Interpersonal Communications
- [Click here to visit the CSSRC website training page for more information...](#)

❖ **UPDATED YES², Youth Engaged for School Safety, Applications Now Being Accepted**

- CSSRC is now accepting applications for YES², Youth Engaged for School Safety, a youth advisory council for the Center for students entering grades 9 through 12 for the 2013-2014 school-year. Interested students dedicated to improving school safety and school culture in the state of Colorado, [please click here for more information and to apply](#). Students will meet in person and/or electronically and be paid a stipend for their participation.
- **Applications are due September 13, 2013.**

❖ **NEW Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB)**

- **September 3, 2013, 10:00am – 10:30, 30-minute audio conference.**
- To participate in the audio conference, call **1-800-511-7985**, then press the access code 512-5327 followed by the pound key (#).
- Senator Steve King's School Safety Summit team is sponsoring a series of free audio conferences on school safety funding for Colorado school districts. The first of the 30-minute Q&A audio conferences will take place on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at 10:00 am, covering the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) program.
- When private businesses donate to schools up to \$1.5 million in cash and/or in-kind goods and services, CDE can authorize up to \$15 million this year (a 10-to-1 match) in the form of long-term interest-free loans that can be used for school safety technologies and other school improvements. Joining the calls will be Ted Hughes from CDE. Ted reviews all QZAB applications and puts them on a fast track.
- The benefit of the QZAB program is that it helps school districts save money and make their dollars go further. School districts usually issue bonds in order to finance improvements to schools within the

district. Interest owed on these bonds can equal up to 50 percent of the costs of the entire project. As a result, districts often find it difficult to undertake school renovation and repair.

- In order to facilitate these projects, US Congress created the Federal QZAB program, which provides the bondholder with a federal tax credit in lieu of a cash interest payment. Because the federal government provides the interest payment via the federal tax credit, the district then is relieved of the majority of the interest on the bond. Through this program, the burden on school districts of financing school improvements is eased.
- For more information **and to sign up for the audio conference**, visit <http://www.SchoolSafetySummit.org>.

❖ **NEW** September is National Preparedness Month

- On Friday, September 6th at 2:00pm, from the Steps of the State Capitol, Lt. Governor Garcia will join regional leaders from the American Red Cross and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in announcing a statewide “Prepare Colorado” movement to save lives, reduce suffering in the face of emergencies and improve our communities’ ability to bounce back from disasters.
- [Click here to join the Be Red Cross Ready preparedness workshops; a one hour overview where you will learn how to prepare yourself, your household and your community to be ready for and resilient during disasters...](#)
- [Click here for Disaster Preparedness information and training from the Denver Chapter of the American Red Cross...](#)
- [Click here for the Colorado Events & Activities—What’s Your Game Plan? calendar from the Red Cross...](#)

❖ **NEW** 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...](#)

❖ **NEW** Project PAVE Youth Community Educator Positions Available

- Applications must be submitted by September 3, 2013
- [Click here for more information...](#)
- [Click here to apply...](#)

❖ **NEW** Colorado Walk-Bike to School Day is October 9th

- [Click here to learn more about registering your school...](#)

❖ **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...](#)

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

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

- **SAVE THE DATES:**
 - **Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 8:00 – 3:30—Steamboat Springs, Steamboat Grand**
 - **Thursday, September 12, 2013, 8:00 – 3:30—Glenwood Springs, Hotel Colorado**
 - **Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 8:00 – 3:30—Alamosa, Inn of the Rio Grande**
 - **Thursday, September 26, 2013, 8:00 – 3:30—Salida, SteamPlant Event Center**
 - **February 12 & 13, 2014—Colorado Springs & La Junta (locations 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 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: 1045326. 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.
- [Positive School Climate: Bullying Prevention Institute Steamboat/Glenwood](#) training flyer...
- [Positive School Climate: Bullying Prevention Institute Alamosa/Salida](#) training flyer...

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

- **Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 8:00 – 3:30—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
- **Designed for:** administrators, school mental health professionals, school safety teams including SRO's, teachers, nurses and other support staff
- **No charge for Colorado participants.** Space is limited and 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

❖ **UPDATED Youth Substance Abuse Symposium**

- **Thursday, November 14, 2013, 8:00 – 3:30—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
- **Designed for:** administrators, school mental health professionals, school safety teams including SRO's, teachers, nurses, law enforcement officers and community mental health personnel
- **No charge for Colorado participants.** Space is limited and 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.

