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E-UPDATE FROM CSSRC ~ You are receiving this email as a subscriber of the Center's listserv. E-Updates from CSSRC will contain the most current information about the Center's activities and resources, as well as the school safety efforts throughout the state of Colorado.

Please forward this email to others on your email list with an interest in supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado. They may register for this listserv on our website <http://safeschools.state.co.us/index.html>

CSSRC 2010 YEAR AT A GLANCE

As the year end approaches the CSSRC would like to recap some highlights for our Center and the supports provided for Colorado School Safety this past year. Our creating legislation speaks to a need for a collaborative approach for school safety in our state, and we are most proud of the work we have begun together!

We would like to start by thanking all of you with whom we worked this past year-

Thank you to our 17 member Advisory Board. These committed representatives from various agencies, schools and other groups in this state continue to guide and assist in our efforts.

Thanks to the 76 people from 28 different agencies and organizations around the state who have participated in three ongoing work groups on Emergency Response Planning, Threat Assessment, and Interagency Information Sharing. Soon you will begin to see the outcomes of their hard work!

Over 2,000 district and school staff members, emergency management staff, community partners, parents and other stakeholders in school safety who connected with the Center and updated training on school safety this past year by participating in the 28 various trainings provided, hosted, or co-hosted by the CSSRC. Thanks to all of you who have school safety as your priority and work hard in your schools and communities toward that goal!

Thank you to the 80 presenters and volunteers who have assisted us in bringing training resources to the state, through the Regional Safe Schools Trainings and Suicide Symposiums this past year!

The CSSRC received and responded to 594 requests for resources, trainings, consultations and technical assistance on a variety of school safety related issues. Thank you for seeking out the answers or resources to meet your needs!

We thank the *3,216 members of the CSSRC Listserv for staying updated about the school safety efforts throughout the state of Colorado.*

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and are looking forward to working with you in the year 2011!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the CSSRC Advisory Board Vice-Chair George Welsh, Center Consolidated Schools Superintendent, who received the Demont Award at the Colorado

Association of School Boards Convention, naming him Outstanding Rural Superintendent of the Year!

TRAININGS

- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE** - CSSRC (CDPS) and CSPV (CU-Boulder) will host the next **Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training in Vail on May 5-6, 2011**. The conference will be held at the Vail Cascade Resort. This will be a training and resource fair. Representatives from leading violence prevention programs will be on hand. Registration opens March, 2011. Watch for more information at www.colorado.edu.cspv or www.safeschools.state.co.us.
- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE** – CSSRC, Colorado Department of Education and the Office of Suicide Prevention (CDPHE) are sponsoring a **Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium in Montrose, Colorado on March 3, 2011**. This symposium is offered at no-cost and will feature panels of school and agency personnel with a variety of experience in youth suicide prevention, assessment and postvention practices. This training has received outstanding feedback and covers similar topics as those presented in Wheat Ridge and Highlands Ranch in 2010.
- ❖ **NEW RESOURCES POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE**- As a continued effort to provide schools and communities with links to current research and helpful materials we have highlighted some of our most recent postings below:

- ❖ **November issue of Colorado Safe Schools Newsletter** – published by CSSRC and CSPV is now available online. The focus of the November issue is Bullying and Harassment Prevention Resources. Please go to <http://safeschools.state.co.us/docs/CSSNewsletter/newsletter%203-2cssrc.pdf> to read the newsletter.

❖ **Prevention Resources**

- ✓ **Doing What Works (DWW) website**, created by U.S. Department of Education
 - The goal of DWW <http://dww.ed.gov/> is to create an online library of resources that may help teachers, schools, districts, states and technical assistance providers implement research-based instructional practice.
 - [Dropout Prevention](#)
 - [Reducing Behavior Problems in Elementary School Classrooms](#)

❖ **Bullying Prevention**

- ✓ **The ABCs of Bullying Addressing, Blocking, and Curbing School Aggression, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, SAMHSA**
 - This online course is designed for professionals in education, health and mental health, and related fields, including social workers, school counselors, school nurses, teachers, and principals. Quizzes at the end of course modules allow course participants to gauge their learning against course objectives.
 - For more information, please see <http://safeschools.state.co.us/training.html#n3>

❖ **Suicide Prevention**

- ✓ **Responding to a Suicide Cluster: Palo Alto School District** (V5, I2, 2010) – published by Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center
 - *Lessons Learned* is a series prepared by the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and the REMS TA Center. *Lessons Learned* are brief recountings of actual school emergencies and

crises. They spotlight the critical actions, decisions and events that took place before, during and after a real incident.

❖ Statistics and Research for Safe Schools

- ✓ **Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2010 Report Offers Information on School Crime and Victimization**
 - The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Statistics, in collaboration with the National Center for Education Statistics, has published the report.
 - The report draws on federally funded studies to present detailed statistical information about crimes that occur in school and on the way to and from school. It presents data from the perspectives of students, teachers, and principals. Topics addressed include bullying, victimization, fights, weapons, drug and alcohol use by students, school conditions, and student perceptions of personal safety.
 - "Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2010" is available online at bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/iscs10.pdf.

For additional Prevention/Mitigation, Preparedness, Response please visit <http://safeschools.state.co.us/Resources2.html>.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ Tony Grampsas Youth Services (TGYS) Program, CDPHE

- ✓ The Request for Applications (RFA) for the Tony Grampsas Youth Services (TGYS) Program has been released.
- ✓ The Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program was established in 1994 to provide state funding for effective, community-based programs that target children, youth and their families with programs and services that prevent youth crime and violence and child abuse and neglect. TGYS has traditionally funded grants ranging from \$15,000 to \$60,000 per agency. The TGYS Program has a statewide focus, and, typically, qualified organizations from a vast majority of Colorado counties receive TGYS funding.
- ✓ **Deadline** for submission is 3:00 p.m. on **January 31, 2011**.
- ✓ The RFA can be found at www.tgys.org, along with the required attachments.
- ✓ Any questions regarding this RFA should be submitted, by email, to Alan Frosh at alan.frosh@state.co.us by January 21, 2011.

❖ FY 2011 Safe Schools, Healthy Students (SS/HS) Program becomes available in early spring, 2011.

- ✓ When the FY 2011 SS/HS grant application becomes available in early spring, 2011, it can be accessed on the SS/HS web site at: <http://sshs.samhsa.gov>.
- ✓ The Safe Schools, Healthy Students "Show Me How" video is now available on the SS/HS web site at: <http://SSHS.SAMHSA.gov>.

TO ASSIST YOU THIS YEAR...

The Colorado School Safety Resource Center is available to any Pre-K through higher education schools to assist in your school safety planning. Our mission is to provide **free 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 continue to plan this school year. We invite you to continue monitoring our website (www.safeschools.state.co.us) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. Call us at: 303-239-4435.



Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!