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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

❖ Vacancy in the Office of Dropout Prevention and Student Engagement

- At the Colorado Department of Education, Position #1009
- To manage Secondary Initiatives – School Counselor Corps, ICAPs, and Concurrent Enrollment.
- **Application deadline: 4:00 pm, Wednesday, March 7, 2012**
- [Learn more and apply](#)

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER TRAININGS

❖ Substance Abuse Symposium – Sponsored by Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Department of Human Services, and Colorado School Safety Resource Center

- **Fort Collins – Thursday, May 3, 2012, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm**
Fort Collins Marriott, 350 East Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525
- **Pueblo – Thursday, May 10, 2012, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm**
Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main Street, Pueblo, CO 81003
- **Denver Metro Area – Fall of 2012**
- **Featuring Special Guest Speaker:** Paula Riggs, M.D.
- **Who should attend:** school substance abuse prevention personnel, administrators, school health and mental health professionals, school safety teams, law enforcement officers, community mental health personnel
- **What:** Co-occurring substance use and psychiatric disorders, mental health issues and trauma, school based prevention and intervention, community based prevention and parent engagement, effective treatment and recovery support services, and more...

- **No charge for Colorado participants**, light breakfast and lunch provided. Space is limited and registration is required.
- See the [Substance Abuse Symposium Flyer](#) for more information.
- **Registration Instructions:** Please go to www.co.train.org. First set up a learner account and then register for the Symposium location and date using the **course ID** number: **1031923**. 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

❖ **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](#)

❖ **Mean Girls: Dealing with Today's Girl Bullying and Relational Aggression: A Workshop of Fresh Insights & Practical Strategies for Professionals**

- Presented by Developmental Resources.
- **Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 8:30 am – 4:15 pm, Holiday Inn Denver East Stapleton, 3333 Quebec St, Denver, CO 80207**
- **Cost: \$139.00**
- Relational aggression (RA) is emotional violence in which girls use relationships to harm others. RA Girls sometimes devise and direct complex social/emotional games that victimize others through exclusion or isolation, rumors, gossip, eye-rolling, pitting friends against one another, sarcasm, revealing and altering personal secrets. These RA girls, themselves, are in need of insightful interventions that will help them learn other, more appropriate, ways to become empowered. Without such help, these girls are likely to continue to be disruptive and eventually will develop more serious problems.
- [Learn more and register](#)

❖ **Sex Offenders in a Digital World**

- This training is offered **free of charge** by the [Sex Offender Management Board](#) of the Division of Criminal Justice
- Presented by Jim Tanner, Ph.D.
- **Friday, March 23, 2012, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**, Summit Event Center, Aurora, CO 80011
- This one day course provides investigative and supervisory professionals a fast-paced and comprehensive overview of how sex offenders interact with and use the digital world. Designed for the non-technical professional, this session covers current technology, how sex

offenders use it, what to assess, how to assess it, approaches to managing offender technology use while on supervision, and how to protect yourself and your family in a digital world.

- [More information and registration](#)

❖ **Hazard Based Collaboration and Resource Sharing Project (HCRS)**

- In partnership with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, University of Colorado Center for Integrated Disaster Preparedness, and Colorado Hospital Association
- **April 2, 2012 in Denver and Lamar; April 3, 2012 in Colorado Springs and Pueblo; April 4, 2012 in Fort Morgan; April 10, 2012 in Alamosa; April 11, 2012 in Durango; April 12, 2012 in Montrose; April 13, 2012 in Glenwood Springs; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**
- A community's response to and recovery from a disaster is only as good as its least prepared jurisdiction can manage. The most significant benefit of regional planning done well is that it improves the ability of any jurisdiction to address a disaster by developing those critical connections to "back-up" resources from regional partners.
- All representatives who have disaster preparedness responsibilities and their community partners are encouraged to attend this **free training**.
- [More information and registration](#)

❖ **A Trauma-Informed Approach to Stop Sexual Harm by Youth**

- Offered by the [Sex Offender Management Board](#) of the Division of Criminal Justice
- Presented by Joann Schladale, M.S., L.M.F.T.
- **Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm**, PPA Event Center, 2105 Decatur Street, Denver, CO 80211
- This presentation provides a trauma-informed, family focused approach to stop sexual harm by youth. Positive youth development and sexual health create a foundation for optimizing research findings that contribute to individual, family and community safety. Resources for practical application across a full continuum of care are demonstrated.
- [More information and registration](#)

