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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 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>

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Opening for School Safety Resource Specialist, School Safety Resource Center – posting closes *Tuesday, December 6, 2011*

- The announcement is for a General Professional II in the Department of Public Safety – School Safety Resource Specialist. Please see the position announcement for more detail. [Click Here](#)
- For those who are unable to use the link, go to <http://www.colorado.gov/cojobs> the State website for employment.
- If you have additional questions related to the position duties, please contact the School Safety Resource Center, 303-239-4435. For any other questions about state employment, this posting, or for on-line application assistance, please contact: Ruth Strauss, HR Specialist, 303-239-4428. Ruth.Strauss@cdps.state.co.us

❖ November Safe Schools Newsletter

- "School-Based Prevention for a Lifetime of Success"
- [Read the newsletter here](#)

❖ Survey on Substance Abuse Prevention and Collaboration

- The Partnership at Drugfree.org is conducting a [survey](#) to increase understanding of the best way to develop collaborations between law enforcement, substance abuse prevention agencies, and educators to prevent teens and young adults from engaging in substance abuse. Results will inform the development of a substance abuse collaboration training manual that will be free and available to participants and interested communities. The survey is funded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. All members of the education and juvenile justice community are encouraged to participate. It is available [online](#), and takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

- Take the survey online, at pact360.org/pact360-community-needs-assessment-survey/. For more information, go to pact360.org/about-the-pact360-community-needs-assessment/.

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER TRAININGS

❖ **Bullying Prevention Institute - Sponsored by the Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Legacy Foundation, and Colorado School Safety Resource Center**

- **Registration *open for two locations* (registration filling fast – register soon to reserve your spot!)**
- **Pueblo – December 8, 2011, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm**
 CSU – Pueblo
 Occhiato University Center – Room 109 – Ballroom
 2200 Bonforte Blvd., Pueblo, CO 81001
- **Metro Denver – January 25, 2012, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm**
 Aurora Public Schools Professional Learning and Conference Center
 15771 E. 1st Avenue, Aurora, CO 80011
 Special Guest Speaker Dorothy Espelage, Ph. D.
 See the new Bullying Prevention Institute Flyer for more information [LINK](#)
- **Who should attend:** Designed for school administrators, PBIS teams, school safety teams, school mental health professionals
- **What:** Overview of the new Colorado bullying prevention legislation, best practices in prevention and intervention, preventing bias based bullying, assessing school climate, cyberbullying and more...
- No charge for Colorado participants, lunch provided. Space is limited and registration is required.
- See Bullying Prevention Institute flyer for registration information [LINK](#)
- **Registration Instructions:** Please go to www.co.train.org. First set up a learner account and then register for the Institute location and date using the **course ID** number: **1028332**. You will need Internet Explorer to register through the CO Train System. If you have questions or need assistance with registration, please contact the Colorado School Safety Resource Center at 303-239-4435.

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS

❖ **safeTALK**

- **December 1, 2011 from 1-4pm, Castle Rock, CO**
- Contact Phyllis Harvey to register, 303-814-7033, pharvey@dcsheriff.net – sign up quick before the class fills up!

- **safeTALK** is a three-hour training that prepares anyone over age 15 to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. Most people with thoughts of suicide invite help. www.livingworks.net
- Open to the community and are offered **free of charge**, thanks to funding from the South Metro Out of the Darkness Community Walk.

❖ **Asist**

- **February 2-3 (full but building a wait list), April 19-20, and June 7-8**
- Contact Mike Arnold to register, 303-387-0122, mlarnold@dcsdk12.org
- ASIST is a two-day, interactive program that teaches participant to recognize a person at-risk, help keep the person safe and help the person seeking help. www.livingworks.net
- Open to the community and are offered **free of charge**, thanks to funding from the South Metro Out of the Darkness Community Walk.

❖ **Working Minds Suicide Prevention Train the Trainer**

- Presented by the Carson J Spencer Foundation
- **Thursday, December 15, 2011 1:30-5:00 pm**
- CJSF Headquarters, 528 Commons Drive, Golden, CO 80401
- Suicide prevention is a personal issue and a family concern, but it is also a public health issue which impacts workplaces. By improving a workplace's commitment to mental health promotion, workplaces can be a key partner in the effort to prevent suicides. Just as workplaces have realized they can make an impact on reducing heart disease by encouraging exercise, they can also make an impact on reducing suicide by promoting mental health and encouraging early identification and intervention.
- [Register here](#)

