



March 14, 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>

SPOTLIGHT ON BULLYING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

❖ White House Conference on Bullying Prevention held on March 10th.

- ✓ To view archived videos of the Conference please go to the following link www.whitehouse.gov/live

❖ 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 go to <http://safesupportiveschools.ed.gov/index.php?id=9&eid=16>

❖ **New** StopBullying.Gov website announced - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services- <http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/index.html>

- ✓ This **new web site** contains valuable resources about bullying awareness, prevention and intervention for kids and adults.

❖ Spring 2011: A good time to review school safety protocols for emergency response.

Response: Emergency Actions for K-12 Schools, December 2010-

<http://safeschools.state.co.us/docs/Response%20Emergency%20Actions%2012%207%202010.pdf>

- ✓ As part of a collaborative work group effort, and approved by the CSSRC Advisory Board, it is recommended that K-12 schools have protocols for five basic emergency actions to help ensure safety of all individuals on school site in the event of an actual emergency or for various crisis situations: lockdown, lockout (secured building), shelter-in-place (including weather shelter), evacuation, and a protocol for release and reunification of students to reunite them with parents/caregivers after an event.
- ✓ The document is intended as guidance to Colorado schools and recommends consultation and development of protocols with community emergency responders, customizing procedures as needed for individual school sites and developing plans for students and staff with special needs. In addition key messages include that all staff and students be trained through drill and practice, parents informed of protocols, and that schools review plans after all drills and actual events.
- ✓ For consultation, technical assistance, protocol examples, or school district contacts, please contact the [School Safety Resource Center](mailto:schoolsafetycenter@cdps.state.co.us) at schoolsafetycenter@cdps.state.co.us.

Thank You From Safe2Tell, Susan Payne, Executive Director, susan@safe2tell.org

- ✓ To School Safety Stakeholders: Thank you for the tremendous commitment and valuable partnership we continue to receive from Colorado School Districts each day. Your financial support is providing the necessary resources needed to continue to provide Safe2Tell throughout Colorado. Governor Hickenlooper proclaimed February 21st through February 25th Safe2Tell Week, which increased the awareness of this critical school safety prevention initiative. Safe2Tell has received more reports in the first six months of this school year than in all of last year. Thank you for partnering with us to intervene at the earliest opportunity, preventing tragedies and saving lives.
- ✓ Continue to support S2T: <http://safe2tell.org/who-we-are/support-safe2tell/>

CSSRC TRAININGS

❖ Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training: Resource Expo, Vail, May 5-6, 2011, Registration now open, hosted by Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence and CSSRC (no cost).

- ✓ Features plenary sessions, breakouts, workshops, and displays of resources to assist your school with the elements of building a safe and positive learning environment.
- ✓ This regional training will showcase materials and representatives from evidence-based practices.
- ✓ Training Flyer located at <http://safeschools.state.co.us/docs/5-11%20savethedate.pdf>
- ✓ Register at http://ibs.colorado.edu/cspv/regional_training/
- ✓ For more information please go to <http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/safeschools/training/training4.html>

❖ Response to Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium, Montrose.

- ✓ The Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CDPS), Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and Office of Suicide Prevention (CDPHE) co-sponsored the 3rd **Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium** on March 3, 2011 with support from the Center for Mental Health and Colorado West Regional Mental Health, Inc.
- ✓ Thank you to the 75 administrators, school psychologists, school social workers, counselors, nurses, support staff, teachers and community mental health professionals working with schools from 40 schools/districts/agencies/organizations, 9 counties and 15 cities who attended the symposium in Montrose.
- ✓ Thank you to the presenters from Douglas County School District, Denver Public Schools, Colorado West Regional Mental Health Center, Inc. and Center for Mental Health, who contributed significantly to this event, and shared some of the resources, templates, and forms they use in their districts.
- ✓ Please see the Daily Press article about Montrose symposium <http://www.montrosepress.com/articles/2011/03/04/news/doc4d707f5a0bd3a700347255.txt>
- ✓ **These symposiums around the state over the past year have trained 525 school staff and others on the important topic of youth suicide prevention and intervention in Colorado.**

OTHER COLORADO AND NATIONAL TRAININGS

❖ Bridging the Divide – Forth Annual Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit. Presenting sponsors Office of Suicide Prevention (CDPHE), Colorado State University and Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado.

