



## May 2016

**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](http://www.Colorado.gov/SchoolSafetyResourceCenter) or [www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC](http://www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC).**

### **THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

I am pleased to report that the review working group (RWG) studying the Arapahoe High School reports is off to an excellent start. We have held three meetings and are working through the recommendations of the reports to come up with a list of what the RWG feels are possible and practical steps for schools. We expect to work through the summer and hope to have a final report for posting on the CSSRC website by September. Stay tuned!

I also had the distinct privilege of attending the [United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the World Drug Problem](#) in NYC the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>. Each morning I got to hear delegates from countries around the world comment on the outcome document, "Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem".

Additionally, I had the opportunity to share some of our Colorado school experiences, since marijuana has been legalized, in a workshop organized by the government of Sri Lanka and IOGT International, a prevention group from Denmark.

Anna Gisetti and Brad Stiles from the CSSRC had shared with me suggested considerations before legalization that they gleaned from the Colorado Chiefs of Police Conference this spring. I also shared [this document](#) with the audience. The entire experience was eye-opening as to how drugs are handled around the world and many folks were interested in the Colorado experience.

**WELCOME:** The School Safety Resource Center is very pleased to welcome, **Margaret Ochoa, J.D.**, as our new Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist. Margaret is a former prosecutor who has experience with child abuse cases and a passion for the prevention of abuse. She is busy creating a resource guide for schools that will alert you to the non-profit agencies across the state that can provide personal safety lessons for staff, parents and students. Margaret will also be available to provide training to any schools in the state on the prevention of child sexual abuse. We are very excited to have Margaret join our team and I know you will enjoy working with her as much as we do. Please take a look at her brief on Sextortion found [here](#) and below.

**One last note:** We will be opening registration for the **2016 Colorado Safe Schools Summit** on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 in collaboration with the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at CU-Boulder and Safe2Tell. The Summit will be held again at the **Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center in Thornton on Wednesday and Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**. Sameer Hinduja from the Cyberbullying Research Center, Gene Deisinger a national expert on threat assessment and some other wonderful plenary speakers are scheduled to present. **The call for presenters for the workshops is attached [here](#) and due by May 16<sup>th</sup>**. You can also find the save the date flyer [here](#)!

For the first time, we will be charging for the Summit and we wanted you to know as you are planning your budgets for the coming school year. This has become necessary as the Summit has cost up to 25% of our annual operating budget on previous occasions, which has then limited our availability to provide services to schools for the remainder of the year. We also suffered a 25% no-show loss last year which was very disheartening since we turned many folks away based on the registration numbers.

However, there will be added value this year. We will provide a continental breakfast and lunch both days. **This is allowing us to plan a working lunch with additional plenary speakers over the lunch hours.** We will offer an early bird special of \$80 for both days between July 1, 2016 and August 31, 2016. Starting September 1, 2016, the cost will become \$90 for both days. A fee of \$50/per day will be charged for anyone attending one day regardless of when they register. If these charges present a hardship for any district, please let me know. Otherwise, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Summit in October!

Kindest Regards, *Chris Harms*

## **CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CSSRC Accepting Application for YES2 – Youth Engaged for School Safety**

- The Colorado School Safety Resource Center is now accepting applications for our [youth advisory council](#), Youth Engaged in School Safety (YES2) for the 2016-2017 school year.
- YES2 is a group of high school students from across the state, who gather together several times throughout the year to discuss school safety topics and provide the youth voice in offering suggestions to the CSSRC.
- **Applications are due Friday, May 20th, 2016**
  - YES2 is for students entering grades 9 through 12 in the next academic year. Students will attend an orientation in the summer and participate in several meetings throughout the year in person or via technology.
  - Students will be paid a stipend for their participation.
- Interested students dedicated to improving school safety and school culture in the state of Colorado, please click [here](#) for more information and to apply.
  - [Application](#)
  - [2016-2017 Meeting Schedule](#)
  - [Parent or Guardian Permission Letter](#)
- Please contact Anna Gisetti at the Center with any questions: [anna.gisetti@state.co.us](mailto:anna.gisetti@state.co.us) or [303.239.4533](tel:303.239.4533).