❖ **Bullying and Harassment: Thin Line...Thin Ice**

- See new **FREE** Online Course!
- **This is open to the public and especially designed for administrators and Title IX Coordinators.** The Centennial BOCES has partnered with the University of Colorado Bueno Center Equity Assistance Center, the Education Compliance Group, Down to Earth Media, and eNetColorado in this educational opportunity for administrators and coordinators in districts across the state to address the issues of bullying and harassment. This project was partially funded by a grant through the Colorado Department of Public Safety, School Safety Resource Center.
- **Select the course link and register yourself for the course** <http://moodle.enetcolorado.org>

❖ **Colorado Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS) Training Calendar**

- See this website for upcoming training opportunities
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/scripts/calendarpbs/events.asp>

WEBINARS

❖ **An Overview of Bath Salts and Other Synthetic Drugs from Law Enforcement and Medical Perspectives**

- Hosted by the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children
- **Wednesday, December 14, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Mountain Time**

- In this webinar, attendees will be provided information about what synthetic drugs are, how these drugs are manufactured and distributed, and how to identify them. Presenters will also discuss the dangers associated with these drugs, and provide a brief overview of legislation targeting them and how law enforcement is combating the problem.
- Presented by Trey King, William Benson, and Dr. Sullivan Smith. General Robert Cooper, Tennessee's State Attorney General, will provide opening remarks.
- **Space is limited.** [Reserve your Webinar seat now](#)

❖ **Improving Children's Health through Federal Collaboration**

- **2nd Thursday of every month 2-3:30 pm MST**
- The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, and the Health Resources and Services Administration, Region VIII, have organized, in collaboration with other Federal partners, a one-year-long webinar series.
- The purpose of this webinar series is to encourage coordination, collaboration and information sharing across government agencies and organizations, health care providers, educators, and the general public in addressing children's health issues.
- Upcoming sessions include:
 1. December 8, 2011 – Pediatric Environmental Health Resources for Community Health Professionals
 2. **January 12, 2012 – Coordinated School Health: Clean, Green and Healthy Schools**
 3. February 9, 2012 – Obesity Prevention
- [More information, session descriptions, registration here](#)

❖ **Well-Aware Archived Webinars on Suicide and Young Children**

- Well Aware has made available podcasts and PowerPoint slides from their fall series of three webinars themed “starting young, starting early.” The webinars are sponsored by the State of Wyoming using Garrett Lee Smith funding.
- Sessions include
 - Cry for Help: Can Children Elementary-Age and Younger Really Be Suicidal?
 - Guiding Light: Helping Parents Comprehend the Potential for Suicide in Their Children
 - How Young Is Too Young? Age-Appropriate Programs to Foster Suicide Prevention in Children.
- [Access the webinars and other suicide prevention resources](#)

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ **2012 Safe Routes to School Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure Grants**

- Colorado Department of Transportation
- **Application Deadline: December 2nd, 2011, 4:00 pm**
- Deadline is quickly approaching! Feel free to e-mail srts@dot.state.co.us or call 303.757.9088 for guidance and help.
[View Application](#)

❖ **UPCOMING: Safe Routes to School \$1,000 Mini Grants to Pilot K-8 Bicycle and Pedestrian Lesson Plans**

- Colorado Department of Transportation
- Many schools in Colorado rely solely on physical education and extracurricular classes to teach children bicycle and pedestrian skills and lessons. This project aims to expand on these activities by incorporating bicycle and pedestrian lessons in core K-8 classes (math, science, history, language arts, etc.) with the goal of getting kids thinking about the benefits of walking and bicycling throughout their entire learning.
- Application will be posted [here](#)

❖ **The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs – New Federal Grant Opportunities Search Tool.**

- The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs has created an online [Web tool](#) that allows users to search for federal grant opportunities by youth topic or federal agency on [Grants.gov](#). The tool uses a filter to search for grants that are likely to fund youth programs. [Grants.gov](#) is a Web site that allows users to search and apply for thousands of federal grants.
- To use the tool, go to www.findyouthinfo.gov/GrantsSearch.aspx.
- Find federal grants on <http://grants.gov>.

❖ **Healthy School Champions Score Card**

- **Application Deadline: January 10th, 2012**
- Last year, fifteen Colorado schools received monetary awards and additional schools received recognition through banners to help identify their schools as Healthy School Champions. This year, we will increase the number of schools receiving both monetary and recognition awards.
- The criteria used to determine the schools chosen for this year's recognition will include: 1) the total score achieved across all areas of the Score Card; 2) the quality of the success stories submitted for each of the component areas; 3) support letters to be submitted by a principal, teacher, parent and student; and 4) interviews to be conducted with the schools selected as finalists.
- For information contact: kfleming@colegacy.org
- [Get more information and submit a Score Card](#)

RESOURCES

❖ **Research and Statistics Resource**

- **Understanding Evidence Part 1: Best Available Research Evidence. A Guide to the Continuum of Evidence of Effectiveness**
 - A new report released by [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), *Understanding Evidence, Part 1: Best Available Research Evidence*, aims to explain the purpose and meaning of the *Continuum of Evidence of Effectiveness*, a tool that was developed to facilitate a common understanding of what the best available research evidence means in the field of violence prevention. This *Continuum* also serves to

provide common language for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers in discussing evidence-based decision making.

