

COLORADO School Safety Resource Center Department of Public Safety

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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

Happy Safe Schools Month!

The **2015 Colorado Safe Schools Summit** will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, October 14th and 15th at the Adams 12 Five Star School District conference center at 1500 E. 128th Street, Thornton.

We have reached our maximum capacity and are only taking names for the wait list. If you have registered and can no longer attend, please remove your registration from CO-Train or call our office to have your name removed so that your spot can go to someone else. (303.239.4435) SORRY, THERE WILL BE NO ROOM FOR WALK IN REGISTRATIONS!

The full program can be found on our <u>website</u>. We look forward to seeing everyone that has registered on Thursday morning. Continental breakfast and registration confirmation begin at 7:00 AM and the color guard will present the colors promptly at 8:00 AM.

- School Emergency Management (SEM) Trainings have begun. Please check the <u>flyer</u> for locations and dates and get your team on board!
- SB15-214 Committee Update:
 - The committee met for the third time on September 9th with presentations by school resource officers, the Colorado Juvenile Defenders Center, an overview of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, a panel discussion of risk management in Colorado schools and in other states, a discussion of liability and underwriting practices in the private market, a presentation by Mental Health First Aid and Mental Health America of Colorado and public comment by John MacDonald, Director of Security for the JeffCo Schools.
 - The fourth meeting of the committee on September 22nd opened with a presentation by John-Michael Keyes, Founder and Executive Director of the I Love You Guys Foundation. Other presentations included representatives from the Colorado Youth Advisory Council, Colie's Closet, Bridging the Gap, Court Appointed Special Advocates and Padres Jovenes y Unidos.

- Before concluding for the day, the committee discussed possible legislation moving forward and still subject to change. There were no specifics but the general topics included: clarifying the legal effects of SB15-213, expanding awareness of the Safe2Tell program, establishing terms by which a school district or charter school may prevent a waiver of governmental immunity, best practices for a school safety pilot program, training certain persons to assist youth in crisis, and directing certain public entities to take certain measures to improve school safety.
- The next meeting of the committee is set for Tuesday, October 27th beginning at 10:00 AM in committee room 271.

Kindest Regards, Chris

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Contest for School Safety Month



- The <u>School Safety Resource Center</u> is seeking art submissions for School Safety Month. The theme is *"How My School Fosters School Safety."* Submissions can illustrate anything regarding school safety including but not limited to: bullying prevention, positive school climate, involvement of SROs and/or security staff, substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention.
 - Please include the student's name, grade level, and school name on the back of the art piece.
- Deadline for submission is **Friday, October 2, 2015**.
- Mail submissions to: Colorado School Safety Resource Center, 700 Kipling St., Suite 1000, Lakewood, CO 80215
- Email submissions to: <u>CDPS_School_Safety_center@state.co.us</u>
- Winners will be notified by Wednesday, October 7th. Winning art pieces will be displayed at the CSSRC's Safe Schools Summit in Thornton, October 14th and 15th.
- Questions? Call (303) 239-4435 or view the flyer here.

Askable Adult Campaign

- The campaign is a critical component of the health department's youth prevention efforts here in Colorado is to leverage trusted adults, including parents, guardians, educators and other youth-serving professionals, to reinforce the important reasons youth should not use retail marijuana.
- Talking to youth about underage marijuana use can be challenging for many adults. With this in mind, the health department's new resource portal, found at <u>GoodtoKnowColorado.com/talk</u>, provides adults the information and educational tools they need to start critical conversations with the young people in their lives.
- This resource includes information on health effects, age-appropriate talking points and legal and academic consequences.
- Marijuana factsheets in multiple languages are now available
- Find more information <u>here</u>

NEW Job Opportunity at CASBHC!

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

Safe2Tell New Mobile App

- <u>Safe2Tell</u>, 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 <u>Safe2Tell announcement</u>.