### **NEW An Invitation from Larry Wolk, M.D., MSPH**

- Larry Wolk, M.D., MSPH – Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer for the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#)
- “On behalf of the [Colorado Suicide Prevention Commission](#), I invite you, as a mental health provider in Colorado, to complete a brief online survey on your professional experiences with suicide, and your training needs for responding to suicidal clients. With your help, we plan to use the findings of this survey to improve the training opportunities for mental health providers in Colorado.

When you access the survey (<http://j.mp/1OCZa6N>), you will find additional information on this important initiative to reduce suicides in Colorado. The survey is voluntary and you may skip any question you do not wish to answer.

**Your responses will remain confidential and will not be linked to any identifiable information.**

If you have any questions or comments about this study, please contact Dr. Laura Schwab Reese at [303.864.5307](tel:303.864.5307) or by email at [laura.schwabreese@ucdenver.edu](mailto:laura.schwabreese@ucdenver.edu). If you have questions about your rights as someone in this study, you may contact Dr. Schwab Reese or the Colorado Multiple Institutional Review Board at [303.724.1055](tel:303.724.1055).

**Thank you for your time and for helping us learn how best to serve the needs of Coloradans."**

### **Bike to School Day/Month**

- Bike to School Day/Month is right around the corner. The [Colorado Department of Transportation \(CDOT\)](#) is encouraging elementary and middle schools across Colorado to participate in Bike to School Day on **Wednesday, May 4, 2016**. Any day in May works - May 4<sup>th</sup> is just the nationally promoted date.
- Participating in Bike to School Day, Week, or Month gives schools a chance to increase the number of children biking and walking safely to and from school and provides parents a chance to experience the excitement and safety of their children walking and biking to school, thus promoting the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) mission.
- Remember to register your events on <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/> – it's free. This website contains useful downloadable resources such as planning your event, low to no cost event ideas, promotional and educational materials, media toolkits, and allows Colorado SRTS to track participation. Whether you are new to Walk and Bike to School Days or have been doing it for years or your community plans to participate for a day, a week, throughout the month of May, or all year long, the resources available on this site will help you plan the best Bike to School activities for your community.
- CDOT also provides other materials promoting safe walking and biking including posters, bookmarks, stickers, and other bicycle education materials. To order, please fill out the Walk/Bike to School Information and Materials [Order Form](#).



### **Rules and Regulations Governing Schools in the State of Colorado – Chemical Hygiene Plan Template**

- [The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#) has released the [Chemical Hygiene Plan \(CHP\)](#) as a template and guidance for School Chemical Safety.
- This document has been created to provide a template to assist schools with the development of a CHP and should be customized and completed with information specific to the chemicals used and procedures conducted within an individual classroom, laboratory, or area of the school using hazardous materials.
- Toxic and hazardous substances in schools have caused serious injuries to students and faculty in many states, including Colorado. These materials are a necessary part of curriculum and the maintenance of the school and grounds. The risks associated with the use of these materials is greatly reduced or eliminated when effective precautions and safety practices are implemented through the development of a Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP). A CHP should act as the foundation of an effective chemical safety program at the school and is designed to aid faculty, staff, and students in maintaining a safe environment in the school.
- Because of the importance of a CHP, the Rules and Regulations Governing Schools in the State of Colorado (regulations), Section 6.12.1 (E), **requires each school to establish a CHP which addresses all areas of the school where toxic or hazardous substances are used or stored**. The CHP requirement in the regulation applies to all areas of the school where toxic or hazardous substances are used, stored, or handled by faculty, staff, or students.

## **NEW Sextortion Affecting Thousands of US Children**

- The FBI has reported a surge in a disturbing internet trend directed at children: sextortion.
- To see Margaret Ochoa of CSSRC's adaption from the FBI Briefing on April 4, 2016, please click [here](#)!
- To read the FBI report, that can be found [here](#).

