



February 16, 2011

E-UPDATE FROM CSSRC ~ You are receiving this email as a subscriber of the Center's listserv. E-Updates from the 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 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>

COLORADO NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **February Issue of Colorado Safe Schools Newsletter** published by CSSRC and CSPV is now available online. The focus of this issue is **Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention**. Please go to <http://safeschools.state.co.us/docs/Newsletter%203-3.pdf> to read the newsletter.
- ❖ **Support Safe2Tell®**
 - ✓ To Colorado Partners in School Safety: Please read the attached letter Safe2Tell sent to your school superintendents and learn how to continue to offer Safe2Tell to your students, parents and teachers.
On behalf of Safe2Tell and the Colorado Attorney General's office, Susan Payne is urging you to partner with them to make it Safe2Tell for all Colorado children. Safe2Tell has been recognized on the national and international level as a model strategy that demonstrates the ability to focus on prevention and early intervention through collaboration and partnership. Safe2tell provides education and awareness along with accountability and follow up on each and every report. Safe2Tell is anonymous through the "Safe2Tell" law in Colorado. Safe2Tell provides the anonymous, encrypted two-way dialogue, the technology to capture and disperse the information obtained; while providing a phone line that does not have caller id and will always be answered live 24 hours a day/ 7days a week by trained communication specialists.
 - ✓ Please see Susan's full letter and the letter to school superintendents attached. For questions please contact: susan@safe2tell.org, (719) 520-7435 office, www.safe2tell.org
- ❖ **Colorado Children & Youth Information Sharing Collaborative (CCYIS) and the Colorado Statewide Information Sharing Initiative**
 - ✓ The Colorado Statewide Information Sharing Initiative now has a newsletter highlighting the efforts and accomplishments of the State of Colorado's Information Sharing Initiatives. It highlights State efforts but focuses on children, youth and family initiatives involved with the Colorado Children & Youth Information Sharing Collaborative (CCYIS).
 - ✓ The Colorado School Safety Resource Center has been involved in these efforts also. As part of its mission, the CSSRC advisory board identified information sharing for school and public safety as one area needing further study and planning. An information sharing work group was designated by the CSSRC in May 2009 to determine the barriers to and facilitate adoption and implementation of interagency information sharing agreements between local jurisdictions and school districts as outlined in HB 00-1119 and SB 00-133. This work group includes multi-disciplinary participation and receives input and information from other agencies and efforts to examine school and public safety issues.
 - ✓ To see the first E-Newsletter publication from the **Colorado Statewide Information Sharing Initiative** go to <http://www.juvenileis.org/ccyis.html>.
 - ✓ For more information about Interagency Information Sharing from the Colorado Office of the Attorney General http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/youth_violence_prevention

CSSRC TRAININGS

- ❖ **Registration now open for Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium, Montrose, March 3, 2011.** This symposium is hosted by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CDPS), the Colorado Department of Education, and the Office of Suicide Prevention (CDPHE) with support from Colorado West Regional Mental Health, Inc. and the Center for Mental Health.
 - ✓ Date and Time: **March 3, 2011, 8:30 am-3:30 pm**
 - ✓ Location: Montrose Pavilion Events Center, **1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose, CO 81401**
 - ✓ No cost to participants
 - ✓ To view **New Event** Flyer go to <http://safeschools.state.co.us/docs/New%20Flyer%20Suicide%20Symposium%20March%203,%202011.pdf>.
 - ✓ Register online at www.co.train.org, course ID: 1025171.
- ❖ **Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training: Resource Expo, Vail, May 5-6, 2011**, hosted by CSPV and CSSRC.
 - ✓ To view [Save the Date Flyer](http://safeschools.state.co.us/docs/5-11%20savethedate.pdf) go to <http://safeschools.state.co.us/docs/5-11%20savethedate.pdf>
 - ✓ **Registration opens March 1, 2011.**