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. <u>The Colorado Department of Education</u> in collaboration with the <u>Colorado School</u>
 <u>Safety Resource Center</u> 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) 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
- <u>Click here to see Livestreams of all previous keynote addresses</u>

WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES

Certificate Program in Traumatic Stress Studies

- Begins October 19, 2015 and runs through June 13, 2016 hosted by the Trauma Center At Justice Resource Institute
- During this nine month course, you will have weekly access to the program videos for viewing when it is most convenient for you. You'll also have the opportunity to engage in online group chat discussions, and quarterly live teleconference Q&A sessions led by Trauma Center faculty.
- You'll end the course with a Certificate in Traumatic Stress Studies, plus over 70 hours of home-study CE credit.
- Find more information and how to register <u>here</u>.

NEW Facing History and Ourselves

- Begins October 15, 2015 and runs through December 9, 2015 and is hosted by Facing History and Ourselves
- The multi-week online courses are designed fit your busy schedule and meet your needs. Educators who complete a Facing History online course become part of the Educator Network, which includes access to the Facing History website, their extensive lending library, and one-on-one support from a Facing History program associate. Online courses can be taken for graduate credit.
- There are 3 classes you can register for!
 - o Choices in Little Rock: An Approach to Teaching the Civil Rights Movement
 - o Holocaust and Human Behavior
 - o Holocaust and Human Behavior for Educators in a Jewish Setting
- <u>Get more details</u> about payment options, help with costs, refunds, becoming a Facing History Educator Network member, and more.

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

Colorado Healthy Schools Successful Students Cadre

- Hosted by: The Colorado Department of Education
- Events:
 - Teaching With The Brain In Mind: Part 2
 - October 5th, 2015
 - Durango
 - Integrating Physical Activity in Schools
 - October 5th, 2015
 - Montrose
 - Integrating Technology in Physical Education: Part 2
 - October 15th, 2015
 - SHAPE Colorado Convention- Westminster
 - Registration coming soon at: <u>http://www.shapeco.org/convention.html</u>
- Click <u>here</u> to register and for more information

Cultural Responsivity in Restorative Justice Practices

- <u>October 8th & 9th at Tamasag Retreat Center in Bellvue, CO</u>
- Hosted by: Restorative Justice Colorado
- This engaging workshop will enable participants to explore the importance of diversity and identity in restorative justice practices. The two-day workshop will examine the concepts of privilege, oppression, and facilitating difficult dialogues and explore the skills necessary to stay engaged when conflict across identity becomes challenging.
- School staff must be using RJ in their schools to be eligible for this workshop.

NEW Breaking the Silence: Suicide Prevention for Law Enforcement Guide

- October 13, 2015 1:00pm 3:00pm at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Highlands Ranch Substation
- This is an open house so that the <u>Carson J. Spencer Foundation</u> (CJSF) can debut their new program, Breaking the Silence Suicide Prevention for Law Enforcement
- This program was done in conjunction with the <u>International Association of Chiefs of Police</u>, <u>Denver Police</u> <u>Department</u> and many other top suicide prevention organizations in the USA.
- As you may or may not know, more cops die by their own hand than by the hand of a felon and 1,058 people lost their lives to suicide in 2014 in Colorado. Suicide is preventable and is a public health issue that is tragically still something that many do not want to think about let alone talk about and WE NEED TO BE TALKING ABOUT IT!!
- For more information please see the <u>flyer</u>!

NEW Are You Ready?

- Wednesday, October 14, 2015 from 11:00am 12:00pm in Denver, CO
- <u>Hosted by: Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership (CEPP) and the Colorado Department of</u> <u>Homeland Security and Emergency Management</u>
- Over the last few decades, the public has slowly lost touch with personal preparedness. As families became busier with work, school and recreational activities, preparedness has become an afterthought and is often abdicated to our first responders. This has created a void in resiliency for our communities. The "Are You Ready?" presentation is designed to stimulate interest in individuals to become better prepared for disasters and emergencies by taking simple steps: Make a Plan, Stay Informed and Get Involved. Are You Ready?
- This one hour presentation walks through the different hazards our communities face and then walks through each of the preparedness steps, providing the attendees with the tools necessary to become more resilient as an individual, as a group and as a community.
- For registration and more info please click <u>here</u>