- ✓ The Summit will take place on **May 20, 2011** at Colorado State University in **Fort Collins, CO**.
- ✓ This year's conference theme is "expanding partnerships to advance innovation in suicide prevention and intervention."
- ✓ Anyone interested in suicide prevention will benefit from attending the conference, including school personnel, school counselors, parents and students. For more information about the conference, including registration and opportunities to attend a suicide prevention gatekeeper training program can be found at: <http://psy.psych.colostate.edu/cicrc/SPsummit2011.asp> .

❖ DHS-103-RESP Incident Command for Single Resources (ICS 200)(classroom style), Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

- ✓ When: **April 5 & 6, 2011, 8:00 am- 4:00 pm.**

- ✓ Where: CO Dept of Public Health & Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver 80246.
 - ✓ Who should attend: Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Services, Law Enforcement, Public Works, Public Safety Communications, Emergency Management, Public Health, Health Care, Government Officials and Hazardous Materials Technicians.
 - ✓ This is a supervisory course intended to build upon concepts presented in Introduction to NIMS for ICS. It is highly recommended for supervisors and managers of all first responder disciplines. The course is designed to identify ICS features and principles.
 - ✓ **Registration Information:** These courses are taught by the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP). Enrollment must occur through UASI/NCR Training. Your training administrator will be registering students through the on-line training system. Please contact Tom Witowski at 720-865-7651, tom.witowski@denvergov.org if you have any questions.
- ❖ **Evaluating Truancy Reduction Programs, National Center for School Engagement**
- ✓ When: **April 14-15, 2011**
 - ✓ Where: **Denver**, Colorado.
 - ✓ The training will help coordinators and managers of truancy reduction programs conduct evaluations to demonstrate successes, identify where the program needs improvement, and determine what changes should be made. Registration is available [online](http://secure.onlineprocessing.biz/2/pffac/index.php?s=47) at <https://secure.onlineprocessing.biz/2/pffac/index.php?s=47>
 - ✓ Fee: \$299
- ❖ **Looking for youth to participate on the Teen Dating Violence Youth Advisory Committee**
- ✓ The Denver-Aurora Teen Dating Violence Primary Prevention Initiative Taskforce is developing recommendations for the prevention of Teen Dating Violence in the Denver Aurora Community, and believes it is vital to have youth involved in the development of these recommendations.
 - ✓ The Teen Dating Violence Youth Advisory Committee will meet at **least monthly from April-July**, and could meet a few more times if needed. Each youth will be **paid \$50 per meeting** attended and ideally will attend all four meetings. The following will be the schedule of Youth Advisory Committee meetings. Each meeting will be at **Panera Bread at 1330 Grant Street, Denver**, CO 80203 in their Community Room. Brunch will be provided. April 2nd – 9-12pm, May 7th 9-12pm, June 4th 9-12pm, July 9th 9-12pm
 - ✓ If you are age 14-21 from the Denver metro area, and would like to participate on the Teen Dating Violence Youth Advisory Committee, please email or call Laney Gibbes at laney.gibbes@capacity360.com or 720-362-0232.
- ❖ **Earth Day 2011: “What Makes a School Green Art Challenge” – Contest, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8**
- ✓ Attention Students, Teachers, Parents and School Administrators!
 - ✓ [View details on how to participate](http://www.epa.gov/region8/ee/greenschoolscontest.pdf) at <http://www.epa.gov/region8/ee/greenschoolscontest.pdf>
 - ✓ Submissions are due to EPA by Friday, **March 25, 2011**.
 - ✓ Sign up at <http://www.epa.gov/region8/ee/>
- ❖ **Green and Healthy Schools Day Fair, EPA Region 8**
- ✓ When: **April 11, 2011** (National Healthy Schools Day) Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
 - ✓ Where: EPA Region 8 Building Atrium, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver
 - ✓ Please see the attached flyer for details or contact Alicia Alto at aalto.alicia@epa.gov
- ❖ **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](http://www.colofirechiefs.org/READY/2011_C-READY_%20Flyer_031011.pdf) for details at http://www.colofirechiefs.org/READY/2011_C-READY_%20Flyer_031011.pdf

