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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 you know, I am utilizing this section of the E-Update to keep everyone updated on SB15-213 (the Claire Davis Act) and SB15-214 the School Safety and Youth Mental Health Interim Committee. You can access the video link [here](#) for a very brief webcast of the latest information.

It is with a great deal of sadness that I approach this holiday season. Having been notified of a number of youth suicides across our schools before Thanksgiving and then the death of Trooper Cody Donohue from the Colorado State Patrol and the Department of Public Safety family over the Thanksgiving holiday, I am reminded of how important a job safety is for all of us in our schools and communities. Thank you for the work that you do!

I wish you and yours a safe holiday season and hopefully the end to tragedies as we have experienced lately,

Chris Harms

Youth Engaged in School Safety (YES²)

The Center has an advisory board of students who meet periodically to provide the youth voice for CSSRC. This month's contribution are words of wisdom from Miranda:

"As December rolls around, we all get a bit sentimental. I think about how most of us have houses, food on the table, and a family to go home to at the end of a snowy day. In those feelings, I think about the kids in my school who don't share those same experiences. I want to be able to spread a bit more love this holiday season than what was shown in our November. Please give more than you receive this season."

Cheers,

Miranda Hall

11th grader

Lake City Community School

NEW CSSRC Program Assistant Position Open

Would you like to join a dynamic team that makes a difference in Colorado schools? The CSSRC has an open position for a talented program assistant. This person is often the first voice and face of the Center supporting the other five staff members in serving Colorado schools. If you are interested, please see the job description and application [here](#). The application period closes at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 6th, 2016.

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

FINAL WORKSHOPS: No-Cost School Emergency Management (SEM) Training

- **Where and When:**
 - **For K-12 Schools:** Haxtun Community Center, 125 E. Wilson Street, Haxtun, Colorado on January 12, January 26, and February 9, 2017
 - **For ECE Centers:** Adams 12 Conference Center 1500 E. 128th Ave. Thornton, CO on January 10, January 24, and February 21, 2017
- [Centennial BOCES](#) and [eNetLearning](#) have received a grant from the [Colorado Department of Education](#) (CDE) to provide School Emergency Management (SEM) training to school teams in the Southwest, Northeast, and Northwest/ Mountain BOCES regions and for Pre-Schools.
- Training will be provided by the [Colorado School Safety Resource Center](#) (CSSRC) with the goal of helping school districts, charter schools, and non-public schools implement or upgrade emergency operations plans (EOPs).
- **Who should participate:**
 - A school or school district would develop a safety team consisting of 4 to 5 people including: a school administrator (required), school safety officer (if available), and a local emergency response person (highly recommended). One person should be designated as a team leader.
 - Other possible team members could be a mental health professional, front office worker, maintenance staff, counselor, or teacher.
 - Teams trained are expected to help other schools in their district or area to review and implement their EOPs.
- For more information, [click here!](#)
- Please see [flyer](#) for dates, times and how to register.

CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

❖ To view all online courses, click on the link below.

- [Link to CSSRC online course offerings](#)
- Newest courses from CSSRC: [Making Referrals to the Threat Assessment Team](#) and [Adolescent Development](#)
- [Click here to see Livestreams of all previous keynote addresses](#)
- Livestream links from the Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium (October 26, 2016):
 - **Jarrod Hindman, M.S., Deputy Chief**, Violence and Injury Prevention – Mental Health Promotion Branch, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on [Colorado Suicide Update](#)
 - **Frank Zenere, School Psychologist**, Miami-Dade County Schools, International Expert and Published Author on [School Suicide Contagion](#)

WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES

NEW [When You Suspect Sex Trafficking](#)

- Colorado passed House Bill 16-1224, which requires a statewide, uniform screening tool for children and youth who may be at risk for sex trafficking. Participate in the original and this new online course.



- Although these courses are recommended for all child welfare caseworkers who serve those children and youth who may be at risk for sex trafficking, as well as those who supervise, manage, and direct child welfare practices, school staff should be educated about the risks of trafficking students.
- The original course from the [Colorado Office of Children, Youth and Families](#) is entitled: [Recognizing and Identifying Human Trafficking](#)
- **The new course:** [Screening for Sex Trafficking](#) is a one-hour web-based training.

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW [Courage to Risk Conference – Early Bird Registration Closing December 15th](#)

- **When:** January 27-28, 2017
- **Early bird registration closes on December 15, 2016.**
- **Sponsored** by a number of organizations including the [Colorado Department of Education](#) and the [Colorado Society of School Psychologists](#)
- The Courage to Risk Conference is a collaborative conference comprised of a variety of organizations committed to the educational success of students with diverse learning needs. The mission of the CTR conference is to provide quality educational experiences to parents, students, teachers, and community members; to provide networking experiences for participants; to motivate those working with students with diverse learning needs. The CTR committee seeks to accomplish this by planning a conference in Colorado for educators and families of students with diverse learning needs.
- **Cost:** Varies depending upon when you register and how many days you will attend.
- Please see their [website](#) for more information.