OTHER COLORADO AND NATIONAL TRAININGS

- ❖ **“Establishing Supportive Relationships Between Teachers, Staff, Students, and Families” Webinar, U.S. ED’s Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools’ Safe and Supporting TA Center** (no cost)
 - ✓ **Thursday, February 17, 2011, 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M., MST**
 - ✓ As a result of participating in this session, participants will be able to: Identify models that provide a foundation for relational-focused environments; describe ways in which positive relationships and school environment influence levels of conflict; and identify strategies to enhance their existing conflict management protocols.
 - ✓ This Webinar is appropriate for school administrators, teacher leaders, professional and certified staff, home-school liaisons, guidance counselors, and social workers.
 - ✓ Please note that this is **second in a series of webinars** offered on developing safe school climates.
 - ✓ For more information or to register please email sssta@air.org or call 1-800-258-8413
- ❖ **Schools and Trauma Speaker Series (National Child Traumatic Stress Network) Trauma-Informed IEPs: Differential Diagnosis and Trauma-Informed Assessment in Schools Webinar, February 23, 2011, 1:00 pm MST** (no cost)

Presenters: M. Elizabeth Ralston, PhD, The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children’s Center; Lisa Nicole Herring, EdD, Student Support Services, Charleston County School District; Ben Atchison, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Western Michigan University

 - ✓ Presenters will discuss trauma-informed assessment in schools, differential diagnosis, and trauma-informed IEPs (Individualized Education Plans).
 - ✓ For more information please go to <http://safeschools.state.co.us/training.html#m3>
- ❖ **Vulnerability Assessments Webinar, presented by Dr. Arthur Cummins, February 28, 2011, hosted by the American Clearinghouse on Educational Facilities.**
 - ✓ In this online learning opportunity, content and resources will be shared to support a strategic approach to assessing matters of safety and security in school settings. Current research will be cited and you will be directed to a broad scope of resources to support your learning in this area. A variety of tools will be discussed to support implementation at the local level. Outcomes from this session will allow you to activate and mobilize a call to action.
 - ✓ Topics to be discussed include vulnerability and threat assessment of school sites and facilities.
 - ✓ Free registration available at <http://www.acefacilities.org/DeliveryDetails.aspx?classid=d607435c-cf7d-4b05-9426-896adbee7cad>

- ❖ **Survey Series: Survey Management Webinar, U.S. ED's Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools' Safe and Supporting TA Center** (no cost)
 - ✓ **March 2**, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm MST
 - ✓ **March 3**, 9:00 am – 10:30 am MST
 - ✓ At the end of this module, participants will have an understanding of issues related to planning and managing school climate surveys, promoting the survey with districts and coordinating their participation, and ensuring data quality and confidentiality.
 - ✓ This Webinar is appropriate for school district superintendents and supervisory staff who oversee survey administration, school administrators and allied staff.
 - ✓ For more information or to register please email sssta@air.org or call 1-800-258-8413


- ❖ **Response to Gang Violence in Aurora: An Inside Look at the Comprehensive Gang Model, presented by Colorado Juvenile Council**
 - ✓ When: **Friday, March 11th**, 2011, 8:30-3:30 pm *LUNCH PROVIDED*
 - ✓ Where: Centre Point Plaza, 14980 East Alameda Drive. Aurora, CO 80012
 - ✓ Presenters:
 - Larry Martinez, Detective Gang Intervention Unit, Aurora Police Department
 - Tyler Smith, Dean of Students, Aurora Central High School
 - Dawn Barrett, Division Manager, City of Aurora
 - Francisco Gallardo, Director, Grasp Youth-Gang Rescue And Support Project
 - ✓ Cost: \$50.00 for non CJC Members
 - ✓ Questions: 720-423-5278

- ❖ **Bullying Prevention Webinar, U.S. ED's Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools' Safe and Supporting TA Center** (no cost)
 - ✓ **March 16**, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm MST
 - ✓ **March 17**, 9:00 am- 10:30 am MST
 - ✓ For more information or to register please email sssta@air.org or call 1-800-258-8413

- ❖ **Six regional Making the Most of Public Funding trainings, March – June 2011 presented by the Blending & Braiding Your Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Initiative across the state.**
 - ✓ These no cost trainings are an opportunity to learn about:
 - *TANF Funding for Supportive Services*: Participants will learn about the range of appropriate services and eligible populations under TANF funding.
 - *Blending and Braiding*: Participants will learn concrete fiscal coordination strategies and details of how to successfully blend and braid funds.
 - *Partnering with Your Funders*: Participants will learn a process for using data, advocacy, and community input to advocate for funding community needs.
 - ✓ The trainings are appropriate for directors, managers, and fiscal staff, or anyone else with fiscal knowledge and an interest in understanding fiscal coordination AND family, consumer, and community **advocates and non-profits interested in partnering with local funders and having a voice in funding decisions.**
 - ✓ For more information, to register, and to access updated dates and locations, please visit: <http://www.csi-policy.org/blendandbraid>.

