



## November 2015

**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

### **A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in the 2015 Colorado Safe Schools Summit!**

We had 350 folks registered, 35 presenters shared their expertise, and 21 vendors and non-profit partners provided resources. We are still summarizing the evaluations but the initial responses were very positive. We are already scoping out a venue for next year's Summit in October. Stay tuned.

Please click this [link](#) to find presentation documents, Livestream links and other information from the summit.

**Check back daily as new things are being added and updated!**

### **Update on the SB15-214 School Safety and Youth Mental Health Interim Committee:**

- The committee had its final meeting before the legislative session begins in January from 10:00 until 4:45 on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a very full agenda that started with morning testimony on FERPA (Family Educational Records Privacy Act) and ended with a discussion of bills proposed by some of the legislators on the committee.
- The FERPA discussion revolved around schools conducting threat assessments and the sharing of that information within the district and to others. A proposal was suggested by the Consortium of Colorado Special Education Directors to have the Colorado School Safety Resource Center take the lead on keeping Colorado schools updated on threat assessment best practices. It was easy to agree to this as we already feel this is one of our responsibilities. Resources and training are available from the Center. **Please see the February 25<sup>th</sup> training mentioned below!**
- The afternoon started with a panel of teachers from JeffCo, Boulder Valley, Genoa-Hugo, Wray and Skyview Academy in Highlands Ranch. They shared how their schools manage school safety and threat assessment.
- Kimberly Hult, an attorney with Hutchinson, Black and Cook, discussed district responsibilities under Title IX particularly as it relates to sexual assault which is one of the crimes schools are responsible for protecting students from under SB15-213.
- Former President of the State Senate, Brandon Shaffer, now with the St. Vrain Valley Schools then presented a proposal he believes would allow mental health professionals to disclose limited information about a client to school district personnel if there is a threat to a school or the occupants of a school.
- Finally, the committee took up the seven bills proposed by some of the legislators on the committee. Four of the bills were immediately tabled until the reports from the Davis Family and Littleton Public Schools are released after the first of the year. Those tabled included a bill to provide materials to all schools on Safe2Tell; one preserving governmental immunity when schools abide by all the components of the School

Safety Act (CRS22-32-109.1); another to require self-insurance pools to abide by the same regulations as insurance companies; and the fourth to require that school districts have written emergency procedures to include consideration of students' special needs, including but not limited to special needs related to disabilities.

- The three that were voted upon were all defeated although individual legislators may still choose to introduce these bills under their five-bill limit during the regular session. These included two bills by Rep. Willet. The first underscoring that “reasonableness” of a district to comply with SB15-213 include consideration of the school district’s or charter school’s available resources and making sure that the terms “reasonableness,” “foreseeability,” and “negligence” do not contradict or alter any jurisprudent of the Colorado courts or the applicability of any jury instruction used in Colorado courts. The second bill that was defeated would waive governmental immunity for all public entities (not just schools) involved in an act of school violence as defined under SB15-213.
- The other bill not carried by the committee to the legislative session was proposed by Senator Newell to increase services to schools on suicide education and awareness by providing increased resources to both the Office of Suicide Prevention at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the School Safety Resource Center.
- A special meeting of the committee to hear the three reports being written on the Arapahoe High School tragedy is tentatively set for Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 at the Capitol. This too is an open meeting. Watch the December and January E-Updates for more information.

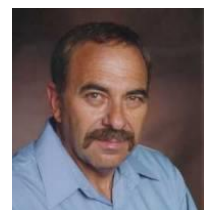
Please be sure to take note of the no-cost threat assessment training the Center will be sponsoring on February 25<sup>th</sup> to include team training in the afternoon.

*kindest Regards, Chris*

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **NEW** 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 (Deputy Director of the 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!



### International Bullying Prevention Conference in Denver!

- **November 8 thru 10, 2015** at the Marriott City Center, Denver
- **“Reaching New Heights in Bullying Prevention Thru Empathy and Kindness”**
- Sponsored by the [International Bullying Prevention Association](#)

- Don't miss this wonderful opportunity right here in Denver.
- For more information and to register go to [this link](#)

### **NEW Colorado School Social Work Association Needs/Interest Survey**

- Please allow me to introduce myself as Matt Teegarden, L.C.S.W. I am the Social Worker at Arvada High School and the newly appointed Vice President of the [Colorado School Social Work Association](#) or CSSWA.
- Take just a minute and respond to the 2015 CSSWA Needs and Interest Survey at this [link](#)
- Input is critical to planning and how to best support and advocate for the needs of Schools Workers in Colorado.
- If you have any questions or concerns or are interested in membership please contact Matt Teegarden, L.C.S.W. at [mattteegardenlcsw@gmail.com](mailto:mattteegardenlcsw@gmail.com)

