



## January 2016

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## THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

### Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a lovely holiday with time to rest and refresh.

We have been busy at the Center working on our 2015 Legislative Report, which will be posted to our website shortly, along with plans for 2016. Please see the details of our upcoming events under "CSSRC Trainings" beginning on page 2 including:

- January 20<sup>th</sup>- SEM training, workshop #1 in Ft. Morgan
- February 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – SEM training, workshop #1 in Durango
- February 17<sup>th</sup> – Restorative Practices Trainers and Consultants' Convening in Golden (See "Other Colorado Trainings" below)
- February 25<sup>th</sup> – Threat Assessment training in Thornton
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – Western Slope Safety Summit & Suicide Symposium in Grand Junction
- May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> – Restorative Practices in Schools Workshops in Summit County
- June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – Restorative Practices in Schools Workshops in Highlands Ranch
- Aug 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – Restorative Practices in Schools Workshops in Grand Junction

**And SAVE THE DATE!** The [2016 Colorado Safe Schools Summit](#) will be held on **October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** in collaboration with the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence and Safe2Tell. Watch for more details....

**Reminder:** The SB15-214 School Safety and Youth in Crisis Interim Committee will meet on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 at the Capitol to hear the reports on the Arapahoe High School tragedy. It is an open meeting or can be heard via the link on the Colorado General Assembly's website.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy 2016,

*Chris Harms*

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **NEW** January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month!

- What Is Human Trafficking?
  - Human trafficking is a serious federal crime with penalties of up to imprisonment for life. Federal law defines "severe forms of trafficking in persons" as: "(A) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or (B) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery." [U.S.C. §7102(8)]
  - In short, human trafficking is a form of modern slavery. Those who recruit minors into commercial sexual exploitation (or prostitution) violate federal anti-trafficking laws, even if there is no force, fraud, or coercion.
- The [U.S Department of Education](#) has released a facts sheet, and that can be found [here](#).
- The [U.S Department of Homeland Security](#) has also released a few materials:
  - [Blue Campaign Human Trafficking Awareness Training](#)
  - [Human Trafficking 101 Fact Sheet](#)
  - [Human Trafficking 101 Pamphlet for Educators](#)

### **NEW** Survey on “Minor In Possession of Marijuana” Offenses in Your Community or Schools

- Please Respond to this [survey](#), and help create a consistent, fair, effective and affordable response to the offense of Minor In Possession of Marijuana across the state of Colorado!
- **Deadline: Friday, January 8th, at 5 p.m.**
- A large, diverse task force of professionals from across Colorado is currently working with [Colorado Juvenile Council](#) to package effective strategies and offer them to schools and communities throughout the state - - the idea is that any juvenile justice or school disciplinary system can adopt these strategies, put them in place easily, and achieve consistent and fair desired outcomes at little or no expense.

### National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week

- **January 25-31, 2016**
- [National Institute on Drug Abuse](#) (NIDA) provides free planning tools and educational resources to help you organize an activity for teens about the effects of substances on their brain, body, and behavior. Just follow these easy steps.
  - [Register](#) your event so you can be added to the [events map](#)
  - [Order free science-based educational materials](#), such as *Drugs: Shatter the Myths* or *Marijuana: Facts for Teens* and share them with teens
  - [Promote NDAFW](#) and your event by using the [online tool kit](#)

## COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS

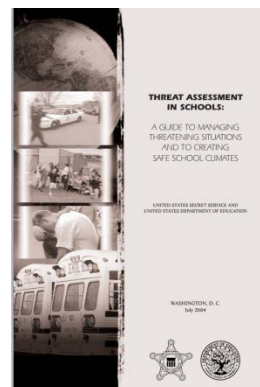
### **Updated** Emergency Operation Plans (EOP) Training Opportunity

- 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.

