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E-UPDATE FROM CSSRC ~ You are receiving this email as a subscriber of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center's (CSSRC) listserv. E-Updates from the CSSRC will contain the most current information about the Center's activities and resources, as well as other school safety efforts throughout the state of Colorado and relevant national resources. Please forward this to others on your email list that have an interest in supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado. They may register for this listserv on our website www.Colorado.gov/SchoolSafetyResourceCenter or www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC.

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As I am sure you all know the School Safety and Youth in Crisis Interim Committee (SSYCIC) met on Friday, January 22nd to hear a synopsis of the three reports on the Arapahoe High School shooting tragedy. Reports were prepared by <a href="https://documents.org/length="https

At the conclusion of the presentations on the 22nd, no legislation was discussed at that time. However, please continue to monitor proposed education bills at *Chalkbeat's* <u>Bill Tracker</u>.

The Center feels a deep responsibility to study these reports, identify the commonalities, review the recommendations and training opportunities and share this information with all schools in Colorado. We believe there are valuable lessons to be learned.

In order to do that, we will be forming a working group of individuals from the SSYCIC and other appropriate professionals including those conducting threat assessments in our schools.

If you have an interest in serving on this working group, please contact me directly and I will share meeting information. (Christine.harms@state.co.us)

Chris Harms

Don't Miss This Opportunity! 2016 Western Slope Safety Summit & Suicide Symposium

- When: Thursday ,March 3rd & Friday, March 4th
- Where: Double Tree Hotel Grand Junction
- Sponsored by: The <u>Colorado School Safety Resource Center</u>, the <u>Colorado</u> Department of Education and the Office of Suicide Prevention, CDPHE.
- Register <u>NOW</u>
- Day One Plenary: Michael Song, Assistant Attorney General "The Impact of Marijuana Legalization"
- Day Two Plenary: Franci Crepeau-Hobson, Ph.D. Professor, University of Colorado Denver "Suicide Vulnerability of Student in Special Education"
- PLUS captivating workshop choices
- The flyer can be found here and final agendas for both days available here.



CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW Swatting: Mitigation Strategies and Reporting Procedures

- "Swatting" is the false reporting of an emergency or threat of violence intended to prompt an immediate tactical law enforcement response.
- In this informative <u>article</u> from <u>New Jersey</u>, the reader will learn about typical "swatting" incidents and some key indicators that you may be involved in a "swatting" incident. Also included are questions for mitigating the effects of a phoned in "swatting" call.

NEW Colorado State Patrol Youth Academy

- The <u>Colorado State Patrol Youth Academy</u> is currently accepting applications from High School Sophomores and Juniors for the 2016 Youth Academy, applications are due <u>March 9th, 2016</u>
- When: June 19th- 25th
- Where: The accepted students will say on campus at the CSP Training Academy in Golden for the duration of the Youth Academy.
- All participants will experience leadership and life skills to include Ethics, Decision Making and Team Building. Hands on experiences incorporate these concepts through Self Defense, Firearms Safety, Defensive Driving, Crime Scene Investigation, Traffic Stops and more.
- The cost is <u>free</u> to the participants but does require effort in the form of an **Essay** explaining why they are a prime candidate, their most recent report card showing a 2.0 gpa or higher, at least two letters of recommendation from someone outside of their family, a valid driver's license by June of 2016, and proof of health insurance.
- Applications and required materials are to be submitted to their local CSP Office by March 9th. From there
 an interview will be scheduled and they will be ranked as compared to the others being interviewed. All
 materials and rankings will be sent to the Youth Academy Committee and final selections will be made in
 April.
- If you know if anyone interested, please pass this information on to them. If you have any questions, feel free to Captain L.E. Hilton at Lawrence.hilton@state.co.us

NEW Colorado Office of Children, Youth & Families – New Training Website!

- A new training website for foster, kin and adoptive families.
- They can now log into www.coloradocwts.com/families to register for classes especially designed to meet their needs.
- You will also find resources, news, and other information that's important to families.

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

Emergency Operation Plans (EOP) Training Opportunity

- This is an open invitation for any district team or charter/private school team to have the opportunity to create a high-quality EOP. The Colorado Department of Education in collaboration with the Colorado School Safety Resource Center has secured a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to conduct no-cost workshops across the state over the next year to work with your teams to enhance your EOPs.
 - o **Don't have a plan?** Want to build your school's first plan to the new standard?