❖ **Healthy Schools Summit**

- **Wednesday, April 4, 2012 8:00 am – 3:30 pm, Denver Downtown Sheraton, 1550 Court Place, Denver, CO 80202**
- The **Colorado Legacy Foundation's** 3rd Annual Healthy Schools Summit brings together education and health stakeholders from across the state to focus on policies and best practices for creating, enhancing and maintaining healthy, safe and welcoming schools for all students. The Summit will include a Healthy School Champions' Recognition Breakfast to award selected schools for their best practices in adopting and implementing a coordinated approach to health and wellness strategies.
- [More information and registration](#)

❖ **6th Annual Conference on Problem Gambling in Colorado**

- **Friday, April 6, 2012 8:45 am – 4:00 pm, University of Denver, Morgridge College of Education, Katherine Ruffatto Hall, 1999 E. Evans, Denver, CO 80208**
- **There is no charge for the conference** and lunch will be provided during the luncheon presentation. The conference features leaders in the areas of problem gambling treatment and prevention.

- For more information and to register, please contact Dr. J. Michael Faragher at mike.faragher@4dv.net

❖ **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](#)

❖ **Asist**

- **Hosted by Douglas County School Districts: 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.

❖ **South Metro Suicide Prevention Summit**

- **Wednesday, April 25, 2012, 1:00-4:00 pm**, Jubilee Church, 9830 Lone Tree Parkway, Lone Tree, CO 80124
- **Douglas County Suicide Prevention Alliance**
- Please join us for an opportunity to discuss gaps and barriers in suicide prevention within our communities. We will also share resources, programs and network with others working so hard to prevent suicide with the goal of coming up with new collaborative solutions.
- For more information and to register, please RSVP by April 16 to bbecker@admhn.org

❖ **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](#)

❖ **Asist**

- **Hosted by Littleton Public Schools: 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.

ONLINE TRAININGS

Webinars

❖ **Building a Continuum of Services for Youth in Custody: Effective Programs, Risk and Needs Assessment, and Engaging the Community**

- Presented by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), [National Center for Youth in Custody](#)
- **Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 11:00 am MT**
- OJJDP Acting Administrator [Melodee Hanes](#) will lead this inaugural Webinar of the Center. Panelists will discuss core elements of effective programs for youth in custody, how to strategically align programs into an effective array of services, and how to engage the community in the services that youth in custody are receiving.
- [More information and registration](#)

❖ **The Road to Juvenile Justice: The Intersection of Restorative Justice and Disproportionate Minority Contact**

- Presented by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
- **Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 12:00 pm MT**
- Juvenile justice practitioners must strike a balance between ensuring public safety and justice and accountability for youth affected by disproportionate minority contact (DMC). Restorative justice practices implemented at the "nine points of contact" within the juvenile justice system can be effective tools to reduce DMC. This Webinar will examine strategies that both rural and urban communities use to hold youth accountable and will consider how they can support local DMC-reduction efforts.
- [Register online](#)

❖ **Accessibility in Grade Schools (K-12)**

- Presented by Danise Levine, AIA and the American Clearinghouse on Educational Facilities
- **Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 2:00 – 3:00 pm CT**
- Topics to include: Legislation and educational facilities, common issues of non-compliance, major differences between the ADA guidelines designed for adults and those intended for children, universal design guidelines and strategies, case studies
- [Free registration and more information](#)

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ **Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare System Integrated Technical Assistance Initiative**

- **Applications due March 9, 2012**
- Supported by the [Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps](#)

- Sponsored by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- Four competitively selected jurisdictions will receive technical assistance and consultation during a 12-month period to improve outcomes for families with youth in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.
- [Learn more and apply](#)