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NEW [Bridging the Divide – Save the Date](#)

- The [Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado](#) (SPCC) is excited to announce that the 2017 Bridging the Divide (BtD) Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit will be held **May 11-12, 2017**, at the Regis University Lowell Campus.
- This year's theme is "Join the Movement: Aspiring Toward Zero Suicide in Colorado," and the BtD Planning Committee has been hard at work to make sure you have an educational and thought provoking experience.
- The BtD Planning Committee is seeking presentations to round out the educational offerings at the Summit. We are eager to learn how you are working in your profession to aspire toward zero suicide in Colorado. We know it takes everyone to stop suicide. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your expertise so that everyone may benefit from your experience.
- The Call for Presentations will be open on **December 1**. Submissions are due on **February 1**, and speakers will be notified by February 17.
- Registration for the 2017 BtD Summit will also open on February 17th

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Safe Routes to School – Funding Opportunity

- The [Colorado Department of Transportation](#) (CDOT) announces their Fiscal Year 2016-17 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure Projects grant applications for project funding.
- The goal of SRTS is to help schools, school districts and local communities enable and encourage more children in Kindergarten through 8th grade to safely bicycle and walk to and from school. Eligible activities include, but are



not limited to:

- Planning, design, and construction of safe school routes for children to walk and bike to and from school
- Planning, design, and construction of facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists to travel to and from school
- Educating children, parents, and communities about safe walking and bicycling practices and the health benefits that result from walking and bicycling to and from school
- To provide guidance on completing the application and understanding the requirements of a CDOT grant, the Colorado SRTS program manager will be hosting **grantee training sessions** at various locations throughout the state in September and October. [See here for information about dates and locations.](#)
- **Applications are due by Friday, December 2, 2016.** [The guidelines and application are posted on the CDOT website](#)

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 Schools

Guidelines for Security, Safety and Crisis Management from the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA)

- The [Colorado High School Activities Association](#) has released a very helpful manual on guidelines for security, safety and crisis management at high school co-curricular activities.
- The Colorado High School Activities Association, in upholding their traditions of proper maintenance of high school athletics and activities, suggests the following procedures as outlined in [this manual](#).

Marijuana – What’s New?

- If you haven’t visited the [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment](#) (CDPHE) website on marijuana recently, you might want to review the updated information they have posted.
- [Click here for more information.](#)

More Child Suicides are Linked to A.D.D. Than Depression, Study Suggests

- Article is from the [New York Times](#) and the full article can be read [here](#).
- The research study was published in the journal [Pediatrics](#).
- The study found that children aged 5 to 11 who died by suicide were more likely to have been diagnosed with attention deficit disorder (A.D.D.) than early adolescents, who were more likely to have had depression.
- According to Jeffrey Bridge, the study's senior author and epidemiologist at the [Nationwide Children's Hospital Research Institute in Columbus, Ohio](#), these results suggest that "suicide is potentially a more impulsive act among children," which may have implications for screening in this age group.
- Bridge and other researchers, however, cautioned against drawing definitive conclusions given the study's limited sample size and the potential influence of other risk factors.

NEW National Center of Safe Supportive Learning Environments’ Safe Place to Learn

- The [National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments' Safe Place to Learn Initiative](#) has assembled a resource guide for K-12 schools to prevent, intercede and respond to sexual harassment.
- The guide contains resources for administrators and staff, including trauma-sensitive training modules and a response team planning guide, as well as self-care, bystander supports and other resources.
- It is downloadable **free** from a contract through the U.S. Department of Education at <https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/safe-place-to-learn-k12>.

NEW RAINN Assistance for Survivors of Sexual Assault During the Holidays

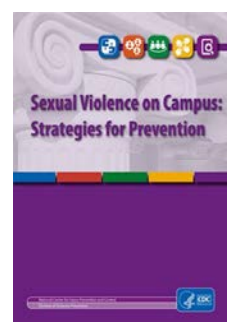
- [RAINN](#) Support specialists from the National Sexual Assault Hotline anticipate helping survivors during the coming holiday season.
- In this article they share some of the strategies to help survivors feel safe especially if they will be in gatherings with former abusers.
- [Insights from the Hotline Room: Planning for Holiday Gatherings.](#)

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION



NEW CDC: Sexual Violence on Campus Resource

- The [Center for Disease Control](#) released [Sexual Violence on Campus: Strategies for Prevention](#) to help states, colleges, and universities prioritize efforts to prevent sexual violence on campus.
- This resource highlights five components to consider when working to prevent sexual violence in college and university settings: **Comprehensive Prevention; Audience; Infrastructure; Partnerships and Sustainability; and Evaluation.**
- To learn more, join CDC and [PreventConnect](#) for a web conference on **December 6, 2016** at noon MT to discuss this new release. For more information and to register, [click here](#).
- Contact CDC's Division of Violence Prevention at dvpinquiries@cdc.gov



NEW ScreenU Launch

- The [Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Misuse](#) Prevention and Recovery is launching ScreenU on **December 15th**!
- **Webinar details: Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 11:00 AM MT**
- Join them for a webinar to get a first look at ScreenU, including their new program ScreenU Marijuana! ScreenU is a web-based screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) tool that identifies students at risk for negative consequences from alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drug misuse and connects them with resources on your campus and community.
- ScreenU is brief, only taking 5-10 minutes for a student to complete and provides personalized components for their campus. The administrative dashboard provides real-time reporting.
- [Register today](#) for the ScreenU webinar, featuring a demonstration of the tool, its features, and examples of how it is being used on college campuses across the country.

Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Campus Suicide Prevention Grant

- The [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services](#) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2017 Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Campus Suicide Prevention grants.
- The purpose of this program is to facilitate a comprehensive public health approach to prevent suicide in institutions of higher education. The grant is designed to assist colleges and universities in building essential capacity and infrastructure to support expanded efforts to promote wellness and help-seeking of all students. Additionally, this grant will offer outreach to vulnerable students, including those experiencing substance abuse and mental health problems who are at greater risk for suicide and suicide attempts.
- **Anticipated Award Amount:** Up to \$102,000 per year
- **Application Due Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2016**
- [For more information, please click here!](#)

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- Featuring daily updates on new research, resources, upcoming trainings, and Center activities.



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



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Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!

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