### **Job Opportunity at CASBHC!**

- The [Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care](#) (CASBHC) is recruiting for a seasoned Executive Director
- Click for a detailed [description of the position](#) and qualifications.
- If you are anyone you know might be interested in this position, visit the [website](#) to apply

### **NEW National School Psychology Week, November 9-13, 2015**

- A Congressional resolution formally recognizing November 9-13, 2015 as *National School Psychology Week* has been introduced by Rep. Dave Loebsack (IA-2).
- Visit the [Advocacy Action Center](#) and send a letter asking your elected officials to support the important work of school psychologists and the value of comprehensive school psychological services.
- The [National Association of School Psychologists](#) has written a letter for you, but any aspect of this letter can be edited or personalized. Urge your Representatives to support *National School Psychology Week*.

### **Safe2Tell New Mobile App**

- [Safe2Tell](#), a state-wide anonymous reporting line to report violent or troubling events, announces the launch of a new reporting resource for Colorado students, parents, teachers, and communities.
- The Safe2Tell Colorado mobile app for anonymously reporting threatening behaviors and safety concerns directly to Safe2Tell dispatchers in Colorado is available now for downloading. The mobile app is available from the Apple App Store for iPhones and Google Play for Android devices.
- The Safe2Tell mobile app is password protected, allows reporters to upload videos or photos, and has the ability to conduct two-way dialogue with the reporter and dispatcher using a unique login and password.
- For more information, please see the [Safe2Tell announcement](#).

## **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.
  - **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.

## 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

### **NEW** [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

### Monthly Schedule of Full-Scale Active Shooter Exercises – Invitation to be a VIP Observer

- Help make every month Safe Schools Month in Colorado. CSSRC E-Update readers are invited to be VIP Observers at any (or all) of the monthly scheduled full-scale active shooter exercises and all-hazards exercises in [Pueblo County School District 70 \(D70\)](#).
- Schedule:
  - **Wednesday, November 11, 2015, at Prairie Winds Elementary School**
    - 6:45 - 7:45 am: pre-exercise briefings; 8:00 - 11:00 am: Internet-of-Things active shooter exercise and school evacuation; 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: hotwash with all community partners.
  - Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at Vineland Elementary School
  - Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at Desert Sage Elementary School
  - Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at North Mesa Elementary School
  - Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at Pueblo County High School

- TBD April, 2016, at Sierra Vista Elementary School
- TBD May, 2016, at Rye High School
- VIP Observers may arrive at any time, and will have access to early morning preparation activities, up-close vantage points throughout the exercises, and the all-hands-on-deck "hotwashes," or post-exercise evaluations, around lunchtime.
- Organized by: [Pueblo County Sheriff](#) Kirk Taylor, [Emergency Services Bureau](#) Chief Mark Mears, [D70 Superintendent](#) Ed Smith, and [D70 Director of Student Services](#) Greg Keasling.
- Keasling maintains at D70 a school safety center of excellence that puts into practice latest response strategies and tactics, and develops new ways to integrate school security technologies. Keasling also records each exercise using up to 70 high-definition cameras, with footage captured by embedded video documentary crews, surveillance cameras, and body cameras worn by first responders, actors, and school participants. The video archive is freely available to researchers everywhere.
- D70 conducts full-scale exercises at least once a month, rotating among its 19 campuses. Exercises involve up to 18 response agencies at a time and sometimes more than 2,000 students, teachers, and staff members.
- There is **no charge** to be a part of these events. Food and refreshments will be provided. To get more information along with your 2015-2016 VIP badge, contact John Simmons at [303-345-7926](tel:303-345-7926) or e-mail him at [johnsimmons@schoolsafetypartners.org](mailto:johnsimmons@schoolsafetypartners.org).

### **NEW Facing History and Young Education Professionals Events**

- Film Screening: An Act of Love at the Denver Film Festival
  - **November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at UA Denver Pavilions at 6:00PM** hosted by [Facing History](#) and [Young Education Professionals \(YEP\)](#)
  - [An Act of Love](#) tells the story of an unwitting advocate in the fight for equal rights within the Church, Rev. Frank Schaefer, who had his ministerial credentials revoked in December 2013 after officiating his son's same-sex wedding.
  - For more information regarding this event, [click here!](#)
- Brew Crew Happy Hour with Young Education Professionals – Colorado (YEP)
  - **November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Posner Center for International Development at 5:30PM**
  - This will give you a glimpse of what students might experience in a Facing History classroom as we explore the Reconstruction Era and why some historians consider it the most important period in American history.
  - More information can be found [here!](#)