- ❖ **Early/Discounted Registration is now open for: The Knapsack Institute: Transforming Teaching and Learning, June 1-4, 2011**
 - ✓ The Knapsack Institute supports educators (K-12 and higher education) across the nation as they create curriculum and pedagogy to integrate race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class and other forms of social inequality into their work and strive to create inclusive classrooms.
 - ✓ **All New K-12 Track!** The Knapsack Institute is partnering with a number of national organizations to offer a separate K-12 track. Breakout sessions will examine issues such as: bullying, ally building, issues of safety for students, gender identity, creating inclusive environments, and culturally responsive practices. Co-sponsored by the ADL's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE[®] Institute
 - ✓ For more information please go to <http://www.uccs.edu/~knapsack/>

- ❖ **The 2011 National Gang Symposium**, "Progress Through Partnerships," will take place **June 7–10, 2011, in Orlando, Florida**. The symposium is sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and the National Gang Center.
 - ✓ This symposium will focus on successful gang-related programs and gang reduction strategies. Top national gang experts will describe current gang activities and trends. Breakout sessions will examine topics including gang prevention in schools, gangs and mental health, gangs on the Internet, immigrant and Asian gangs, and gang assessments.
 - ✓ For more information, visit: www.gangsymposium.org.

 **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:

❖ **Prevention Resources**

- ✓ **What's up with the bath salts thing? An explanation of sorts.** – PIC Newswire
There has been a recent flurry of press coverage related to the use and abuse of "bath salts." This post is a summary of likely factual information coming to the PIC Library staff from various channels. One thing to understand, is that these are not the Epsom salts or cosmetic bath salts that we normally think of.
- ✓ Read the full article at http://picnewswire.wordpress.com/2011/02/04/whats-up-with-the-bath-salts-thing-an-explanation-of-sorts/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+PreventionInformationCenterNewswire+%28Prevention+Information+Center+Newswire%29

Mental/Behavioral Health


- ✓ **Coping in Hard Times: Facts Sheet for Youth High School and College Age (NCTSN)**
The Terrorism and Disaster Collaborative Group is developing a series of fact sheets on the stress that uncertain and difficult times can have on children and families. *Coping in Hard Times: Facts Sheet for Youth High School and College Age* discusses how challenging financial circumstances can affect a young person's sense of safety, ability to calm, self and community efficacy, connectedness, and hope. In addition, the fact sheet gives specific and practical ways for youth to address problems, stay connected, network, and cope better during economic downturns.
- ✓ http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/Coping_in_Hard_Times_For_Youth.pdf

Internet Safety

- ✓ **Safe Online Surfing (SOS)**
The FBI has published a newsletter this month about the **Safe Online Surfing (SOS)** program for schools. The article is available at http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/january/online_011111/online_011111
Topics covered in the program include password security, cyberbullying, virus protection, copyright issues, online predators, e-mail, chat rooms, social networking sites, when to talk to parents or teachers about a threat, and appropriate uses of cell phones and gaming devices. Schools interested in signing up for the Safe Online Surfing program should contact the Community Outreach Specialist in their local FBI office. <http://www.fbi-sos.org/>

❖ **Statistics and Research for Safe Schools**

- ✓ **Trends in High School Dropout and Completion Rates in the United States: 1972–2008** , **The National Center for Education Statistics**
A **report** that provides high school dropout and completion rates in the United States between 1972 and 2008. Data also present students' age, sex, and race/ethnicity, and the rates of on-time graduation from high school.
Findings show that approximately 3 million 16–24 year-olds were not enrolled in high school or had not earned a high school diploma or alternative credential by October 2008.
Available at <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2011012>

 **CSSRC 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!