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

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>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

### ❖ [U.S. Department of Education Issues Guidance to Support Educators in Combating Bullying](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-201010.pdf) - <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-201010.pdf>

- ✓ The U.S. Department of Education has issued guidance to support educators in combating bullying in schools by clarifying when student bullying may violate federal education anti-discrimination laws. The guidance, which is in a Dear Colleague letter (dated October 26, 2010) sent to schools, colleges and universities, explains educators' legal obligations to protect students from student-on-student racial and national origin harassment, sexual and gender-based harassment and disability harassment.

### ❖ [National Drug Fact Chat Week, Drugs: Shatter the Myths](#)- November 8-14, 2010 (NIDA).

- ✓ The first **National Drug Fact Chat Week, Drugs: Shatter the Myths**, week-long health observance, organized by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health, takes place Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. NDFW celebrates the inquisitive minds of teens by giving them a space (virtual or physical) to ask questions about drugs and to get scientific answers from experts.
- ✓ To help you, NIDA provides a step-by-step how-to kit, including a list of fun activities, instructions on how to receive our NEW drug facts booklet to distribute at events, assistance in finding a scientific expert in your community, an online interactive quiz, and much more!
- ✓ <http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/index.php>

## TRAININGS

### CSSRC

#### ❖ CSSRC (CDPS) and CSPV (CU-Boulder) hosted the **Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training in Pueblo on October 20-21, 2010**,


- ✓ Thank you 350 participants and presenters who attended the conference from 113 schools, districts and various agencies from 27 counties and 45 cities in Colorado. The training focused on such topics as bullying; the four phases of emergency management: prevention-mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery; sexting; suicide prevention and intervention; and support for grieving students.
- ✓ The training was an overwhelming success! More than 65% of participants rated this training as excellent.
- ✓ **Save the date** for the next Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training that will take place in **Vail, May 5-6, 2011**.

## Other Colorado Trainings

- ❖ **Crisis Intervention Teams Training (CIT) for Schools, Law Enforcement, Probation, & SRO's, December 14-16, 2010**, Judicial Training Center, Arvada- hosted by the Division of Criminal Justice (CDPS).
  - ✓ The CIT program is evidence-based. This training has been developed to improve crisis intervention responses with youth and in schools by providing training on mental health issues, de-escalation and problem solving techniques, and methods for connecting to child and adolescent resources.
  - ✓ Multi-agency teams representing local law enforcement, schools, probation, social services, and/or other juvenile justice stakeholder agencies are encouraged to attend.
  - ✓ No registration fee
  - ✓ Sample courses include Adolescent Psychiatric Disorders & Treatment , Substance Abuse & co-occurring Disorders, Suicide & Self Injury, Crisis Intervention & De-escalation, Legal Issues, Schools, Scenario Training and others
  - ✓ For more information and to register, please go to <http://dcj.state.co.us/crcpi/>.

## Online Trainings

- ❖ **Bereavement Teacher Training Module Now Available**
  - ✓ A new Teacher Training on Bereavement developed by the Dr. David Schonfeld and the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement. The training module can be accessed at [www.cincinnatichildrens.org/school-crisis](http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/school-crisis). It is under the "Helpful Resources" header.
- ❖ **School Emergency Management Online Courses**
  - ✓ Offered by Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education- <http://rems.ed.gov/index.php>
- ❖ **FERPA and the Intersection of FERPA and Public Health (Webinar), 11:00 am, November 12, 2010** - U.S. Family Policy Compliance Office and The Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools.
  - ✓ For all school personnel and administrators who are responsible for student records and knowing about information sharing laws and regulations
  - ✓ Information about student privacy, record sharing, HIPPA, FERPA and specific emergency and non-emergency situations that frequently arise between public health and education.
  - ✓ <http://safeschools.state.co.us/training.html>
- ❖ **On-line course Truancy and Dropout: Mending the Cracks in the Graduation Pipeline-** from the National Center for School Engagement.
  - ✓ The course covers why school attendance matters so much, AAA schools: the NCSE approach, causes of truancy, patterns of absence, helpful approaches, tips for effective case management, compulsory school attendance law and evaluation.
  - ✓ Go to NCSE **homepage** <http://www.schoolengagement.org> or see the course **brochure** <http://www.schoolengagement.org/truancy-prevention-registry/admin/Resources/Resources/TruancyandDropoutMendingtheCracksintheGraduationPipeline.pdf> for more information or to register.

 **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

- ✓ **Lessons Learned PREPARING FOR A CYBER SECURITY BREACH BEFORE ONE OCCURS: University of Southern Mississippi National Center for Spectator Sport**

### **Safety and Security's Cyber Security Tabletop Exercise (TTX) (2010)- U.S.**

Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, in partnership with our Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance Center.

- The publication examines the incidence of a cyber breach at an IHE and the various ways in which administrators, school staff, law enforcement, and the community respond.
- <http://safeschools.state.co.us/Resources2.html#e51>

- ✓ **Health and PE Standards for Colorado Schools** (2009) - Colorado Department of Education. Academic Standards for Comprehensive Health & Physical Education. <http://safeschools.state.co.us/Resources2.html#x9>

## ❖ **Substance Abuse Prevention**

- ✓ **Second Chance - Tobacco Suspension Alternative - Free Online Colorado Program**

- **Second Chance is a FREE** on-line, interactive, and self-directed alternative to suspension program for teens who violate tobacco policy at school, or tobacco law in the community. The program can also be used with teens who are experimenting with tobacco, but have not violated any policy or law. Teens can be referred to Second Chance by staff in schools, local health agencies, and youth-serving organizations.
- <http://safeschools.state.co.us/Resources2.html#e51>

- ✓ **Tobacco-Free Schools Policy**

- **Colorado Tobacco-free Schools Policy Checklist Toolkit (2010)** created by the Rocky Mountain Center for Health Promotion and Education, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment's State Tobacco Education & Prevention Partnership.
- The Colorado Tobacco-free Schools Checklist Toolkit includes tools and strategies to assist Colorado schools in developing and implementing comprehensive tobacco-free policies.
- <http://safeschools.state.co.us/Resources2.html#e31>

- ✓ **Field Experiences in Effective Prevention**

- **“Field Experiences in Effective Prevention”, new higher education publication** from U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools.
- Describes the experiences of the model program grantees. It includes lessons learned as a way to assist other campuses develop and implement effective prevention programs on their campuses and in surrounding communities.
- <http://www.higheredcenter.org/services/publications/field-experiences-effective-prevention>

- ✓ **CDC Announces New Study Vital Signs: Binge Drinking Among High School Students and Adults — United States, 2009**

- CDC analyzed data from the 2009 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) on the prevalence of binge drinking among U.S. adults. Data also were analyzed from the 2009 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) on the

prevalence of current alcohol use and binge drinking among U.S. high school students.

- Source: HHS' CDCs Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, volume 59
- [http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5939a4.htm?s\\_cid=mm5939a4\\_w](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5939a4.htm?s_cid=mm5939a4_w)

✓ **Underage Drinking (2010)** - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice.

- This guide describes the problem of underage drinking, reviewing factors that contribute to it; identifies a series of questions to help you analyze your local underage drinking problem and finally, it reviews responses to the problem, and what is known about them from evaluative research and police practice.
- <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/RIC/Publications/e08042480.pdf>

For additional Prevention/Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery resources please go to <http://safeschools.state.co.us/Resources2.html>

 **TO ASSIST YOU THIS YEAR...**

The Colorado School Safety Resource Center 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](http://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!**