### **NEW Men-Only Mental Health Events**

- Healthy Men Have Healthy Minds: A Forum to Engage Men in Dialogue about Mental Health
  - **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Saint Joseph Hospital, Russell Pavilion, 2:15 pm- 5:00 pm** hosted by the [Carson J Spencer Foundation](#)
  - When it comes to overwhelming life challenges -- like parenting, financial stress, or divorce -- too often men feel isolated and stuck. Many experience anxiety or depression. Sometimes they find themselves in such deep despair they consider suicide. This doesn't have to be. If you or a man in your life would like some support, come join this men-only event and start conversations with guys who've been there...real men, overcoming real challenges.
  - Brought to you by the creators of [Man Therapy](#)
  - For more information on keynote speakers and more about this event, [please click here](#)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Guys' Night Out: A Benefit for Suicide Prevention & Gentlemen's Health
  - **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Casselman's Bar & Venue at 5:30PM** hosted by the [Carson J Spencer Foundation](#)



- Taste scotch, eat barbeque, compete with your friends for unique prizes in manly games and hangout with the guys!
- The majority of suicide deaths in Colorado occur among working-aged men between 25 and 64 years old.
- Of the 41,000 suicides reported every year in the United State, veterans now comprise roughly 20%.
- For more information regarding this event, [click here!](#)

### Non-Confrontational Interview & Interrogation

- **Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** hosted by Denver Public Schools
- This WZ Seminar on Non-Confrontational Interviewing is designed to teach and reinforced the sound fundamentals of the interview and interrogation process.
- Please see flyer and more information [here](#).

### 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.

### 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
- More details and registration coming soon.
- Mark your calendar today and plan to attend!
- For information about the 2016 Blueprints Conference, please contact the meeting planners at Trio Solutions at (843) 216-0442 or email [jennifer@trio-solutions.com](mailto:jennifer@trio-solutions.com).

## **NEW** Tactical Casualty Care- Introduction (TCC-I)

- HeartSmart has developed training (Tactical Casualty Care-Introduction) and TCC kits so first responders have the supplies to quickly save their life or the lives of other victims. You can bleed to death in 3 minutes. The two hour class includes use of tourniquets, combat gauze, chest seals and gives the officer or lay person good fundamental knowledge on Phases of TCC, bleeding control, shock recognition and treatment, use of all items of the LifePak kits. The course has been approved by Police Officers Standards and Training (POST). The above findings emphasize the need for all communities to prepare for the “unthinkable”.
- For more details on cost of training and/or materials and to schedule training, please contact Richard Perse at 303-506-8182 or [heartsmart911@msn.com](mailto:heartsmart911@msn.com)
- Please see attached [flyer](#)

## **NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS**

### **NEW** 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](mailto:maria.lunn@state.co.us)

### **NEW** Text, Talk, Act

- Getting students talking about mental health can be a challenge, but it is one of the most important conversations they can have.
- NASP is an official partner with the *Text, Talk, Act* program. It uses text-message prompts to guide students' conversation with their peers.
- Learn more about [the program](#), and plan your event for November 10th during School Psychology Awareness Week, November 9–13, 2015.



## **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **NEW** 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)

### **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 Evaluation of the GLSEN Safe Space Kit**

- The newly-released evaluation report assesses the utility of the *GLSEN Safe Space Kit* itself, which was developed to build on the power of the iconic Safe Space Sticker by supporting educators who want to become informed and active allies to LGBT youth. It is encouraging to see that educators found the kit to be a practical and useful resource that responds to their reality. Their responses give a window on the variety of ways that the kits are affecting school communities:
  - Teachers and school staff who received the kit are taking action: Faculty and staff report that they turn to the *GLSEN Safe Space Kit* for practical guidance on making their schools safer and more supportive for LGBT youth. Educators who read the guide were more likely to have supported LGBT youth and to have examined their school's policies and practices regarding LGBT youth. Even teachers in hostile environments who did not feel able to put the stickers up used the kit to figure out ways to take an action appropriate to their school environment to start sowing the seeds of change.
  - GLSEN Safe Space Kits are starting dialogue and sparking change in schools nationwide: Nearly 80% of educators who received the kit reported intervening to stop anti-LGBT bullying – a higher rate than LGBT student reports of teacher intervention nationally. A significant number went beyond that baseline step. Half of the kit recipients had reached out to their colleagues to discuss the issues



facing LGBT students and how they might be able to make a difference. Building a critical mass of adult support within a school is key to transforming school culture and significantly improving the academic achievement and individual well-being of LGBT students.