❖ **Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) Grant Program**

- **Applications due April 9, 2012**
- At the [Colorado Department of Education](#) (CDE)
- The program exists to assist school districts in meeting their statutory obligations to:
 1. Identify students at risk of suspension or expulsion and provide them with a plan to provide the necessary support services to help them avoid expulsion, and work with parents or guardians to provide the services. The district may provide services through agreements with appropriate local and state governmental agencies, community-based organizations, and institutions of higher education.
 2. Provide alternative educational services, agreed to by parents, to expelled students which may be provided directly or in cooperation with one or more other school districts, boards of cooperative services, charter schools, and non-public, non-parochial schools.
 3. Develop plans to assist habitual truants to remain in school and to work with families regarding their child's attendance.
- [Learn more and apply](#)

❖ **Healthy Colorado School Districts Grant**

- **Proposals due April 16, 2012, 5:00 pm**
- Provided by the [Colorado Legacy Foundation](#) and [Colorado Health Foundation](#)
- Seeking to improve: **Comprehensive Health Education, Nutrition, Physical Activity, School Health Services, and Workplace Wellness for students and/or staff.**
- The goal is to support measurable, sustainable and innovative approaches to health and wellness because of the clearly established link between healthy students and/or staff, positive school climate and improved academic outcomes. These outcomes include but are not limited to: increased learning readiness, school engagement, and academic performance; and decreased absenteeism, behavior issues, and truancy.
- [More information and application instructions](#)

RESOURCES

❖ **Research and Statistics Resources**

- **What are Districts' Written Policies Regarding Student Substance-Related Incidents?**
 - A new report from the [Institute of Education Sciences](#).
 - Recent events have increased interest in district policies relating to substance use and whether they best serve the needs of their communities and students. News stories and research reviews have highlighted the potential negative academic and emotional consequences of long suspensions from school or transfers to new

schools resulting from “zero tolerance” rules ushered in over the last decade for students found to be in possession of, under the influence of, or distributing alcohol or drugs.

- To better understand the nature of substance-related discipline rules and guidelines that may be in use around the country, this study examines the features of the written substance-related policies for the 100 largest school districts. The study was conducted by RMC Research Corporation.
- [Read the brief](#)

❖ Prevention Resources

• **Easy-to-Read Drug Facts**

- Created by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).
- This user-friendly resource aimed at a 4th-6th grade reading level allows visitors to:
 - Learn the science behind how drugs affect bodies and brains.
 - Hear audio versions of each page while seeing embedded highlighting of the words being read.
 - View engaging videos about drug abuse and addiction, including: “Why Are Drugs So Hard to Quit?” and “Anyone Can Become Addicted to Drugs.” 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.
- [Visit the site](#)
- [Learn more about NIDA](#)

• **Parent Engagement: Strategies for Involving Parents in School Health**

- From the [National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Adolescent and School Health](#)
- This new resource defines and describes parent engagement and identifies specific strategies and actions that schools can take to increase parent engagement in school health activities. This document was developed in collaboration with expert researchers, public health practitioners, and educators.
- [Read and download the guide](#)

• **National Girls Institute Website**

- Supported by the [National Council on Crime and Delinquency](#) (NCCD) through a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).
- OJJDP established the National Girls Institute in 2010 to develop and provide a range of training, technical assistance and other resources to local, tribal and private organizations serving girls and young women in, or at risk of entering, the juvenile justice system. Through this website, professionals can submit requests for training and technical assistance, as well as find current information about best practices, gender-responsive tools, research and related events.
- [Visit the website](#)

❖ Recovery Resources

- **Guidelines for Parents: Talking about School Shootings**
 - From the [Crisis Management Institute](#).
 - When school shootings are surfacing in the news again schools and parents need guidance about how to talk with students.
 - [Download the guide](#)
- **Seeking Drug Abuse Treatment: Know What to Ask**
 - From the [National Institute on Drug Abuse](#).
 - Offers guidance in seeking drug abuse treatment and lists five questions to ask when searching for a treatment program.
 - [Download the guide or order copies](#)
- **Resilience Colorado Blog**
 - From the [Emergency Preparedness and Response](#) Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
 - For supporting employees in high impact work environments. The site will be populated with best practices and examples from throughout the state. Please check it out. If this is information you would like to receive as it is updated, you can register your email and you will receive automatic notification of new material.
 - [Access the blog](#)

❖ Legislative Resources

- **Education News Colorado Bill Tracker**
 - The Bill Tracker includes bills directly affecting education plus budget, elections and other measures of interest to the education community.
 - [Go to the Tracker](#)

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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