- **Don't have a plan?** *Want to build your school's first plan to the new standard?*
- **Have a plan?** *Want to bring your school emergency planning to the next level?*
- **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](mailto:Keelan_k@cde.state.co.us)) to participate in this wonderful opportunity.
- **Upcoming trainings:**
  - **Fort Morgan:** January 20<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup>
  - **Durango:** February 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>, other dates TBA
- You MUST be preregistered to attend these trainings

### **Threat Assessment in Schools**

- **February 25, 2016 8:00am – 4:00pm** at the Conference Center at Adams 12 Five Star Schools
- Registration for the event is FREE! Register now on CoTrain.org using course ID: 1059665 before the workshop is full.
- Please see attached [flyer](#) 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 [Colorado School Safety Resource Center](#) and [Safe2Tell](#)
  - 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 [register](#) and [click](#) here for more information on upcoming trainings!



### **NEW 2016 Western Slope Safety Summit & Suicide Symposium**

- **When:** March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Where:** Double Tree Hotel – Grand Junction
- **Register [NOW](#)**
- 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](#)!

### **NEW Restorative Practices Workshops**

- **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

- **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 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 [flyer](#) for more information on locations and register for the workshop [here!](#)

## 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

### Online Mandatory Reporter Training for Educators



- In Colorado, teachers and other school officials and employees are mandated by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect.
- Colorado launched a statewide hotline, 1-844-CO-4-KIDS, in order to provide one easy-to-remember phone number to report suspected child abuse and neglect.
- The [Colorado Department of Human Services](#) offers an online mandatory reporter training designed specifically for educators. In completing the training educators arm themselves with the information needed to be an effective part of the safety net protecting children and youth.
- [Click here for additional information](#)

## OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

### NEW Stewards of Children Training: Increase Your Awareness to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

- **When:** Thursday, January 14, 2016 from 10:00am-12:00pm
- **Where:** 3900 E. Mexico Avenue, Second Floor Conference Room, Denver, CO 80201
- **Hosted By:** [Sexual Abuse Forever Ending](#) (SAFE)
- This is a FREE workshop for parents, staff, volunteers advocating for children
- Topics Covered Include:
  - Facts about the problem of child sexual abuse
  - The types of situations in which child sexual abuse might occur

- Simple, effective strategies for protecting children from sexual abuse
- The importance of talking about the prevention of sexual abuse with children and other adults
- The signs of sexual abuse so that you might intervene and be able to react responsibly
- For more information and info on how to register please see the flyer [here](#)

### **Updated CEI Professional Development Series on Classroom Management – Save the Date!**

- **Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016.**
- [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:
  - 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
  - Planning for students with high behavioral needs
- Stay tuned for registration details.

### **NEW Restorative Practices in School in 2016**

- **When: February 17, 2016 9am-4pm at the 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 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 [COEmergency website](#) and the [CEMA website](#).
- The CEMA website also includes information for [conference vendors](#), [presenter registration](#), [conference scholarships](#), [silent auction](#) and [voluntary agencies](#).

## Multisystemic Therapy

- **April 11, 2016 9am to 4 pm at the Blueprints Conference**
- [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 [here](#).

## Updated Blueprints Conference

- **April 11-13, 2016**
- Sponsored by: [Center for the Study of Prevention of Violence \(CSPV\)](#), University of Colorado Boulder
- [The Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development Conference](#) 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 [agenda](#) and [register](#) online.

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

- **Save the date: May 5-6, 2016 @ Regis University Lowell Campus**
- **Registration opens February 16, 2016**
- Sponsored by: [Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado](#)
- The Bridging the Divide (BtD) Planning Committee is seeking presentations to round out the educational offering at the Summit. The Call for Presentations will open on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- In addition they are also seeking sponsors for the summit. For more information on sponsorship please check [here](#).
- Please check the [summit website](#) for updated information as it becomes available.

## NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

### Poster Contest to Bring Missing Children Home

- Each year hundreds of thousands of children are reported missing. Law enforcement, citizens, and even children have been instrumental in keeping children safe and returning them home to their families, community and school.
- Every year the United States Department of Justice takes time to commemorate the valiant and unselfish acts of the many organizations and individuals who bring our missing children home. Since 1983, May 25 has been designated as National Missing Children's Day.



