



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 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>

We wish all school personnel a safe and restful summer! We thank you for all you do to help support safe and positive schools in Colorado! This summer E-update will provide you information about training and resources over the summer months. Watch for the next E-update in August. Please contact us if we can be of assistance during your summer or back to school planning.

Announcing Colorado Safe Schools Week, October 16-22, 2011

- Governor Hickenlooper has proclaimed the week of October 16-22, 2011 Colorado Safe Schools Week.
- Read the Proclamation and watch for more information on our website <http://www.safeschools.state.co.us/>

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ Building Positive, Respectful School Climates – Bullying Prevention Grant Application

- The Colorado Legacy Foundation has announced the availability of grants for districts and schools seeking to implement comprehensive approaches to bullying prevention and improving school climate. Applications that address the following will be considered favorably for funding:
 - Align with the best practices in bullying prevention identified by the US Department of Education and US Department of Health and Human Services
 - Demonstrate how bullying prevention is integrated into other whole school efforts such as Positive Behavioral Intervention Services (PBIS), Response to Intervention (RtI), school safety plans, or coordinated school health efforts
 - Include policies, structures, and strategies that foster a positive, respectful climate for all students including those most likely to be bullied (LGBT students, students with disabilities, etc)
 - Include intentional and ongoing training for adults and students on how to appropriately respond to bullying

- Propose an innovative approach to engaging youth as partners in designing and/or implementing proposed bullying prevention activities (e.g. student led social media campaigns, student groups such as Gay Straight Alliances [GSAs] or No Place for Hate)
- Propose an innovative approach to engaging parents and families and/or community based partners in addressing bullying and building a positive, respectful school climate
- The Legacy Foundation will award a limited number of grants of up to \$10,000 each to districts, schools, or BOCES. Proposals are due by **June 8, 2011**. For more information and to download the full RFP please visit the Colorado Legacy Foundation website. These grants were made possible with generous support from the Gill Foundation.
- **Grant Application can be [downloaded here](#).**

❖ **FY 2011 Secure Our Schools (COPS SOS) Program**

- The COPS Office is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the **COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) 2011** grant program. Subject to final funding availability, approximately \$13 million will be available under SOS to provide funding to law enforcement agencies to assist with the development of school safety resources and provide improved security at schools and on school grounds.
- Specifically, this program will fund up to 50% of the total cost to implement one or more of the following options: placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures; security assessments; anti-violence initiatives; security training of personnel and students; coordination with local law enforcement; and/or any other measure that may provide a significant improvement in security. Applicants will be required to demonstrate a comprehensive approach to preventing school violence.
- The SOS solicitation opened on May 2, 2011, and there will be two application deadlines for the program during the six week solicitation period. The first application deadline for priority consideration will be May 25, 2011, while the second **and final deadline for all applications will be June 8, 2011**.
 - For more please read the [FY 2011 Invitation Letter](#)
 - For more information please [click here](#)

CSSRC TRAININGS

❖ **Save the Date for the Fall Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training, October 19-20, 2011. Registration opens August 17th!**

- The training will take place during the **Colorado Safe Schools Week, October 16-22, 2011**.
- Please see the Colorado Safe Schools Week Proclamation signed by the Governor. <http://www.safeschools.state.co.us/docs/Proclamation-%20Safe%20Schools%20Week%202011.pdf>
- **When: Wednesday October 19, 2011 12-4 pm; Thursday, October 20, 2011, 8 am- 4 pm.**
- Fort Collins Marriott, 350 E. Horsetooth Rd, Fort Collins, CO 80525
- Registration opens **August 17, 2011**
- Watch <http://safeschools.state.co.us/training.html> for more information about training offerings and registration..

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS

❖ C-READY (Colorado-Responding to Emergencies And Disasters with Youth) Camp

- **When:** July 18 – 22, 2011
- **Where:** Eagle County Fairgrounds in Eagle, Colorado *hosted by the Greater Eagle Fire Protection District and Eagle County*
- **Who should attend:** middle and high school youth, age 13 – 18, escorted by advisors.
- Please see camp [flyer](#) for details.