- o Have a plan? Want to bring your school emergency planning to the next level?
- o Have a great plan? Want to refine and update your plan?
- Funds are also available for participant support which could include stipends, the cost of substitutes for team members to participate as well as lodging and mileage to travel to the regional training sites.
- This project is focused on rural school districts from Cortez to Sterling and Springfield to Rangely and everywhere in between. Thru a series of three workshops, your team will have the materials and expertise to assist all schools in your district to upgrade and practice their plans through tabletop drills.
- Workshop schedules are being created now so please call or email Kathleen Keelan at CDE (303.319.5342 or Keelan k@cde.state.co.us) to participate in this wonderful opportunity.
- Upcoming trainings:
 - o Fort Morgan: February 17th and March 9th
 - o **Durango**: February 9th or 10th, other dates TBA
- You MUST be preregistered to attended these trainings

Threat Assessment in Schools

- When: February 25, 2016 8:00am 4:00pm
- Where: the Conference Center at Adams 12 Five Star Schools
- The workshop has reached maximum capacity. To get on the waitlist go CoTrain.org using course ID: 1059665.
- Please see attached <u>flyer</u> for more information regarding this all day workshop.
- There will be presentations in the morning by: Dr. John Nicoletti and Ellen Campbell (Office of Family Compliance for the U.S. Department of Education)
- Afternoon workshops are provided by: the <u>Colorado School Safety Resource Center</u> and <u>Safe2Tell</u>
 - The Colorado School Safety Resource Center staff will conduct a team threat assessment training as they have offered to schools across the state. Bring your team and walk through how to conduct a threat assessment at your school
 - Safe2Tell staff will conduct a workshop on utilizing their new app and system database
- Click here to <u>register</u> and <u>click</u> here for more information on upcoming trainings!

Restorative Practices Workshops For School Staff

- When and Where:
 - O May 11th and 12th: Summit County
 - O June 14th and 15th: Highlands Ranch
 - O August 9th and 10th: Grand Junction
- Presented by: Kerri Schmitt, Restorative Justice Consultant and Professor of Restorative Justice at UCCS and hosted by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center with support from the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council.
- What will be discussed?
 - O Day 1 Designed for administrators: Examples of the effectiveness of restorative practices in schools and a step by step process for implementing restorative practices and creating a restorative culture in your school. Topics will include how to gain commitment from staff, data tracking, training, aligning your RTI/PBIS program and other school polices with restorative practices and restorative dialogue skills



- Day 2 Designed for all school staff: This is an opportunity for school staff to understand the value of
 implementing restorative classrooms and the components and skills necessary to create such
 classrooms as well as broadening the base of supporters for a school-wide initiative.
- See <u>flyer</u> for more information on locations and register for the workshop <u>here!</u>

CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

- **❖** To view all online courses, click on the link below.
 - Link to CSSRC online course offerings
 - Click here to see Livestreams of all previous keynote addresses

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW Using Implementation Science to Build Implementation Capacity: a "How To" Workshop

- When: Tuesday, February 2, 2016 from 9:00am 2:00 pm
- Where: University of Denver, Craig Hall, Boettcher Foundation Community Room
- This workshop is offered by Allison Metz, Ph.D., Director, <u>National Implementation Research Network</u> and Jennifer Schroder, Ph.D., President, <u>The Implementation Group</u>
- The workshop will translate implementation science into concrete strategies and tools for practitioners, consultants, technical assistance providers, and intermediary organizations seeking to improve outcomes through the use of research evidence.
- You can register <u>here</u> and the flyer can be found <u>here</u>!

