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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

❖ Announcement from the Colorado School Safety Resource Center

- We are delighted that the School Safety Outreach Consultant, Chris Harms, has recently been appointed as the Director.
- A job posting to fill the position of Outreach Consultant is expected very soon. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be qualified for this position, please watch for the job announcement within the Department of Public Safety. Please feel free to contact us at the School Safety Resource Center with any questions. Job openings for State of Colorado employment can be monitored at:
<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/colorado/default.cfm>

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER TRAININGS

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

- **Metro Denver – Thursday, March 1, 2012, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm**
Adams 12 Five Star Schools Conference Center
1500 E. 128th Avenue, Thornton, CO 80241
Special Guest Speaker: Dorothy Espelage, Ph. D.
This will be a repeat of the January 25th Institute in Aurora.
There are a limited number of seats remaining.

- **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 the Bullying Prevention Institute Flyer for more 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

❖ Asist

- **Hosted by Douglas County School Districts: February 2-3 (full but building a wait list), April 19-20, and June 7-8, 2012**
- 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.

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- **Hosted by Littleton Public Schools: February 9-10 and June 1-2, 2012**
- 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
- Email Cathy Carr to register, ccarr@lps.k12.co.us
- Open to staff from other school districts and community organizations to attend **free of charge**, thanks to Littleton Public Schools.

❖ FEMA Workshop on Implementing Youth Preparedness in Your Organization

- In partnership with the American Red Cross and the US Department of Education
- **Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 9:00 am – 4:15 pm**
- **Where: Red Rocks Park & Amphitheater (Meeting Rooms)**
- **RSVP:** If you plan to attend, please send a message with your full contact information to Daniel Nyquist (daniel.nyquist@dhs.gov) **NO LATER THAN Monday, February 20, 2012.**
- This workshop is designed to provide you with the information you need to start integrating youth preparedness into your organization's existing youth offerings or to build a youth preparedness program from scratch.
- Throughout the day, you will also interact with and learn from experts who have developed and delivered some of the most successful youth preparedness programs in the country.

And you will collaborate with these experts and your peers in a series of hands-on activities that will produce some of the tools and inputs you need to implement an effective program.

- [Learn more about Youth Preparedness](#)

❖ **Threat and Risk Assessment and Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment for Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources**

- CU Denver will be hosting two **FREE** training classes at the Anschutz Medical Campus (Aurora, Colorado) in March 2012, sponsored by the National Training and Education Division within DHS/FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate.
- Anschutz Medical Campus, Bldg 407, Room 209, Mail Stop F409, 12454 E 19th Place, Aurora, CO 80045
- [MGT-310 "Threat and Risk Assessment" Training](#) - March 5 & 6, 2012 8am - 5pm
- [MGT-315 "Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment" Training](#) - March 7 & 8, 2012 8am - 5pm
- **Please RSVP to Essi Ellis** (via email essi.ellis@ucdenver.edu or 303-724-1031) no later than **February 1, 2012**.
- All local school district administrators must be prepared for all types of emergencies today, and a comprehensive plan can save lives and liability. No administrator can afford to take chances, and this course prepares emergency response managers, community leaders, and others to conduct a comprehensive, capabilities-based threat and risk assessment for terrorism/all-hazards incidents.

❖ **Statewide Convening on LGBT Youth, for Adults Working with LGBT Youth**

- Hosted by One Colorado and National Education Policy Center at the School of Education at the University of Colorado Boulder with Co-Chair Governor John Hickenlooper.
- **Saturday, March 10, 2012 8:30am – 4:00pm**, University of Colorado Boulder, University Memorial Center, 1669 Euclid Ave, Boulder, CO 80302
- **The Convening brings together people who work with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) young people** to learn about their unique needs and experiences. Convening participants will have access to the latest tools and resources to develop skills for serving and addressing the concerns of LGBT young people.
- For more information contact Daniel Ramos at danielr@one-colorado.org, 303-396-6443.
- [Register and learn more](#)

❖ **Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month**

- Hosted by Coalition for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
- **Thursday, April 19, 2012, 8:30am – 4:15pm**, Colorado Springs (specific location TBA)
- **Featuring Bruce D. Perry, MD, PhD** presenting "The Impact of Trauma on Child Development." Dr. Bruce D. Perry is the Senior Fellow of The ChildTrauma Academy, a not-for-profit organization based in Houston (www.ChildTrauma.org) and adjunct Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Northwestern University School of Medicine in Chicago.
- **Early Registration \$40 by March 9.**
- [Registration and more information](#)

❖ **Save the Date: Bridging the Divide: Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit**

- Mark your calendars for the fifth annual Bridging the Divide Summit. This year's conference is designed to highlight innovations in suicide prevention, intervention and postvention, and

will offer programs and initiatives designed to reach people in all aspects of life – where we live, learn, work and play. Please join us on **May 18, 2012** to forge new partnerships and to bridge the divide between those in need and life saving programs, initiatives and services.