- [Read the report](#)

❖ Prevention Resources

- **Essentials of School Threat Assessment: Preventing Targeted School Violence**

- This document is intended as guidance to Colorado schools and was created with collaboration from the Threat Assessment Work Group of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center. Consultation with district legal counsel and local law enforcement is recommended. Additional consultation and template formats may also be obtained from the Colorado School Safety Resource Center, Department of Public Safety.
- Contains the following sections:
 1. Elements of a School Threat Assessment Process
 2. The Cycle of Threat Assessment
 3. Threat Assessment Inquiry Steps
 4. Secret Service 11 Key Questions
 5. Selected Threat Assessment Resources

- [Download the guide](#)

- **Attorney General Holder Writes About Youth Violence Prevention**

- In a November 8, 2011 blog post, Attorney General Eric Holder discussed the efforts of the cities participating in the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention to stop youth violence. The Forum springs from a partnership between the Departments of Justice and Education and brings local experts together with federal officials and other stakeholders to develop strategies to reduce brutality among youth and assist young offenders with reentry.
- Read Attorney General Holder's blog post [online](#)
- For more information about the [National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention](#)

- **National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Study Finds School Interventions Significantly Reduce Dating Violence**

- School-level interventions reduced dating violence as much as 50 percent in 30 New York City public schools. These interventions included using school-based restraining orders, increasing faculty and security presence in dating violence "hot spots," and hanging posters to increase awareness of the issue and encourage students to report it to officials.
- NIJ is a research branch of the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice.
- [Read a press release about the study](#)
- [Read the complete report](#)

- **Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School**

- New study from the American Association of University Women (AAUW)
- Based on findings from a nationally representative survey conducted in May and June, 2011, this report presents comprehensive research on sexual harassment in grades 7–12

and reveals some statistics about the prevalence of sexual harassment and the negative impact it has on students' education.

- [Read the report](#)
- [Learn more about AAUW](#)
- **HHS' NIH's NIAAA Announces "Teen Alcohol Risk Screening Guide" is now Available**
 - The National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism has released, "Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner's Guide." This tool helps healthcare professionals identify youth at risk for alcohol-related problems, counsel or advise them, and connect them to external sources of treatment. It contains a risk assessment survey and links to motivational interviewing resources.
 - The guide is free and can be downloaded or ordered online.
 - [Download or order the guide](#)
- **EPA Voluntary School Site Guidelines**
 - EPA has announced guidelines to help school districts and communities select environmentally healthy and safe locations for schools. The guidelines were mandated by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and were developed in consultation with other federal agencies, states, school districts, community organizations, health care professionals, and teachers, as well as environmental justice leaders and children's health and environmental groups. The guidelines provide recommendations on steps to evaluate potential environmental challenges and benefits at candidate sites.
 - [Learn more about the guidelines](#)

❖ Preparedness and Planning Resources

- **Letter to School Administrators from the School Safety Resource Center and the Division of Fire Safety**
 - The attached information was sent to all Superintendents and Principals from the Division of Fire Safety and highlights changes to the School Maintenance Inspection procedure related to SB 11-173 that now includes questions related to school safety plans, NIMS/ICS compliance, and communication equipment, including interoperable communications. You can find additional information on the CSSRC website. <http://www.safeschools.state.co.us/NIMS.html> or we are available for questions by phone.
 - For more information related to Colorado Legislation related to school safety see <http://www.safeschools.state.co.us/legislation.html>

❖ Recovery Resources

- ***Back to School Resources for School Personnel - From the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN).***
 - Designed to bring awareness to trauma-related topics for teachers, school staff, and administrators, this compilation of Network products is brought to you by the NCTSN Schools Committee and is available now.

- [LINK](#)

THE CSSRC IS AVAILABLE to any Pre-K through higher education school to assist in your school safety planning. Our mission is to provide ***no cost consultation, resources, training and technical assistance*** that can help you create a safe, positive, and successful school. We can customize a variety of trainings for your school safety and crisis planning teams or your school staff as you plan and train this school year. We invite you to continue monitoring our website (www.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!

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