CEI Professional Development Series on Classroom Management

- When: Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016.
- **Hosted by:** Colorado Education Initiative (CEI) will offer a professional development series entitled *Classroom Management Matters: A Social and Emotional Learning Approach,* presented by Colorado educator and author Gianna Cassetta.
- The workshop leads K-8 educators through developing a deep understanding of social and emotional competencies and a vision for a holistic approach to classroom practices that will support every student, even those who struggle most.
- Topics will include:
 - o The five social and emotional competencies
 - Why children typically misbehave
 - Child development and its impact on behavior
 - The three main strands of effective classroom management-relationships: 1) relationships, 2) rules and procedures, and 3) engaging instructions
 - o Planning for students with high behavioral needs

NEW Providers for Youth Partnership (PYP) Training

- When: February 12th (9:00-9:30 is networking, 9:30-11:30 is the training)
- Where: Auraria Campus, Tivoli Center room 320
- Hosted by: Metropolitan State University of Denver
- This training is on Sexually Exploited Youth, put on by the FBI.

• This is a FREE training but please RSVP to martind@msudenver.edu

NEW 5th Annual Minds Matter of Denver's Dreams into Action Breakfast

- When: February 17, 2016, registration starts at 7:00am and the program in from 7:30-8:30am.
- Where: Denver Athletic Club
- Hosted by: Minds Matter of Denver
- The Dreams into Action Breakfast is their largest volunteer recruiting event as they grow to serve more students, they need more and more Mentors and Volunteers to join the organization. They served 60 Mentees this year, which means they need 120 Mentors and even more volunteers on their Leadership Team!
- The event itself is *free*, and the best part of this event is *that it's the only one that all of the students attend*. You'll have a chance to meet these inspiring kids and learn their stories firsthand.
- Minds Matter supports high-potential students from low-income backgrounds who are currently sophomores, juniors, or seniors. These students want to attend college and become the next generation of leaders in many major sections of the workforce. They provide them with two adult professionals who mentor them for the length of the program (three years, from 10th-12th grade); and also provide them with after-school, academic, college-readiness programming leadership, communication, reading, writing, and test/scholarship/application support
- You can register <u>here</u>.

Restorative Practices in School in 2016

- When: February 17, 2016 9am-4pm
- Where: American Mountaineering Center in Golden, CO
- Hosted by: Restorative Justice Colorado
- In 2016, one of the RJ Council's priorities is to support the development and expansion of Restorative Practices in Schools (RPS). In an effort to move forward as a statewide community, the RJ Council will convene **three** meetings in the first quarter of the year to establish best practices in RPS.
- The first will be a gathering of RPS trainers and consultants who have experience supporting the development and implementation of RPS culture shift and sustainable practices. The intention is to identify the key and critical components of training and implementation for RPS in CO schools.
- This facilitated event will result in statewide recommendations or standards for training and implementation of RPS in CO.
- Please see the flyer on how to register for this event and please watch for future dates!

NEW SAFE: Authorized Facilitator Training

- When: February 25, 2016 8:30am-5:00pm
- Where: H&K Law, LLC in Denver, CO
- Hosted By: <u>SAFE</u>
- Get involved by becoming a Darkness to Light Authorized Facilitator.
- You will be trained to deliver the Stewards of Children curriculum to early childhood professionals including
 early childhood teachers and administrators, organizations and community groups. By attending the training,
 you will be an advocate for keeping children safe from sexual abuse and a partner in prevention.
- SAFE is thrilled to underwrite the \$350 cost for a limited time.
- Learn more at: http://www.wersafe.org/calendar-events

NEW The Denver-Metro Regional GSA Leadership Summit

- Summit: February 27, 2016 8:30am-5:00pm
- Where: Tivoli Student Union, Auraria Campus
- One Colorado is hosting a GSA Leadership Summit for Denver-Metro LGBTQ students and adults passionate
 about creating safe, inclusive learning environments. This Summit is free and open to the public.
- CALL FOR PROPSOALS! Please have proposal submitted by February 10, 2016
 - Seeking workshops that will share best practices for creating and supporting effective GSA programs and empowering LGBTQ students to be leaders in their communities.
 - Workshops are 75 minutes long, please be sure your materials fill that time frame with a goal of every workshop providing an interactive component for participants.
 - o This conference is for middle school, high school, college-aged students and adult supporters.

Updated 2016 Colorado Integrated Emergency Management Conference

- When: March 8-10, 2016
- Where: Hotel Elegante Conference & Event Center Colorado Springs, CO
- Hosted by: Colorado Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
- Register NOW! Registration closes on February 22 and no walk-in registrations will be accepted.
- Additional information is posted to the <u>COEmergency website</u> and the <u>CEMA website</u>.
- The CEMA website also includes information for <u>conference vendors</u>, <u>presenter registration</u>, <u>conference scholarships</u>, <u>silent auction</u> and <u>voluntary agencies</u>.