## **Super Me! App**

- [Ozark Center](#), a non-profit organization headquartered in Missouri, launches Super Me! an app for Apple devices.
- Super Me! Helps children develop resilience and positive coping skills through a series of in-game and out-of-game activities. Aimed at elementary and middle school aged children, this app is designed to open the door to parents and children to foster resilience and positive coping skills.
- Please see the [news release](#).
- The parent and family guide to using Super Me! With children, can be [found here](#).
- The school staff guide to using Super Me! With students, can be [found here](#).



## **COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS**

### **Restorative Practices Workshops for School Staff**

- **When and Where:**
  - **May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>: Summit County**
  - **June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>: Highlands Ranch**
  - **August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>: Grand Junction**
- **Cost: FREE!**
- **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?
  - **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 policies 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.
- Please note: This two-day training is being offered three separate times. Each two-day workshop will be the same information. Please register for a pair of workshops only.
- See [flyer](#) for more information on locations and register for the workshop [here](#)!

### **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 [Colorado School Safety Resource Center](#) and [Regis University](#)
- **Cost:** No Cost

- 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](#) and the draft of the agenda [here](#)!

### **2016 CADO Summer School Safety Conference – Save the Date!**

- **When:** July 6-8, 2016
- **Where:** Steamboat, Colorado
- **Hosted by:** [The Colorado Association of D.A.R.E. Officers](#) (CADO), with the support of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center
- The agenda can be found [here](#).

### **2016 Colorado Safe Schools Summit – Save the Date!**

- **When:** October 12-13, 2016
- **Where:** The Conference Center at Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Thornton, CO.
- **Sponsored by:** The [Colorado School Safety Resource Center](#) in collaboration with the [Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at CU Boulder](#) and [Safe2Tell of the Colorado Office of the Attorney General](#)
- **Cost:** \$90/person for both days (\$50/per day if registering for individual days)
- Continental breakfast and lunch with a plenary will be part of each day's events.
- Call for Proposals are due by May 16<sup>th</sup>. You can access the form [here](#).
- Registration will open on July 1, 2016 and please click [here](#) for the flyer.

## **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](#)

## **WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES**



### **Bounce Back Intervention Website**

- Like [Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools](#) (CBITS), Bounce Back is an effective school-based group intervention to help students recover from stressful and traumatic events.
- Bounce Back is specifically designed for **elementary-aged students**. According to their website, it is evidence-based and is appropriate for children and families from diverse ethnic and social backgrounds.
- If you are interested in providing supports to younger students, visit [www.bouncebackprogram.org](http://www.bouncebackprogram.org).
- The website provides detailed information about the intervention as well as offers free online training (with CEUs) and implementation support.

## **NEW** Threat Assessment in Schools

- **When: May 11, 2016 3:00-4:00 PM EST**
- **A certificate for one contact hour will be given to participants upon completion of the seminar and an evaluation.**
- **Presented by: Scott Poland, Ed.D. Professor at [Nova Southeastern University](#) and the Co-Director of its [Suicide and Violence Prevention Office](#) as well as a [PSI Expert Partner](#).**
- Attendees of this webinar will learn:
  - Step-by-step guidelines in a case format to help classify threats and to take appropriate investigative actions to reduce the likelihood of violence.
  - Key roles for various school personnel that comprise the school threat assessment team, particularly mental health professionals.
  - Importance of working collaboratively with local authorities.
  - Information on threat assessment instruments.
  - Practical strategies and tips based on case examples.
- [Register Now!](#)

## **NEW** Watch Leading Researchers Talk about Suicide Prevention

- The [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#) is please to debut a series of 12 short, informative on suicide prevention.
- These videos feature AFSP-funded researchers who participated in the prestigious International Summit on Suicide Research held in New York this past October. Co-sponsored by [AFSP](#) and the [International Academy of Suicide Research](#), this biennial conference is attended by suicide researchers from around the world.
- The videos highlight topics including: Asking about Suicide; Safety Planning; Suicide in Older Adults; Suicide: From Research to Treatment; Teens, Drinking & Suicide - What Every Parent Should Know; Using Technology to Fight Suicide; Why We Need to Fund Suicide Prevention Research; and more
- You can click [right here](#) to watch videos.