CSSRC 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 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 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 Enhancing Multidisciplinary Responses to Polyvictimization: Complex Trauma Speaker Series**

- The [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#) presents:
- **September 12, 2013, 1:00pm MT, [Polyvictimization and Sexual Exploitation of Young Girls and Women](#)**
- **September 26, 2013, 1:00pm MT, [Polyvictimization and Sexual Exploitation of Young Boys and Men](#)**

❖ **NEW Community Coalitions Working Collaboratively Across Secondary and Postsecondary Education to Address Underage Drinking**

- **September 18, 2013, 12:00pm – 1:30pm MT**
- Provided by [National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments](#)
- In this webinar, panelists will explore prevention research that strongly supports the use of comprehensive, integrated programs with multiple complementary components to address underage drinking. Such evidence-based prevention strategies geared to secondary and post-secondary students require collaborative efforts between organizational leaders at high schools and colleges, and key community members.

- [Click here for more information...](#)
- [Click here to register...](#)

❖ **Sensible Steps to Healthier School Environments**

- 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.
- **September 25, 2013, 3:00pm ET, Cleaning and Maintenance, Sensible Steps for Creating Healthier School Environments;** [click here to register...](#)
- **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...](#)

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

- 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.
- **September 25, 2013, 12:00pm MT, Honoring Children, Mending the Circle**
- **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...](#)

❖ **NEW 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...](#)

❖ **NEW 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 \(EDETTC\)](#)
- 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...](#)

❖ **Overview of the Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Institutions of Higher Education**

- Webinar from the US Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center (REMS TA Center), recorded on 6/27/13.
- The guide will help institutions of higher education develop and implement high-quality emergency operations plans (EOPs), and describes the principles and processes that will help ensure planning efforts are aligned with the emergency planning practices at the national, state and local levels. These webinars were conducted in collaboration with all of the Federal agencies that worked together to develop the guides, and provide an overview of:
 - the key principles for developing a comprehensive EOP for an IHE;
 - the planning process for developing, implementing, and refining an EOP for an IHE;
 - the form, function, and content of an IHE EOP plan; and
 - topics that support emergency operations planning including, but not limited to, information sharing, school climate, active shooter situations, and psychological first aid.
- [Click here and for the slides...](#)
- [Click here for support resources...](#)
- [Click here to access all of the REMS TA Center archived webinars...](#)

❖ **Overview of the Guide for Developing High-Quality K-12 School Emergency Operations Plans**

- Webinar from the US Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center (REMS TA Center), recorded on 6/27/13.
- The guide will help schools develop and implement high-quality emergency operations plans (EOPs), and describes the principles and processes that will help ensure planning efforts are aligned with the emergency planning practices at the national, state and local levels. These webinars were conducted in collaboration with all of the Federal agencies that worked together to develop the guides, and provide an overview of:
 - the key principles for developing a comprehensive EOP for a school;
 - the planning process for developing, implementing, and refining an EOP for a school;
 - the form, function, and content of a school EOP plan; and
 - topics that support emergency operations planning including, but not limited to, information sharing, school climate, active shooter situations, and psychological first aid.
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❖ **NEW 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...](#)

❖ **NEW 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...](#)

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS

❖ **NEW Individual Preparedness Skills Workshop**

- **September 5, 2013**, noon – 4:00pm, Denver Water, 1600 West 12th Avenue, Cheesman Room, Denver
- The primary objective is to enable participants to prepare themselves, their households, neighborhoods, communities, and places of worship for emergencies.
- You must RSVP to gain access to the facility; [click here to register...](#)

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

- **September 12, 2013—Wall-to-Wall School Safety**, 8:00am – 10:00am, Tesla – 2525 International Circle, Colorado Springs
- **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.

❖ **Strategies for Managing Child and Adolescent Behavior**

- **September 13, 2013**, 9:00am – 9:30am, Tivoli, Room 320C, Auraria Campus, University of Denver
- The Center for High Risk Youth Studies at Metropolitan State University of Denver is proud to invite you to the next Providers for Youth Partnerships (PYP) networking and training event: Strategies for Managing Child and Adolescent Behavior.
- RSVP to Annie Butler at 303.556.3105 or lbutler6@msudenver.edu

❖ **NEW Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council Annual Conference**

- **September 26-29, 2013**, Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center, 620 Village Road, Breckenridge, CO
- Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Mental Health Act and President Kennedy's Historic Focus on Mental Healthcare
- Highlights include sessions on trauma-informed care, assessing propensity for violence and suicide and intervening, culture change to work effectively in integrated healthcare settings, advanced group therapy skills, drug-endangered children and medical marijuana, advances in medication-assisted therapies, and humor and recovery.
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **TBI Prevention & Intervention: A Curriculum on Children, Youth and Adults**

- **September 27, 2013**, 7:45am – 4:30pm, Driscoll Student Center, 2055 East Evans Avenue, Denver, CO
- 6th Annual Translational Neuroscience & Colorado Educator's Conference
- [Click here for more information and to register...](#)

❖ **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
- [Click here for more information...](#)

- ❖ **NEW 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: 1046139.