NEW Southern Colorado Regional GSA Network Leadership Summit

- When: Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 9am-5pm
- Where: University Center at the University of Colorado
- Hosted by: One Colorado
- This event is FREE!! For more information please visit the website.
- The Southern Colorado Regional Gay-Straight Alliance Leadership Summit is to bring together students, advisors, and other stakeholders committed to making schools safer and inclusive for LGBTQ youth.
- At the Summit, there will be sharing of best practices for creating and supporting GSA programs and facilitating leadership development of LGBTQ students.

NEW Contemporary Issues in School-Based Policing

- When: March 21-23, 2016
- Where: Rocky Mountain Park Inn in Estes Park, Colorado
- Hosted by: <u>Corbin & Associates, Inc.</u>
- This NEW twenty-four hour course is for school resource officers, campus monitors, principals, assistant principals, teachers and/or anyone interested in providing a safe and secure learning environment.
- The new curriculum has been developed as a result of training requests and surveys done to help identify areas that need further exploration.
- Core Topics Include:
 - Dealing with issues in Site Safety and Education
 - Development of appropriate response strategies for Law Enforcement, School Administration and Staff
 - Planning for the Emotional Responses to Crisis
 - Definition and Refinement of the Partnership that is the SRO Program
- Please see flyer on how to register!

Multisystemic Therapy

- When: April 11, 2016 9am to 4 pm at the Blueprints Conference
- Where: The Westin Westminster
- Hosted by: Multisystemic Therapy Service
- Multisystemic Therapy Services will be holding a pre-conference event for people interested in learning how
 to positively impact juvenile-justice reform by implementing Multisystemic Therapy.
- You will hear from MST providers, parents, judges and funders, including special guest, Nell Bernstein. Nell is the author of the award-winning book, *Burning Down the House*, a clarion call to shut down our nation's brutal and counterproductive juvenile prisons and bring our children home.
- For more information please see the flyer <u>here</u>.

Blueprints Conference

- April 11-13, 2016
- Where: The Westin Westminster
- Hosted by: Center for the Study of Prevention of Violence (CSPV), University of Colorado Boulder
- <u>The Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development Conference</u> brings together all those committed to helping young people reach their full potential!
- The goal of the conference is to disseminate science-based information on programs that have the highest standards for promoting education, behavior, emotional well-being, physical health and positive relationships.
- Join the movement as we continue to bridge the gap between research and practice for evidence-based programs that promote healthy youth development.
- The conference will be held at the Westin Westminster in Denver, CO
- Registration is now open! View the full <u>agenda</u> and <u>register</u> online.

NEW 23rd Annual Fire & Life Safety Educators Conference of the Rockies

- When: April 26th-28th, 2016
- Where: Cheyenne Mountain Resort Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Hosted by: <u>Fire and Life Safety Educators of Colorado</u>
- The early-bird registration fee for this 3-day conference is only \$375. The fee for FLSEC members is only \$350.
- For more information regarding this conference, please see the flyer.
- Register <u>here</u>!

Updated 10th Annual Bridging the Divide: Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit

- When: May 5-6, 2016
- Where: Regis University Lowell Campus
- Registration opens February 16, 2016
- Sponsored by: Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado
- This year's theme is "Pathways to Resiliency, Strength and Recovery, and this state-wide conference will examine promising evidence-based practices that decrease the likelihood that suicide will occur, assist those who struggle with suicidal thinking, and help survivors of suicide loss regain their equilibrium following a loved one's suicide attempt or death.
- For more information please visit the <u>website</u>.