## **OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS**

### **UPDATED** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bridging the Divide: Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit

- **When: May 5-6, 2016**
- **Where: Regis University Lowell Campus**
- **[Registration is now open!](#)**
- **Co-Host Sponsor by: [Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado](#) and the [Colorado Department of Health & Environment](#)**
- 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.
- The complete list of preconference workshops, breakout and keynote session is now live on the [agenda page](#).
- For more information please visit the [website](#).

### **Colorado Graduation Pathways Summit: The ABC's of Sustainable Change**

- **When: May 5-6, 2016**
- **Where: The Summit Conference Center – 411 N. Sable in Aurora, CO**

- **Sponsored by:** [High School Graduation Initiative of the US Department of Education](#), [The Colorado Department of Education](#) offices of [Health and Wellness](#), [Migrant Education](#), [Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness](#)
- The [Office of Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement](#) will be partnering with local and national educational leaders to host this special event.
- This summit will advance best practices and strategies to support and sustain the ABC's -Attendance, Behavior, and Course Completion. It will highlight the Colorado Graduation Pathways project, alternative education, student re-engagement and sustaining positive change.
- Please see the [flyer](#) for more information!

## **NEW Regional Prevention Training**

- When: Dates and Times Vary by Location, but please register by clicking on the link for your Region by Wednesday, May 11, 2016.
- The [Office of Behavioral Health](#) (OBH), within the [Colorado Department of Human Services](#) (CDHS), has been working with [OMNI Institute](#) to plan these Regional Prevention Training and is pleased to announce this **FREE** one day training opportunity for those who work in the field of substance abuse prevention.
- The Regional Prevention Training will provide an opportunity for counties within a region to gather and focus on substance abuse issues related to their region ([see map](#)).
- Each Regional Prevention Training will have specific data targeted for their region to review in addition to focusing on an emerging topic. Most importantly, this will be an opportunity for those in the substance abuse prevention field to meet other communities and network with neighboring counties.
- Click on the registration link below for the region that you will be attending. Additional information will be provided, such as location and time once you register. Lunch is provided.
  - [Region 1- May 25, 2016 - Location: Northeast-Greeley](#)
  - [Region 2 - May 16, 2016 -Location: Denver](#)
  - [Region 3- June 1, 2016 - Location: Leadville](#)
  - [Region 4- June 2, 2016 - Location: Alamosa](#)
  - [Region 5 - May 18, 2016 - Location: Ridgway](#)
  - [Region 6- June 20, 2016 - Location: Frisco](#)

## **Upcoming Front Range Anti-Trafficking Coalition Meeting**

- **When:** May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm
- **Where:** To be determined
- FRAC meetings are open to the public.
- For more information about the next FRAC meeting, please contact [Cate Bowman](#).

## **NEW Early Psychosis Intervention – Office of Behavioral Health Research Forum**

- **When:** Wednesday May 25, 2016 8:30am-12:00pm
- **Where:** The Summit Conference & Event Center - 411 Sable Boulevard Aurora, Colorado 80011
- **Presented by:** Tamara Sale, Director [Early Assessment and Support Alliance \(EASA\)](#) Center for Excellence [Portland State University, Regional Research Institute](#)
- This forum will serve to increase awareness about early psychosis intervention
- For more information and how to register, please follow this [link](#).