- ❖ **NEW 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: 1046099.

- ❖ **NEW 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.

- ❖ **NEW 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.

- ❖ **NEW 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.

- ❖ **Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP)**
 - **October 21 – 24, 2013—Discussion-Based Exercise Design and Evaluation**
 - **January 27 – 30, 2014—Operations-Based Exercise Design and Evaluation**

- **June 23 – 26, 2014—Operations-Based Exercise Development**
- Sponsored by FEMA Region VIII and the State of Colorado
- The MEPP certification program focuses on improving the capabilities of emergency management exercise personnel in exercise program management and in every phase of the overall exercise program through the improvement of knowledge, skills, and abilities in both quantity and quality of exercise conduct at all levels of government.
- For more information, contact Robyn.Knappe@state.co.us or 720.852.6617
- [Click here to for more information and to download the application...](#)

❖ **NEW 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
- [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
- [Click here for more information...](#)

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

❖ **School Pathways to the Juvenile Justice System Project**

- **Applications are due on September 15, 2013**
- Sponsored by the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ).
- Funded by the [Atlantic Philanthropies](#), the [Public Welfare Foundation](#) and [Open Society Foundations](#).

- PLEASE BE AWARE that this application must be filled out by the juvenile court, which is to be the lead agency on this project. If you are not the juvenile court, please contact your juvenile court to collaborate on this grant as they need to complete the application in order to qualify for this project.
- NCJFCJ will select as many as 16 court jurisdictions seeking to reduce or eliminate the “school-to-prison pipeline.” NCJFCJ will provide training and technical assistance to support judicial leaders in reducing referrals of youth to juvenile courts for school misbehavior, encouraging positive school disciplinary practices, engaging students, and keeping them in school.
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

❖ **K-12 Environment-Based Projects**

- **Applications are due on September 30, 2013**
- Sponsored by the [Captain Planet Foundation](#)
- Seed grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to high-quality educational programs that help children and youth understand and appreciate the world through hands-on projects designed to improve the environment in their schools and communities.
- Grants are generally awarded to U.S.-based schools with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. To be eligible, schools or sponsoring agencies must be recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- [Click here for more information and to apply...](#)

❖ **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...](#)

❖ **NEW** 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

Statistical Resources

❖ 2013 Kids Count Data Book

- Presented by the [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#) to track the status of children in the United States. The [Colorado Children's Campaign](#) produces [Kids Count in Colorado!](#) as part of the project.
- [Click here to view or download the report...](#)

Prevention Resources

❖ **NEW** 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!...](#)

❖ **NEW** 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...](#)

❖ **NEW** 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...](#)

❖ **NEW 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

❖ **NEW 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...](#)

❖ **NEW 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...](#)

Preparedness Resources

❖ **Comparison of PREPaRE Curriculum to New Federal Guidance**

- Provided by the [National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#)
- The U.S. Department of Education has released new guidance for schools in regards to developing emergency operation plans. Laid out in [Guide for Developing High Quality School Emergency Operations Plans \(K–12\)](#), guidance closely aligns with the content of the PREPaRE curriculum. The PREPaRE workgroup has created a document comparing specific points of alignment, which is a great tool for advocating for PREPaRE training in your district.
- [Click here for more information...](#)

Other Resources & Information

❖ **NEW How to Handle School Openings & the Jewish High Holidays**

- Created by the [Anti-Defamation League](#)
- Information listed regarding religious accommodation for observance of the High Holidays by K-12 public and private schools, public and private post-secondary schools and public and private employers.
- [Click here for more information...](#)

❖ **NEW 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...](#)

❖ **Safe2Tell District Membership Enrollment Application and School Membership Enrollment Application**

- From [Safe2Tell](#)
- SAFE2TELL® is designed to help YOU anonymously report any threatening behavior that endangers you, your friends, your family, or your community.
- [Click here for more information on Safe2Tell District Membership Enrollment Application and Program Benefits...](#)
- [Click here for the Safe2Tell School Membership Enrollment Application and Program Benefits...](#)

❖ **NEW 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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