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW ADL'S 2016 Student Essay Contest: A Tribute to Moral Courage: Standing Up Against Injustice

- Deadline to submit essays: March 18, 2016
- Hosted by: Anti-Defamation League
- Please engage any 7-12th grade students in Colorado or Wyoming.
- This essay contest uses the Holocaust as a backdrop, middle and high school students are encouraged to
 recognize those individuals <u>throughout</u> history who took a strong stand on a specific issue based on their
 personal beliefs or convictions, regardless of the danger or threat to their personal safety. Not only will
 students write about how that person's moral courage has an impact on the world, <u>but also and perhaps</u>
 most importantly, how those actions have influenced their own lives today.
- The winning student essay authors will receive their awards at ADL's 34th Annual Governor's Holocaust Remembrance Program in Denver on May 4, 2016.
- NOTE to TEACHERS: If used as a classroom assignment, this essay contest meets several Colorado and Wyoming State Standards in Reading, Writing and Social Studies:
 - o RH 11-12.7, requiring students to Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media in order to address a question or solve a problem.
 - o RH 9-10.9, requiring students to compare and contrast treatments of the same topic in several primary and secondary sources
 - o RH 6-8.10, requiring students to be able to read and comprehend history/social studies texts, independently and proficiently.
 - W.7, Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
- Click the following for <u>full essay contest details</u>, <u>rules & guidelines</u>.

The Awaken Summit

- When: June 23-25, 2016
- Where: Dallas, Texas
- The 2016 Awaken Summit in Dallas, TX to experience the collaboration between Darrell Scott (founder of Rachel's Challenge) and Dr. Robert Marzano (founder of Marzano Research).
- Both will be featured keynote speakers and lead breakout sessions. Darrell Scott will awaken educators to
 create safe and more connected learning environments. He will share the inspiring story of his daughter
 Rachel Scott, Columbine High School victim, and her message of kindness and compassion.
- Dr. Marzano gives teachers, schools, and districts concrete guidance about how to create a curriculum that both instructs and awakens the students
- Click here for more information and to register!

NEW International Bullying Prevention Association's Annual Conference

- When: November 6-8, 2016 in
- Where: New Orleans
- Hosted by: International Bullying Prevention Association
- Registration is now open!
- Dr. Michele Borba and Dr. Sameer Hinduja are presenting keynote sessions.
- More info to come from IBPA!

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Safe Communities Safe Schools: Program Announcement

- The <u>University of Colorado Boulder's Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence</u> (CSPV), is seeking a limited number of middle schools in the Front Range communities to work in partnership to implement the updated and expanded <u>Safe Communities Safe Schools</u> (SCSS) Model.
- Application is available starting January 4, 2016 here, and is due February 1, 2016.
- Application Instructions:
 - o The application documents (including an Overview of the SCSS Model, eligibility requirements, and application form) can be found here and here.
 - O An applicant may be a school district or individual school(s). If more than one school from the same district plans to apply, those schools should coordinate and submit applications together. Along with a completed application, each school or district must submit a signed superintendent letter, as well as a signed principal letter and completed *Participating Schools* form for each participating school. The last page of the Application file is the *Participating Schools* form. One form must be completed for each school included in the application.
- Please contact <u>Sabrina.Mattson@Colorado.edu</u> to inform her of your intent to apply. Please return completed application via e-mail: <u>Susanne.Maher@Colorado.edu</u>.
- Please see the website for more detailed information.

NEW Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Grant (EARSS)

- Sponsored by: The Colorado Department of Education
- Submit letters of intent by <u>Friday, Feb. 12, 2016</u>. Applications are due Monday, April 4. Application materials and a recorded training webinar are available at this <u>link</u>.
- This program assists expelled students during their term of expulsion, students at-risk for explosion and habitual truants. The program provides educational and supportive services through a comprehensive range of strategies that are proven effective to help these student populations.
- The funding priority for this competition is for eligible applicants that have not received EARSS grant funding in the past three years. Eligible applicants who do not meet this priority can still apply as funds may remain available after funding prioritized applicants.
- This RFP is being released for a new four-year grant cycle. Awards are contingent upon funding appropriated to the EARSS program in the FY17 state budget. It is anticipated that grant awards will be based on \$1,000 to \$2,500 per eligible student served, depending on the intensity and length of services.