- **Where:** Colorado State University, Ft. Collins
- **For more information:** Office of Conference Services , 970-491-7501
 - **Program Questions:** Julie Gibbs, julie.gibbs@colostate.edu
- [Learn more about the Summit](#)

❖ **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>

ONLINE TRAININGS

Webinars

❖ **Legal Update: Online Safety Education, Bullying & Internet Policy, Social Media Awareness**

- **Presented by Charles Leitch, J.D.**, thanks to Developmental Resources
- **Thursday, February 2, 2012, 11:30 am, and 1:30 pm ET**
- **Cost: \$49.00**
- A new ruling from the U.S. Federal Communications Commission has modified restrictions on accessing Facebook, Twitter and other social media at school - but may also open schools to additional liability. New FCC requirements also require schools to update their internet safety policies and to implement online safety education for their students.
- This highly informative 90-minute webinar with nationally known school attorney Charles Leitch will guide you through recent FCC rulings and how they will impact:
 1. In-school use of social media
 2. Internet safety policy
 3. Cyberbullying prevention/liability/policy
 4. Safe internet use training
- [Learn more and register](#)

❖ **SPRC Research to Practice Webinar – Bullying and Suicide Prevention**

- **Thursday, February 2, 2012, 3:00-4:30 pm ET**
- **Presented by Young-Shin Kim, MD, PhD, MS, MPH and Bennett Leventhal, MD**, thanks to the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.
- Many schools and communities are struggling to find effective ways to prevent both bullying and suicidal behavior among youth. This **free** webinar will provide the latest research and science on the relationship between bullying and suicide and will outline some of the shared risk and protective factors. The webinar will also discuss the main principles of a comprehensive whole school approach to bullying prevention. This presentation will be interactive, with opportunities to ask questions.
- [Learn more and register](#)

❖ **Facing History and Ourselves Online Seminars**

- Our online professional development opportunities connect educators from across the world. Invigorate your classroom with new, practical teaching strategies and introduce students to Facing History and Ourselves' powerful approach that helps them link the past to choices they make every day. Participants can earn graduate credits (optional for an additional fee) and gain access to Facing History's free lending library and online educator resources.
- **Holocaust and Human Behavior Online Seminar, February 2 – March 29, 2012**
 - The twentieth century—one of the most murderous centuries in history—will forever be marked by the Nazis' attempt to murder the Jews of Europe. In no other history are the steps that resulted in genocide so carefully documented, not only by the victims, but also by perpetrators and bystanders. While the Holocaust was unique, the questions remain universal. This online seminar includes a conference call with a Holocaust survivor.
- **Choices in Little Rock Online Seminar, February 9 – March 29, 2012**
 - A rich and engaging exploration of the 1957 desegregation of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. The course traces the legal and personal struggles of African Americans from Jim Crow America through the landmark Supreme Court decision on Brown v. Board of Education, and ultimately, to the courageous actions of nine young men and women determined to make desegregation a reality.
- [Learn more and register for a seminar](#)

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ CDE 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant

- **Deadline: February 21, 2012**
- The new 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) is now available. The centers provide academic, enrichment, and family programming during out of school time for students from low income, low performing schools. Specific criteria are noted in the RFP, including the list of eligible school sites and priority areas.
- [Access the RFP and register for the training](#)
- **For more information contact:** Tom Denning, Dropout Prevention and Student Engagement, 303-866-6791, denning_t@cde.state.co.us

❖ Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

- **Deadline: February 28, 2012**
- The purpose of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, offered through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), is to promote working partnerships between federal, state, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system.
- [More information](#)
- [Apply for funding](#)

❖ 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](http://grants.gov). The tool uses a filter to search for grants that are likely to fund youth programs. [Grants.gov](http://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>.