❖ **Free On-Line Course for Violence Prevention!- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention**

- ✓ Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at <http://www.vetoviolence.org/pop/prevention-intro.html>.
- ✓ The course offers continuing education credits and teaches key concepts of primary prevention, the public health approach, and the social-ecological model. Participants complete interactive exercises to learn to help prevent five types of violence:
 - Child abuse and neglect
 - Intimate partner violence
 - Sexual violence
 - Suicide
 - Youth violence

❖ **Webinars to Address Youth Suicide Prevention, March 23 and 29, Well Aware**

- ✓ **Generation Wired: Social Networking and Engaging Youth in Suicide Prevention** discusses using social networking to engage youth in suicide prevention.
 - Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 1:00–2:30 PM MST
- ✓ **Cyberbullying & Suicide: What Schools Must Do to Protect Students and Districts** examines bullying in the digital age and describes how schools can work to protect students and districts from the effects of cyberbullying.
 - Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 1:00–2:30 PM MST
- ✓ Registration is available [online](http://www.wellaware.org/webinars.php) at <http://www.wellaware.org/webinars.php>.

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ **Colorado Legacy Foundation Announces Funding Availability through "Putting Policy into Practice for Healthy Colorado School Districts" Grants**

- ✓ The Colorado Legacy Foundation is releasing a new round of competitive grants to be awarded to Colorado K-12 school districts, Colorado BOCES and charter school organizations in order to advance best practices in health and wellness as an evidence-based strategy to improve student and school climate outcomes.
- ✓ Grants will provide:
 - Funding of \$10,000/year for two years is available to at least six school districts, BOCES or charter school organizations to put policy informed by the Colorado Legacy Foundation's Health and Wellness Best Practices Guide for Colorado School Districts into practice.
 - The awards will cover a two year grant cycle (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2013).
 - In order to qualify for the two years of funding, school districts, BOCES and charter school organizations must address two or more of the following areas of Best Practices in Health and Wellness: comprehensive health education, nutrition, physical activity, school health services, and workplace wellness.
Only one proposal will be considered per applicant organization.
- ✓ **Grant Submissions must be received by April 15th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**
- ✓ [Click Here for Additional Information](#)

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ **Office of Safe and Drug –Free Schools, U.S. Department of Education**

- ✓ **Safe School/Healthy Students**
Application notice: 3/11/2011
Application Deadline: 4/11/2011
 - **Update on the Safe Schools/Healthy Students FY 2011 Competition**
The SS/HS federal partners are proposing changes to the SS/HS priority, requirements, and definitions for the SS/HS FY 2011 competition. The proposed changes, along with a rationale for them, appear in the February 18th edition of the [Federal Register](#). The notice

includes instructions for providing comments on these proposed changes. The comment period is 30 days. At the conclusion of the public comment period the SS/HS Federal partners will review comments and publish a final notice of priorities, requirements, and definitions as well as a notice inviting applications for new awards in FY 2011.

- The notice inviting applications will include instructions on how to access the application, the due date, and other pertinent information. The final notice, the notice inviting applications, and the FY 2011 application is expected to be released mid to late April. Please check this Web site for updated information <http://sshs.samhsa.gov>

✓ **Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse**

- Application notice: 4/27/2011
- Application Deadline: 5/30/2011

 **RESOURCES**

✓ **The American Clearinghouse on Educational Facilities (ACEF) website- The Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools.**

The ACEF website provides information, training, and assistance regarding all phases of educational facility building and operation. Specifically, the website focuses on planning, design, construction, improvement, maintenance, financing, and operation of facilities. In addition, the website will house an online, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to research related to educational facilities.

❖ **Prevention Resources**

✓ **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health- Centers for Disease Control (CDC).**

A new web site <http://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/youth.htm> focused on the healthy needs of these young people, with specific suggestions for schools and parents, useful background information, and links to valuable resources.

-  **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.



School Safety Resource Center
Department of Public Safety

Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!