Updated The Colorado Health Foundation: Heathy School Funding Opportunities

- The first deadline for applications is February 15th
- In ongoing efforts to support schools and the partners they work with, the <u>Colorado Health Foundation</u> recently opened the following <u>Creating Healthy Schools funding opportunities:</u>
 - <u>Creating Healthy Schools: Local Planning and Assessment</u>: aims to support local planning, capacitybuilding and community collaboration efforts.
 - <u>Creating Healthy Schools: Local Implementation</u>: intends to assist strategy execution in specifics areas related to building or increasing healthy schools work.
 - <u>Creating Healthy Schools: Statewide Systems Building</u>: supports systems-level and infrastructure work.
- The Foundation would like to hear from both existing partners and those they have not worked with before. If you think you might have a prospect that aligns with one of the funding opportunities, or simply want to

- learn more, please contact <u>Tiffany Perrin</u>, program officer *Healthy Living*, Colorado Health Foundation, 303.953.3617.
- For those interested in the Statewide Systems Building funding, we highly recommend that you connect with Tiffany prior to applying. The Foundation is eager from those interested and welcomes feedback on what would be most helpful as you consider applying

2016 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

- Application deadline: March 4, 2016
- Offered by: The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ)
- The goal for the 2016 <u>Colorado Justice Assistance Grant</u> (JAG) Program as established by the Governor-appointed JAG Board is:
 - o To support implementation of sustainable programs or provide resources that prevent or reduce or address crime, delinquency, recidivism, or improve outcomes for those affected by crime, using innovative, multidisciplinary, evidence-based, promising or best practices.
- Applicants who are applying for continuation funds or expecting to apply for continuation funding in future
 years (up to 48 months) for the same project will be expected to apply each year and reduce their requested
 funding by 10% for each subsequent year.
- How to Apply:
 - o The 2016 JAG Application and instructions (please read as they have been updated since 2015) can be obtained through Colorado's on-line application system, COGMS, located here and here and here.
- Additional Info:
 - o **Amount available:** At this time it is unknown exactly how much will be available but it is anticipated that approximately \$2.1 million will be available for 2016 JAG subgrant applications.
 - o Award period: October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
 - Purpose Areas Exclusions and Limitations: JAG funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice for any one or more of the following program areas:
 - Corrections and Community Corrections
 - Crime Victims and Witness Programs (other than compensation)
 - Drug Treatment and Enforcement
 - Law Enforcement
 - Planning, Evaluation, and Technology Improvement
 - Prevention and Education
 - Prosecution, Court and Indigent Defense

NEW Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grant

- Application deadline: March 18, 2016
- **Coalitions:** The FY 2016 Drug-Free Communities Support Program funding opportunity announcement has been released by the <u>Office of National Drug Control Policy</u>.
- Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$125,000
- The DFC Program was created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-20). The DFC Support Program aims to establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies; as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth.
- For more information please see the <u>announcement</u> or for questions please see the <u>FQA's</u>.

NEW Middle School Outdoor Learning Environments

- LOI Deadline: Feb. 15, 2016Grant Deadline: June 15, 2016
- The <u>Colorado Health Foundation</u> is excited to announce the opening of a new funding opportunity within the <u>Healthy Living</u> outcome area.
- This funding opportunity targets schools and communities that demonstrate a need for planning and design services, play equipment, or site improvements to increase physical activity and health.
- Applicants could be any school or community that wants to develop an active play space for youth in the sixth through eighth grade age range in Colorado that:
 - o Exhibit a need for help with the design and construction of an outdoor play environment
 - o Demonstrate a need for new or redesigned play areas or are seeking site improvements to encourage learning and play opportunities for students
 - o The Foundation has contracted with <u>Three Sixty Design</u> to provide professional planning and design services for each grantee.
- To be considered for funding, applicants must meet specific criteria.

Increase Your School's Perimeter Protection

- Apply for MicroPower's School Security Grant
- <u>MicroPower</u> will select **one school per month** over the next 10 months to receive the hardware, software and additional equipment necessary to implement its SOLVEIL HD solar-powered, wireless surveillance platform.
- Most educational campuses tend to encompass large, dispersed areas and are designed to be easily
 accessible to visitors. As a result, providing a high level of security can prove challenging, especially in
 perimeter areas of campuses, such as parking lots and other entry and exit points.
- Perimeter video surveillance solutions are a valuable forensic element for schools:



- Deploying cameras near the target or perimeter of a campus enables stronger image capture
- Results in actionable information for law enforcement and investigations
- Cameras in close proximity to pinch points can capture better image detail in day or night conditions
- Parking lot surveillance can aid in license plate capture and identification methods
- Higher levels of intelligence, awareness and security are realized through video and data capture

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School Security In-Kind Grant Program

- This is an ongoing grant opportunity
- Video Insight will donate \$1 million in grants to underfunded school systems across the United States.
- The program will donate 50 video surveillance grants valued at \$20,000 each to school and college applicants from across the United States.
- For detailed information on how to apply for the 2015 Video Insight School Security In-Kind Grant program please visit this website or call (713)621-9779.