## **5th Annual Restorative Practices in Schools Summer Training Institute**

- **When:** June 13-22, 2016
- **Where:** Flagstaff Academy in Longmont, CO

- **Sponsoring Collaborative Partners:** [Flagstaff Academy](#), [Restorative Solutions](#) and [Circle Round](#)
- Implementing restorative practices is about supporting the hearts and minds of your students, teachers, staff, and parents so they are focused on strengthening and repairing relationships to establish and maintain healthy and productive learning communities. The focus isn't just on discipline and responding to behavior concerns. The focus must also be on building connections as a way to prevent problems from occurring in the first place.
- [Please see flyer for registration and agenda information.](#)

## **NEW Investing in Our Youth**

- **When:** June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Where:** Western State Colorado University, Gunnison, CO
- **Sponsoring Collaborative Partners:** [Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project \(GCSAPP\)](#) and [Western State Colorado University](#)
- Day 1 focus: Positivity and Resiliency – Helping youth transform adversity into positive action
- Day 2 focus: Drugs, Sex and Technology – focused on Youth Risky Behaviors.
- Please see the [flyer](#) for a full description and for registration information.

## **5th Annual Active Implementation & Evaluation Workshop**

- **When:** June 20-22, 2016
- **Where:** Flagstaff Academy in Longmont, CO
- **Sponsoring Collaborative Partners:** [Flagstaff Academy](#), [Restorative Solutions](#) and [Circle Round](#)
- This three-day complement to the Restorative Practices Summer Training Institute translates cutting-edge research in implementation science into practical tools to develop your own full spectrum prevention-to-intervention implementation and evaluation plan.
- [Please see flyer for registration and agenda information.](#)

## **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Safe Schools Conference**

- **When:** June 27 – July 1, 2016
- **Where:** Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
- **Sponsored by:** [The Colorado Association of School Resource Officers \(CASRO\)](#)
- The Rocky Mountain Safe Schools Conference will bring together school resource officers, law enforcement, school security/safety professionals, school board members, school administrators, and others to receive superior training and networking opportunities.
- The conference [agenda can be found here](#) and the [flyer can be found here](#).
- [Event registration is now open!](#)

## **NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS**

### **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.

### JuST First Response Conference

- **When: June 28-29, 2016**
- **Where: Mesa Convention Center in Mesa, Arizona**
- **Cost: \$200**
- **Sponsored by: [JuST](#)**
- The [JuST First Response conference](#) is for anti-trafficking professionals working in a variety of areas who work directly with juvenile victims of trafficking.
- To get your ticket [register here](#) and for an agenda please [click here](#).

### 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

### Comprehensive School Safety Initiative (CSSI)

- **Deadline for Application: May 27, 2016**
- [National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\)](#) is seeking proposals for the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative (CSSI), which provides funding for rigorous research to produce practical knowledge that can improve the safety of schools and students.
- The Initiative is carried out through partnerships between researchers, educators, and other stakeholders, including law enforcement and mental health professionals. This solicitation includes the following four funding categories with different expectations and requirements to accomplish the purposes of the CSSI.
  - Category 1: Developing Knowledge About What Works to Make Schools Safe.
  - Category 2: Causes and Consequences of School Violence.
  - Category 3: Shorter Term Studies on School Safety.
  - Category 4: Longitudinal Studies of School Safety.
- [Download the solicitation.](#)

### NEW Creating Healthy Schools Funding Opportunities

- **Deadline for applications is June 15, 2016**
- In an ongoing effort to support schools and those they partner with, the Colorado Health Foundation is offering the following [Creating Healthy Schools](#) funding opportunities:
  - [Local planning and assessment](#) – Aims to support local planning, capacity-building and community collaboration efforts.
  - [Local implementation](#) – Assists strategy execution in specific areas related to building or increasing healthy schools work.
- [To be considered for funding, applicants must meet specific criteria.](#)

- [Register now](#) for the Creating Healthy Schools Informational Webinar, which will be held from **noon – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11.**

### **Middle School Outdoor Learning Environments**

- **Grant Deadline: June 15, 2016**
- The [Colorado Health Foundation](#) is excited to announce the opening of a new funding opportunity within the [Healthy Living](#) 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:
  - Exhibit a need for help with the design and construction of an outdoor play environment
  - Demonstrate a need for new or redesigned play areas or are seeking site improvements to encourage learning and play opportunities for students
  - The Foundation has contracted with [Three Sixty Design](#) to provide professional planning and design services for each grantee.
- To be considered for funding, applicants must [meet specific criteria](#).