- You can get further information about the evaluation report and download a copy [here](#)

### **NEW Finding Programs to Address Bullying**

- If you're looking to implement a program to address bullying, you might start by reviewing what's working (or not) in other programs. [Child Trends' What Works](#) database is a searchable database of evaluated social interventions for children. You can search for programs that address bullying behaviors, including characteristics of the groups they target in your search.
- They have synthesized some of these programs and those can be found [here](#).

### **NEW Online Toolkit: VA: How to Talk to a Child about a Suicide Attempt in Your Family**

- This online resource from the US Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) provides age-specific information for talking with children and adolescents about a family member's suicide attempt.
- Learn why talking about suicide attempt is important, when to talk about an attempt, how much information to share, ways to support child and adolescents and examples on what to say and how to say it.
- Visit the [website](#) for more information.

### **NEW Statewide Truancy Best Practices Committee Recommendation Report**

- Truancy is both a cause of legal and economic problems, and an effect of those problems. Research shows that compared to the general population, truants are relatively likely to come from low-income families, to have parents who lack high school degrees, to have been victims of abuse or neglect, and to come from homes where parents have histories of criminality or substance abuse.
- Please click [here](#) to read the latest report on best practices from CO Courts.

### **Healthy Purchasing for Healthy Schools – A Guidance Memo**

- [Healthy Schools Network](#) commissioned this customizable guidance memo to help organizations and education policy makers make smart decisions to reduce the presence of toxic chemicals in schools. The goals are always to have more children achieve their full potential and miss fewer schools days, and to have school administrators reduce risks to health and stay on budget.
- Read the full memo [here](#)

### **IBPA's Fall Newsletter**

- [International Bullying Prevention Association](#) Fall 2015 Newsletter
- Please find the current newsletter [here](#)

### **In The Know: Retail Marijuana Education Program Newsletter**

- This is a monthly newsletter from the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#)
- Inside this newsletter are funding and job opportunities and upcoming trainings
- Click [here](#) for the newsletter

### **“Signs of Suicide” in Middle Schools**

- A study to evaluate the effects of the Signs of Suicide (SOS) program in middle schools found that children who reported suicidal ideation prior to participating in the program were 96 percent less likely to report suicidal behaviors (ideation, planning, or attempts) three months after participating in SOS than children with prior ideation who had not participated in the program.
- Find the full article [here](#)

## INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### **NEW** New 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](#).

### **NEW** Webinar: Innovations in Supporting Emotional Well-Being on Campus

- Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 2:00PM EDT and Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 2:00PM EDT and is hosted by [Tulane University](#), [The Jed Foundation](#) and [Kognito](#)
- Research has shown that the emotional well-being of students has a direct impact on their academic success. According to NAMI, nearly 73 percent of students living with a mental health condition experienced a mental health crisis on campus. On-campus counseling services are a critical first step in addressing the matter, but more innovative approaches are necessary to ensure all student needs are met.
- Join the webinar on 11/3 or 11/5 to hear from experts who will share the innovative approaches campuses are implementing to help support emotional wellness on campus.
- [Register here!](#)

### White House Task Force Releases New Resources for Campus Communities

- The [White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault](#) released two new resources for campus community members and health practitioners on Thursday, September 17th to help prevent and respond to sexual violence on campus. The release of these resources, a Resource Guide and Safe Place: Trauma-Sensitive Practice for Health Centers Serving Students toolkit, coincide with this month's 21st anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
- The resource guide is a compilation of existing materials designed to support students; campus administrators, staff, and faculty; and local stakeholders and partners. The guide was created to serve as a central hub for the resources that have been created over the past few years. The guide includes:
  - Campus climate surveys
  - Prevention tools
  - Training and technical assistance, including information on the [trauma-informed sexual assault investigation and adjudication training program from NCCPS](#)
  - Sexual misconduct policies and procedures
  - Community partnerships and MOUs
  - Public awareness and engagement activities
  - Data and information-sharing
  - Selected funding opportunities
  - Related law and policy sources
- The resource guide can be found on [Notalone.gov](#) or you may [download the PDF](#).
- The [Safe Place resource kit](#) was developed by the Department of Education's National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments Technical Assistance Center for campus health center managers. It is designed to expand campus health centers' understanding and implementation of trauma-informed response and practice to sexual violence. According to the National Center on Safe Supportive Learning, the new kit will "support health center staff at all levels to:

- Understand the likelihood that they serve student patients and even work with colleagues affected by trauma.
- Infuse trauma-sensitive approaches into their daily routine.
- Create a care environment that supports students affected by trauma."

Visit the [Safe Place website](#) to download the kit's various guides, checklists, and e-learning units

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



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