RESOURCES and INFORMATION

NEW Just Released - Bullying Prevention Study

- Bullying prevention has become a focal point for school districts, staff, and parents over the last few years
 and many states have even created laws to help stop bullying. However, a new study found that the answer
 to bullying prevention might rely on **students promoting bullying prevention** rather than the schools
 themselves.
- In this recent <u>study</u> by researchers from <u>Rutgers University</u>, <u>Princeton University</u>, and <u>Yale</u>, students who have influence over their peers reduced school bullying by upwards of 30 percent. The researchers asked influential students from 56 middle schools to spread anti-bullying and anti-conflict messages using platforms such as posters, wristbands, and Instagram. The students also vocally encouraged other students about positive ways to resolve conflict. The researchers wanted to see if these 'influential' teens could influence their peers' minds with an anti-conflict stance. In just a year, schools with the 'social influencers' saw a 30 percent drop in student conflict reports.
- Studies show that 57 percent of students would not report an incident if they could not do so anonymously.
 Using the <u>SafeSchools Alert Online Incident Reporting and Tracking System</u>, students, staff and parents can anonymously report safety concerns 24/7/365 via phone, text, email and website.

NEW Guidance on "Preventing Violent Extremism in Schools"

- Please see the January 2016 Guidance on "<u>Preventing Violent Extremism in Schools</u>" prepared by the <u>FBI's</u> Office of Partner Engagement (OPE), Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Section.
- This <u>Resource Guide</u> provides a timely and comprehensive framework on CVE issues squarely facing our schools today such as:
 - o forms of violent extremism;
 - o behavioral dynamics;
 - o catalysts that drive violent extremism;
 - o outcomes of embracing violent extremism;
 - o community intervention; and
 - recommendations for preventing violent extremism.

NEW U.S. EPA Resource Helps Schools Reduce Exposure to Traffic-Related Air Pollution

- Nearly 17,000 schools in rural and urban areas across the U.S. are located near heavily traveled roads, exposing kids to traffic-related air pollutants.
- To help schools reduce kids' exposures to traffic-related air pollution, <u>EPA</u> has compiled best practice solutions that schools across the country have employed. <u>Best Practices for Reducing Near-Road Pollution Exposure at Schools</u> summarizes several strategies that can be used by schools including ventilation, filtration, voluntary building occupant actions, school transportation policies, school siting and site layout decisions, and the use of sound walls and vegetative barriers.
- Read EPA's blog to learn more

NEW School-Justice Partnership Newsletter

- Please see the School-Justice Partnership National Resource Centers monthly newsletter here!
- The School- Justice Partnership Project newsletter contains up-to-date information related to school discipline issues, law enforcement in schools, trauma, youth mental and behavioral health issues, and the intersection of schools and the juvenile justice system.

• Each issue will feature resources that are relevant to the myriad of issues facing communities and tips to enhancing collaboration within jurisdictions.

NEW The Spin Newsletter

- <u>LiveWell Colorado</u> serves as the lead facilitator for the Colorado Safe Routes to School Network.
- Other members of the Network's steering committee include: <u>Action for Healthy Kids</u>, <u>Bicycle Colorado</u>, <u>Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)</u>, <u>Colorado Department of Public Health</u>, <u>Children's Hospital Colorado</u>, <u>Kaiser Permanente</u>, <u>Safe Routes to School National Partnership</u>, and subject matter experts.
- This is where the Safe Route to Schools grant information can be found.
- Sign up for the <u>LiveWell E-Letter</u> here!