❖ Bullying Prevention through Early Intervention: Creating Safe, Inclusive Learning Environments- Sewall Child Development Center

- **When:** August 12-13, 2011
- **Who should attend:** Early Childhood and Elementary Educators and Parents
- **Where:** Adams Five Star Schools Conference Center
- **Cost:** \$95 for 1 day; \$150 for both
- For questions please contact Katherine Rains at krains@sewallchild.org or 303-339-1800.
- Please see attached Sewall Event Info flyer for details and to reserve your seat!
- Register for the event: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=219234>

OTHER NATIONAL TRAININGS

❖ 2011 Training Seminar for Schools and Staffing Survey--The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) will sponsor a two and a half day seminar (**July 12-14, 2011**) on using the Schools and Staffing Survey, the Teacher Follow-up Survey, and the Principal Follow-up Survey.

- **Deadline for applications:** June 7, 2011.
- There is no fee to attend this seminar. NCES will provide training materials as well as computers for hands-on practice. For out-of-town participants, NCES will also pay for transportation, hotel accommodations, and a fixed per diem for meals and incidental expenses incurred during the training seminar.
- For more information, please go to <http://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences/?id=820&cid=2>

❖ National Association of School Safety and Law Enforcement Officials (NASSLEO)

- What: **42nd Annual School Security Conference**
- When: Monday, **July 18, 2011** through Wednesday, **July 20, 2011**
- Where: Wyndham Milwaukee Airport Hotel, 4747 South Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207
- Cost: \$425 member / \$375 non-member by June 1, 2011
- Further Info and Registration: www.nassleo.org

❖ Registration available for U.S. Department of Ed's OSDFS National Conference August 8-10, 2011

- Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) will be hosting its National Conference **August 8-10, 2011** at the Gaylord National Resort in suburban **Washington, D.C.**
- This year's conference will address issues related to: alcohol, drug and violence prevention; health, mental health, and physical education; special populations; emerging issues; and other areas concerning drug and violence prevention.
- [Register here](#)

RESOURCES

❖ Prevention Resources

✓ **New TeenScreen Schools and Communities Program development and implementation guides are now available online!**

- These free guides help schools or youth-based community settings establish mental health screening programs for adolescents. TeenScreen provides free, evidence-based materials (including screening questionnaires) to facilitate the screening programs.
- Previously in a 200-page textbook-sized manual, the new web-based program is simple to navigate and use, integrated with lively and informative video tutorials, fully customizable, hands-on and engaging
- To sign-up for the free online program, or to learn more about it, please visit: <http://www.teenscreen.org/programs/schools-communities/>.

❖ Preparedness and Planning Resources

✓ **School Emergency Operations Plan Exercise Toolkit, CSSRC (Colorado Department of Public Safety), Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Colorado Division of Emergency Management (Department of Local Affairs)**

- The School Emergency Operations Plan Exercise Toolkit has been developed in a cooperative effort by Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC), the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and the Division of Emergency Management to provide schools and school districts the ability to heighten the awareness of the importance of emergency preparedness for any type of disaster or emergency.
- This toolkit was **sent by email to the designated safety contacts** for all school districts on March 31, 2011. The toolkit can assist you in testing your own school or school district's Emergency Operations Plan with a variety of all-hazards tabletop scenarios. Your community Emergency Manager is also available to assist you.
- ✓ To download the toolkit **click here**
- ✓ For more information, technical assistance or training questions, please contact the CSSRC, 303-239-4435.

✓ **Key Principles for School Security in Planning for Reductions in Force**

- In light of ongoing budgetary cutbacks and resulting large-scale lay-offs around the nation, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) and its Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center developed a checklist, "**Key Principles for School Security in Planning for Reductions in Force (RIFs)**...#157; The checklist highlights key planning considerations for campus, district, and school human resource managers, security officials, and emergency managers collaborating to help ensure the safety of the school community.

- The checklist is available for download on the REMS TA Center's Web site at http://rems.ed.gov/index.php?page=resources_Additional§ion=1i3

❖ Recovery Resource

✓ After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools (2011)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Suicide Prevention Research Center has released, "After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools." The toolkit describes common warning signs and causes of suicide, provides best practices on suicide prevention in schools, and provides information about how a school should respond when a suicide has occurred. Topics include crisis response, helping students cope, working with the community, social media, bringing in outside help, and more.

- Download the toolkit at <http://www.sprc.org/library/AfteraSuicideToolkitforSchools.pdf>

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 for next 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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