NEW 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 <u>Pueblo County School District 70 (D70)</u>.
- Schedule:
 - Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at Pleasant View Middle School
 - Wednesday, November 11, 2015, at Prairie Winds Elementary School
 - 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: <u>Pueblo County Sheriff</u> Kirk Taylor, <u>Emergency Services Bureau</u> Chief Mark Mears, <u>D70</u> <u>Superintendent</u> Ed Smith, and <u>D70 Director of Student Services</u> 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 <u>no charge</u> 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 <u>303-345-7926</u> or e-mail him at johnsimmons@schoolsafetpartners.org.

NEW Police in Schools and School Discipline – 2nd Chance Webinar

- When: October 15, 2015 from 12:00-1:00pm MST
- The final presentation in Padres & Jóvenes Unidos' 2015 Summer Webinar Series is Police in Schools and School Discipline. It will engage about the relationship between police in schools and school discipline as well as how it relates to the School-to-Jail Track in Colorado.
- Guest will be Janelle Krueger, Manager of <u>Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Program</u> from <u>Colorado</u> <u>Department of Education</u> and Ricardo Martinez, Co-Executive Director of <u>Padres & Jóvenes Unidos</u>.
- Attendees will gain information on the history and current role of police in schools, the harmful impact of the criminalization of youth behavior, and be provided with tools and examples of how youth, parents, educators, administrators, law enforcement, and community members can work together to take action against the School-to-Jail Track.
- Recommended audience includes youth, parents, educators, administrator, law enforcement, and community partners interested in learning more about the campaign to End the School-to-Jail Track in Colorado as well as those looking for tools to take action today.
- Register <u>here</u>!

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

- Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015 and Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016.
- <u>Colorado Education Initiative (CEI)</u> 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:
 - \circ ~ The five social and emotional competencies
 - o 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.

Non-Confrontational Interview & Interrogation

- Thursday, December 17th and Friday, December 18th 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 <u>here</u>.

Blueprints Conference Call for Speakers

- <u>April 11-13, 2016</u>
- <u>The Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development Conference</u> brings together all those committed to helping young people reach their full potential!
- The goal of the conference is to disseminate science-based information on programs that have the highest standards for promoting education, behavior, emotional well-being, physical health and positive relationships.
- Join the movement as we continue to bridge the gap between research and practice for evidence-based programs that promote healthy youth development.
- The conference will be held at the Westin Westminster in Denver, CO
- Interested in speaking at the event?
 - Visit our website to review and submit the Call for Speakers Form.
 - Deadline to apply is **October 2, 2015**.
- 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.

Marijuana SRO Curriculum Offered

- The <u>Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)</u> have developed a new marijuana SRO curriculum. It is a two hour course dealing specifically with schools and marijuana usage.
- There is a minimum of ten SRO's per class.
- For more information, please review the informational flyer.
- There is also an opportunity to host an introduction to marijuana for law enforcement in your area. Information is available <u>here</u>.
- Please contact Carolyn Berry at 720-508-6725 for more information.

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

UPADATED 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
- \$100 off scholarships to the conference are available to those working in rural districts. The scholarships are provided by Facebook and are available on a first come, first serve basis. The coupon code to enter is <u>FB15</u>.

<u>Special Incentive</u>: If you register for the conference between October 1st and November 1st and use Chris Harms' name as the referral, please send Chris an email that you've done so (<u>christine.harms@state.co.us</u>). She will then arrange to meet you at the conference and give you the \$5 Starbuck's card being offered by the IBPC staff for all referrals.

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Forecast of Funding Opportunities under the Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2015

- <u>The U.S. Department of Education (ED)</u> has published a document listing the programs and competitions where they have invited, or expect to invite, applications for new awards.
- A number of post-secondary opportunities are detailed in chart 4A.
- Actual or estimated deadline dates for the transmittal of applications under these programs are also included.
- The charts are organized according to ED's principal program offices. To access this resource, click <u>here</u>.