RESOURCES

❖ Research and Statistics Resource

- **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Statistical Briefing Book**
 - The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has updated the Statistical Briefing Book's (SBB's) data analysis tools. These tools give users quick and easy access to detailed statistics on a variety of juvenile justice topics and allow them to create tables on juvenile populations, arrests, court cases, and custody populations.
 - The SBB offers easy access to a wealth of information about juvenile crime and victimization and about youth involved in the juvenile justice system. Developed for OJJDP by the National Center for Juvenile Justice, the SBB provides timely and reliable answers to questions OJJDP most frequently receives from media, policymakers, and the general public.
 - [Access the Statistical Briefing Book](#)
- **Results from the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Mental Health Findings**
 - A new report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Services Administration (SAMHSA) finds that rates of substance abuse are far higher in people with mental illness. The report found that one in five adults in the United States—nearly 50 million people—experienced mental illness in the past year, according to Reuters.
 - SAMHSA also found teenagers who experienced a major depressive episode in the past year had about twice the rate of illicit drug use compared with teens who had not experienced depression—37.2 percent versus 17.8 percent.
 - [Read the report](#)

❖ Prevention Resources

- **Risk and Protective Factors Associated with Gang Affiliation among High-Risk Youth: A Public Health Approach**
 - A new study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention entitled "Risk and Protective Factors associated with Gang Affiliation among High-Risk Youth: A Public Health Approach" appeared in the January 11, 2012 online edition of [Injury Prevention](#).
 - The study found an estimated 7% of youths were gang affiliated. But the percentage of youth who reported gang affiliation varied, depending on the number of protective influences, such as parental monitoring and a youth's ability to cope with conflict.

- For youth who live in high-risk communities, eliminating all potential risks for gang affiliation may be difficult. This research shows the potential value in increasing just a few key protective factors to help prevent youth from joining gangs.
- [Read the report](#)
- **Safe at School and Ready to Learn: A Comprehensive Policy Guide for Protecting Students with Life-Threatening Food Allergies**
 - Released by the National School Boards Association (NSBA) and funded by a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
 - This guide is designed to help school leaders and schools establish comprehensive policies and practices that support the safety, well-being, and academic success of students with life-threatening food allergies. The publication focuses on the need for schools to partner with families and healthcare providers in identifying and preparing management plans for students with food allergies. Further, it provides information on following medication protocols; using a coordinated system to prevent and respond to food allergy-related emergencies across the school environment; communicating with and educating parents, students, and school personnel; and monitoring and evaluating policies and practices.
 - [Read and download the guide](#)
- **Suicide and Bullying**
 - The **Suicide Prevention Resource Center** has released, "[Suicide and Bullying](#)," a brief on the relationship between bullying and suicide, especially as it relates to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered youth. The brief describes the extent of the problem and identifies strategies for bullying and suicide prevention.
 - [Read the brief](#)
 - [Visit the Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#)
- **How to Report Suicidal Users on Facebook**
 - From the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
 - An innovative partnership with Facebook to offer crisis services via chat so that people in distress can more easily access the support that they need. This is part of a continued effort to expand online crisis services to reach people where they are.
 - [Read the report](#)
 - [Learn more about the Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)
- **Understanding Intimate Partner Violence**
 - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines intimate partner violence (IPV) as violence between two people in a close relationship, including current and former spouses and dating partners. IPV occurs on a continuum from a single episode to ongoing battering and can include physical violence, sexual violence, threats, emotional abuse, stalking, and controlling reproductive health.
 - IPV is a significant issue for college campuses. According to the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, most male and female victims of IPV "experienced some form of IPV for the first time before age 25."

- [Read the report](#)

❖ Response Resources

- **U.S. Education Department Announces New Measures to Safeguard Student Privacy**
 - The U.S. Department of Education announced new regulations to safeguard student privacy while giving states the flexibility to share school data that can be helpful in judging the effectiveness of government investments in education.
 - The regulations will strengthen the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) by protecting the safety of student information, increasing the Department's ability to hold those who misuse or abuse student data accountable and ensuring our taxpayer funds are invested wisely and effectively.
 - [Read the full regulation](#)
 - Learn about the [Family Policy Compliance Office](#)
 - Access the new [Privacy Technical Assistance Center](#)

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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