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

NEW Save the Date: IHE Summer Safety Symposium

- When: Thursday, June 9th from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM
- Where: Regis University
- **Sponsored by:** The <u>Colorado School Safety Resource Center</u> and Regis University
- How: Registration is open on Co-Train with the Course # 1061766
- This one-day symposium for higher education personnel involved in school safety will include two excellent plenaries and the opportunity to attend two of six workshops related to keeping Colorado campuses safe.
- The agenda is still being finalized but the day will open with a plenary by Special Agent, Jonathan Grusing of the FBI - Campus Attacks: Pre-Attack Behavioral Indicators and an ending plenary from the Colorado Informational Analysis Center on International Terrorism.
- Additional information will be posted on our website and available in the next E-Updates.
- You can view the flyer here.

Managing Critical Incidents at Higher Education Institutions - course (MGT-361)

- When: March 22-24, 2016
- Where: Auraria Campus, Denver, CO
- Hosted by: <u>Auraria Higher Education Center</u>
- The MGT-361 Course is delivered by <u>Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)</u> and <u>the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACELA)</u>
- This is an upper level course, so participants should include Emergency Management, Command-Level
 Responders, Facilities Management Directors, and School Administration (anyone who would either be in the
 Incident Command Post or the EOC during a major incident on campus).
- <u>FEMA/DHS</u> is paying for the delivery of this course so to register, you must have a FEMA "SID" number. If you don't have one, just go to <u>cdp.dhs.gov/femasid</u> and get one (or to look up your old one if you forgot what it was).
- Once you have your SID, register for the course here: http://bit.ly/1L8QtgD
- Please see the <u>flyer</u> for more information!



NEW Department of Justice Releases Campus Climate Survey Report

- Article from the National Center for Campus Public Safety
- On January 20, 2016, the <u>Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)</u>, within the <u>U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)</u>,
 released the results of a campus climate survey that collected data on sexual victimization of undergraduate
 students from nine pilot schools during the 2014-15 academic year.
- The report, <u>Campus Climate Survey Validation Study Final Technical Report</u>, provides a thorough explanation of the data collection methodology, including school recruitment and student sampling, as well as data assessment and weighting.
- The climate survey itself addressed the topic areas of:
 - 1) sexual assault, rape, and battery, 2) sexual harassment and coercion, 3) intimate partner violence victimization, 4) sexual harassment and sexual assault perpetration, and 5) school connectedness and campus climate.

NEW How To Assess Your Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Program

- <u>Northern Virginia Community College</u> Director of <u>NOVA Cares Office</u> Connie Kirkland describes how colleges and universities can use the 32 NCSI sexual violence self-assessment tool.
- A free, new and confidential tool from the <u>VTV Family Outreach Foundation</u> is designed to help campuses assess the effectiveness of their sexual violence programs.
- This tool is one of nine assessment tools that are part of VTV's <u>32 National Campus Safety Initiative (32 NCSI)</u>. All nine tools are designed around industry standards and best practices to help institutions reflect on their own policies and practices to identify institutional strengths and weaknesses.
- Webpage and podcast can be found here.

Study and Travel Abroad Safety: New Resource and Upcoming Webinar

- <u>EduRisk</u>, the free resource from <u>United Educators</u> (UE), recently released a new Risk Research
 Bulletin, <u>Responding to Sexual Assaults in the Study Abroad Setting</u>. Institutions may have response and/or
 reporting obligations under Title IX and the Clery Act when their students or other campus community
 members are traveling or studying abroad. However, according to an analysis undertaken by UE of nearly two
 dozen claims between 2009-13, most colleges do not have appropriate processes in place to address reports
 of sexual violence in their study abroad programs.
- This bulletin focuses on important practices for colleges and universities to implement for study abroad programs run directly by the institution, including short-term trips and university-owned international campuses. Six topic areas are covered:



- 1. Offer a prompt and compassionate response to the victim:
- 2. Integrate sexual harassment and sexual violence policies into study abroad program materials
- 3. Establish a framework for responding to reports
- 4. Train program directors, trip leaders, and students on your policy
- 5. Train on cultural issues and bystander intervention
- 6. Practice responding (test your response plan, integration into tabletop exercises)
- In addition, the bulletin contains an appendix with examples of policies and procedures, and highlighted cultural and safety issues.

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Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!

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