LAUNCH Together Phase I Community Planning Grant

- Due Date for Applications: October 19, 2015 5:00pm MST
- This opportunity is possible through a collaboration of seven Colorado-based foundations: <u>The Ben and Lucy</u> <u>Ana Fund of the Walton Family Foundation</u>, <u>Buell Foundation</u>, <u>Caring for Colorado Foundation</u>, <u>the Colorado</u> <u>Health Foundation</u>, <u>Community First Foundation</u>, <u>The Piton Foundation at Gary Community Investments and</u> <u>Rose Community Foundation</u>.
- LAUNCH Together aims to:
 - 1) invest in communities to plan and implement effective community-based strategies and train professionals in a variety of settings;
 - 2) bring together public and private partners to communicate what works, raise awareness and support policy changes to sustain effective community practices;
 - 3) evaluate the project and provide technical assistance to grantees.
- Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 7
- Estimated Award Amount: Up to \$55,000 per award
- Get more information by visiting <u>launchtogethercolorado.org</u>
- You can also contact <u>Morgan Janke</u>, LAUNCH Together Project Director or <u>Molly Yost</u>, LAUNCH Together TA & Policy Manager

School Security In-Kind Grant Program

- This is an ongoing grant opportunity
- <u>Video Insight</u> 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 <u>website</u> or call (713)621-9779.

RESOURCES and INFORMATION

CDPHE Releases 2014 Suicide Data

• Suicide claims record number of Coloradans

- Last year Colorado alone lost 1,058 people to suicide. The highest number in state history and the seventh highest in the country.
- Suicide kills more Coloradans each year than homicide, car crashes, diabetes, breast cancer, flu or pneumonia.
- To learn more or get involved, visit the health department's suicide prevention page or the <u>Suicide</u> <u>Prevention Coalition of Colorado</u>.
- Read the entire <u>article</u>.

NEW Healthy Purchasing for Healthy Schools – A Guidance Memo

- <u>Healthy Schools Network</u> 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 <u>here</u>

NEW IBPA's Fall Newsletter

- International Bullying Prevention Association Fall 2015 Newsletter
- Please find the current newsletter <u>here</u>

NEW 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 <u>here</u> for the newsletter

NEW "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 <u>here</u>!

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Student Government Associations and Campus Safety

- With the start of a new academic year approaching, student government associations (SGAs) are gearing up for another year's worth of student representation. SGAs perform a variety of important functions on campuses, one of which is organizing and managing student groups. In many cases, students and administrations are working together to enhance campus public safety.
- Examples of student-organized groups that serve campus public safety needs can be found across the country. Two successful examples to consider are: The <u>Student Auxiliary Safety Patrol (SASP) at Ithaca</u>

<u>College</u> and the <u>Student Committee for Safety and Security</u> at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill. The SASP was formed with "the purpose of providing auxiliary support to the College's Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management." The group of 40 students conducts nightly campus patrols, assists with special events, and performs other campus public safety tasks. SASP also has an <u>escort program</u>, which connects group members with any member of the campus community that wishes to be accompanied while walking on campus between the hours of 9pm and 3am.

NEW White House Task Force Releases New Resources for Campus Communities

- The <u>White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault</u> 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:
 - o Campus climate surveys
 - Prevention tools
 - Training and technical assistance, including information on the <u>trauma-informed sexual assault</u> <u>investigation and adjudication training program from NCCPS</u>
 - o Sexual misconduct policies and procedures
 - o Community partnerships and MOUs
 - o Public awareness and engagement activities
 - o Data and information-sharing
 - Selected funding opportunities
 - Related law and policy sources
- The resource guide can be found on <u>Notalone.gov</u> or you may <u>download the PDF.</u>
- The <u>Safe Place resource kit</u> 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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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 (<u>www.Colorado.gov/SchoolSafetyResourceCenter</u> or <u>www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC</u>) 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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