- Each year DOJ sponsors a national poster contest and announces the winner at the annual National Missing Children’s Day Ceremony in Washington, DC.
- The winner of this national contest, along with his or her teacher and parents, are brought to Washington, DC to attend this special ceremony. You are invited to join in the efforts to educate children across the country about safety issues by giving your 5th grade students an opportunity to participate in this poster contest and disseminating this information within your school district. The theme for the poster contest is “Bring Our Missing Children Home”.
- The [Colorado Bureau of Investigation](#) (CBI) is the state contest manager for Colorado. All posters should be at the CBI for judging by 5 p.m. on **Monday, February 1, 2016**. For more information, visit the link below. [Click Here for Additional Information](#)
- For More Information, Contact: Maria Lunn Phone: 303-239-4251 Email: maria.lunn@state.co.us

## 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!

## CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### 2016 Safe Routes to Schools

- **Applications are due January 8, 2016**
- The [Colorado Department of Transportation](#) (CDOT) has announced their 2016 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure Projects Grant Applications for project funding.
- The guidelines and application can be found [here](#)!
- The goal of SRTS is to help schools, school districts and local communities enable and encourage more children in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 mid-November.
- Please email or call Leslie Feuerborn, Colorado SRTS Program Manager at 303.757.9088 or [dot\\_srts@state.co.us](mailto:dot_srts@state.co.us)



## **NEW** Safe Communities Safe Schools: Program Announcement

- The [University of Colorado Boulder's Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence](#) (CSPV), is seeking a limited number of middle schools in the Front Range communities to work in partnership to implement the updated and expanded [Safe Communities Safe Schools](#) (SCSS) Model.
- Application is available starting **January 4, 2016** [here](#), and is due **February 1, 2016**.
- Pre-application information conference calls will be conducted to assist schools interested in applying:
  - **Friday, January 8, 2016** from 10:00-11:00
    - Call [408-638-0968](#), enter meeting ID: 906 851 314
  - **January 15, 2016 10:00-11:00 a.m.**
    - Call [408-638-0968](#), enter meeting ID: 582 541 0167
- Application Instructions:
  - The application documents (including an Overview of the SCSS Model, eligibility requirements, and application form) can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
  - 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 [Sabrina.Mattson@Colorado.edu](mailto:Sabrina.Mattson@Colorado.edu) to inform her of your intent to apply. Please return completed application via e-mail: [Susanne.Maher@Colorado.edu](mailto:Susanne.Maher@Colorado.edu).
- Please see the [website](#) for more detailed information.

## **NEW** The Colorado Health Foundation: Heathy School Funding Opportunities

- **The first deadline for applications is February 15<sup>th</sup>**
- In ongoing efforts to support schools and the partners they work with, the [Colorado Health Foundation](#) recently opened the following [Creating Healthy Schools funding opportunities](#):
  - [Creating Healthy Schools: Local Planning and Assessment](#): aims to support local planning, capacity-building and community collaboration efforts.
  - [Creating Healthy Schools: Local Implementation](#): intends to assist strategy execution in specific areas related to building or increasing healthy schools work.
  - [Creating Healthy Schools: Statewide Systems Building](#): supports systems-level and infrastructure work.
- [Register now](#) for the Activating Places and Spaces Together informational webinar, which will be held **January 5<sup>th</sup>**, from 10-11 a.m. MST
- 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 [Tiffany Perrin](#), program officer – *Healthy Living*, Colorado Health Foundation, [303.953.3617](tel: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

## **NEW** 2016 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

- **Application deadline: March 4, 2016**
- **Offered by: [The Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA)**
- The goal for the 2016 [Colorado Justice Assistance Grant](#) (JAG) Program as established by the Governor-appointed JAG Board is:



- *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:**
  - 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](#).
- Additional Info:
  - **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.
  - **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 Increase Your School's Perimeter Protection**

- Apply for [MicroPower's School Security Grant](#)
- [MicroPower](#) 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



## **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

### Protective Factors Associated with Bullying & Substance Use & Suicide

- This data is from the Healthy Youth Team (HYT), as a part of the MCH work from the [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment](#)
- They asked to have data pulled from the Healthy Kids survey on bullying, suicide, and substance use, including marijuana, and look at the associations with protective factors. With the MCH work, they are looking at school connectedness and thought that the 2013 Healthy Kids data could serve as a baseline for their work.
- Please see [PowerPoint](#) for data and information!

## INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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



- **When: March 22-24, 2016 at Auraria Campus, Denver, CO**
- **Hosted by: [Auraria Higher Education Center](#)**
- The MGT-361 Course is delivered by [Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service \(TEEX\)](#) and [the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators \(IACELA\)](#)
- 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).
- [FEMA/DHS](#) 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 [cdp.dhs.gov/femasid](http://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid) 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 [flyer](#) for more information!

### NEW Study and Travel Abroad Safety: New Resource and Upcoming Webinar

- [EduRisk](#), the free resource from [United Educators](#) (UE), recently released a new Risk Research Bulletin, *Responding to Sexual Assaults in the Study Abroad Setting*. 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.
  - **Webinar Info:**
    - This webinar is presented by: Pascal Schuback, former Global Emergency Manager at the [University of Washington](#) for the next webinar in our Campus Public Safety Online series on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 2 PM.**
    - Pascal will present essential elements needed to expand your campus all-hazard emergency response plan to include international incidents, such as study abroad programs (faculty-led and independent), academic research, athletics, and general university travelers. He will discuss the international role for each phase of emergency management (planning, response, recovery, and mitigation) including the international-specific committees and resources, simple training, and exercises for you to work through and providing a better understanding of possible risks.
    - The deadline to register is Friday, January 15, 2016. Save a seat, for yourself or a group, by [registering](#) today.

### White Paper: Developing a Clery Compliance Committee

- Announcing a New White Paper written by [NACCOP](#) and presented by [STANLEY Security](#)
- Historically, the burden of complying with the Clery Act has been largely relegated to the campus police or public safety department because schools have narrowly viewed this Federal law to be limited to disclosing crime statistics. In reality, the complexities of the law reach across multiple offices and administrative divisions within an institution. The Federal government expects institutions to manage their compliance activities using a [collaborative approach](#).

### Stories from the Field

#### **NEW** 'Concussion' and the Need to Protect Athletes and Prevent Traumatic Brain Injuries

- Press release by the [Prevention Institute](#):
- Players of all ages face risks of injuries to the brain and body. [According to a recent study](#), boys who participate in high school football are more susceptible to developing CTE. [Every year](#), more than 25,000 young football players between the ages of eight and 19 land in the ER with head injuries, and players as young as seven suffer blows to the head comparable to injuries sustained by fully grown football players. [Eleven high school football players have died so far this year](#). Untold numbers of players--from children to unpaid student athletes to pros--have suffered hidden damage that will unfold over their lifetimes.
- On December 25, a new film--*Concussion*--opened in theaters across the country, telling the story of one doctor's research into traumatic brain injuries suffered by football players, and his crusade to educate the nation about the dangers of its most popular sport and challenge the National Football League (NFL) to protect its athletes.
- Dr. Bennet Omalu, portrayed by Will Smith in the film, found that concussions may result in long-term changes in the brain, and that repeated concussions, which are experienced by some athletes, can result in more severe long-term consequences, such as chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE). His findings have been supported by subsequent research. CTE is a progressive, degenerative brain disease associated with memory loss, confusion, impaired judgment, loss of impulse control and dementia. These problems can surface years after the concussions occur.

- In an [interview](#) with National Public Radio on December 27, Dr. Omalu spoke about what motivated his work: "I had met the families of the sufferers of this disease. They were suffering in silence, they were suffering in obscurity. And it offended my sense of America."
- "The way we play the game today, football is far too dangerous," [Prevention Institute's](#) executive director, Larry Cohen, said. "Ten years after Dr. Omalu first published his findings on chronic traumatic encephalopathy, America's highest-grossing sport continues to injure and kill too many players."
- "While we need more research and more information, we can't let our kids be the guinea pigs while we figure it out," Cohen told [The Nation's Health](#), a publication of the American Public Health Association.

### What an Accepting Family and School Looks Like: A Trans Girl at Boulder High School

- One Colorado school district has become a model in instilling acceptance and understanding for transgender youth. Boulder's approach attracted a 15-year-old Shannon Axe and her parents, and word is spreading.
- This is an interesting [documentary from the Denver Post](#) about a transgender female student at Boulder High School, her family, and her friends.

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