## **RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 Schools**

### **LGBT Youth & Discipline Disparities**

- Released by [The Equity Project](#)
- The new report, entitled “[Documenting Disparities for LGBT Students](#),” was released by The Equity Project after an extensive review of existing studies of the school climate facing most LGBT students.
- Key Points:
  - The Problem of Discipline Disparities
  - Consequences of Discipline Disparities for Youth
  - Summary of Findings and Recommendation
- [Discipline Disparities Series: Overview](#)
- [The Key Findings can be found here](#)

### **NEW Mental Disorders and Long-Term Suicide Risk**

- Released by the [Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#)
- A Swedish study found that people without mental disorders (including alcohol use disorder) had a very low long-term risk of suicide compared to people with one or more mental disorders.
- The presence of more than one mental disorder significantly increased the long-term risk of suicide even if the diagnoses were separated by a long period of time. Among people who died by suicide and had two or more disorders, the average time between diagnoses was ten years.
- [Please click on the link for the full article.](#)

### **Response to Inquiry: Medical Marijuana in Schools**

- Released by [School District 49](#)
- While Colorado continues to be one of the most progressive states with respect to marijuana decriminalization, state and federal laws are not currently aligned with respect to prescribed medical marijuana or cannabis oil being administered in a school.
- [Please see link for information regarding Medical Marijuana in Schools](#)

## **NEW** U.S. Suicide Rate Up 24 Percent since 1999: CDC

- Released by [U.S. News & World Report](#) and summary provided by the [Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#)
- The U.S. suicide rate rose a total of 24 percent between 1999 and 2014, with 1 percent increases each year from 1999 to 2006 and 2 percent increases from 2007 to 2014, according to a report just released by the [CDC's National Center for Health Statistics](#).
- Over the 15 years, the rate for men ages 45 to 64 rose 43 percent. The number of girls ages 10 to 14 who died by suicide rose to 150 in 2014, an increase of 200 percent [up from 50 suicides in 1999].
- The findings also cover suicide rates for other groups by age and sex as well as by racial/ethnic group and by method.
- Read the entire article [here](#)!

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

### **Safe2Tell Monthly Newsletter**

- [Safe2Tell Colorado](#) provides students and adults in Colorado communities and schools an increased ability to both prevent and report violence and other concerning behaviors by making a safe, ANONYMOUS report. Through education and awareness efforts, Safe2Tell Colorado encourages and empowers bystanders to speak up when they have a concern about their safety or the safety of others.
- [Sign up for their monthly newsletter!](#)
- In February alone, 764 reports were received. This is a 116% increase in the average monthly top volume as compared to February 2011.



## **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

### **Longitudinal Cohort Study of Interpersonal Violence Among College-Aged Woman and Men: Planning Phase**

- The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [National Institute of Justice](#) (NIJ) is seeking applications for funding for a nationally representative, longitudinal study examining trajectories of risk for, experiences with, and recovery after experiencing violence and victimization among college-aged individuals. This program furthers the Department's mission by sponsoring research that provides objective, independent knowledge and tools to meet the challenges of crime and criminal justice, particularly at the State and local levels.
- [An overview and how to apply can be found here.](#)
- **Deadline: May 6, 2016**
  - Applicants must register with [Grants.gov](#) prior to submitting an application. All applications are due to be submitted and in receipt of a successful validation message in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on May 6, 2016.



## **NEW** National Prevention Week

- **When: May 15-21**

- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#) has created a micro-website for schools and communities to help increase awareness of and action around, mental and substance use disorders.
- The website provides resources, webinars, and tips for how to involve students and community members in prevention activities. To access the micro-website, click [here](#).

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### **NEW Using Postsecondary Data to Promote Student Success**

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