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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 School Safety Resource Center**

- The School Safety Resource Specialist, Mike Lythgoe, has recently joined the Division of Fire Safety. We wish him well in his new role at the Department of Public Safety!
- The job posting for this position 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 from 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>

### **❖ Survey on Substance Abuse Prevention and Collaboration**

- The Partnership at Drugfree.org is conducting a [survey](#) to increase understanding of the best way to develop collaborations between law enforcement, substance abuse prevention agencies, and educators to prevent teens and young adults from engaging in substance abuse. Results will inform the development of a substance abuse collaboration training manual that will be free and available to participants and interested communities. The survey is funded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. All members of the education and juvenile justice community are encouraged to participate. It is available [online](#), and takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete.
- Take the survey online, at [pact360.org/pact360-community-needs-assessment-survey/](http://pact360.org/pact360-community-needs-assessment-survey/). For more information, go to [pact360.org/about-the-pact360-community-needs-assessment/](http://pact360.org/about-the-pact360-community-needs-assessment/).

## **COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER TRAININGS**

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

- **Registration open for two locations**
- **Pueblo - December 8, 2011, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm (registration filling fast – register soon to reserve your spot!)**
  - CSU – Pueblo
  - Occhiato University Center – Room 109 – Ballroom
  - 2200 Bonforte Blvd., Pueblo, CO 81001 – 4901
- **Metro Denver – January 25, 2012, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm**
  - Aurora Public Schools Professional Learning and Conference Center
  - 15771 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Aurora, CO 80011
- **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 Bullying Prevention Institute flyer for registration information [LINK](#)
- **Registration Instructions:** Please go to [www.co.train.org](http://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**

❖ **Bullying and Harassment: Thin Line...Thin Ice**

- See new FREE Online Course!
- This is open to the public and especially designed for administrators and Title IX Coordinators. The Centennial BOCES has partnered with the University of Colorado Bueno Center Equity Assistance Center, the Education Compliance Group, Down to Earth Media, and eNetColorado in this educational opportunity for administrators and coordinators in districts across the state to address the issues of bullying and harassment. This project was partially funded by a grant through the Colorado Department of Public Safety, School Safety Resource Center.
- **Select the course link and register yourself for the course** <http://moodle.enetcolorado.org>

❖ **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>

## WEBINARS

### ❖ **You are Not Alone: Helping Children with Traumatic Grief- National Child Traumatic Stress Network**

- November 15, 2011 (10:00 a.m. PST)  
Presenters will explain traumatic grief in preschool- and school-aged children, introduce resources for children and caregivers developed by Sesame Workshop and the NCTSN, and review how clinicians and caregivers can use these resources to help children in their process of grieving.
- For more information:

### ❖ **U.S. ED's OSHS' Safe and Supportive Schools TA Center Announces an Encore Webinar on Survey Administration,**

- **Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M., ET, and Thursday, November 17, 2011, 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M., ET**
- The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Safe and Healthy Students' Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) Technical Assistance Center announces the rebroadcasting of its Webinar on survey administration. It will be offered twice to accommodate schedules: Session 1: Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm, EDT; Session 2: Thursday, November 17, 2011, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm, EDT
- **Audience:** This Webinar is most appropriate for S3 grantees, school district superintendents and supervisory staff who oversee survey administration, school administrators and allied staff.
- Dr. Sally Ruddy, Principal Research Analyst at the American Institutes for Research and Lead Survey Specialist for the Safe and Supportive Schools TA Center, will focus on the administration of school climate surveys.
- To participate, please register for one of the sessions at <http://safesupportiveschools.ed.gov/index.php?id=9&eid=1355>.

### ❖ **CCASA's Engaging Youth in Sexual Violence Prevention**

- **Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 12:00-1:30 pm MST**
- Presented by Audra Bishop, Youth Health Specialist, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)
- This webinar will provide an overview of the prevalence of youth who experience sexual violence as well as the basics of youth engagement. The presenter will also discuss comprehensive health standards as a way for community-based rape crisis centers to connect with schools and promote positive youth engagement. Outreach methods will be explored as well as resources available in Colorado.
- **FREE for CCASA Members and \$10 for non-members. You may [click here](#) to register for this webinar.**

## CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### ❖ **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](#). The tool uses a filter to search for grants that are likely to fund youth programs. [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](http://www.findyouthinfo.gov/GrantsSearch.aspx).
- Find federal grants on <http://grants.gov>.

## RESOURCES

### ❖ Research and Statistics Resource

#### ✓ **NCES Releases Report on Student Victimization in U.S. Schools**

- In the 2008–09 school year, about 3.9 percent of students ages 12 through 18 reported that they were victims of a crime at school according to a report released by the National Center for Education Statistics.
- Data are collected on student criminal victimization through its sponsorship of the School Crime Supplement (SCS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey, administered by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. The survey collects student reports of the presence of gangs and weapons and the availability of drugs and alcohol at school, traditional and electronic bullying, and fear and avoidance behaviors of crime victims and non-victims at school.
- [view the full report](#)

### ❖ Prevention Resources

#### • **New Paper Based on U.S. Dept. of Justice’s National Institute of Justice and U.S. ED’s OESE’s OSHS (Curriculum Development) Study— “Addressing the Gendered Dimensions of Harassment and Bullying: What Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocates Need to Know”**

- This paper for the National Resources Center on Domestic Violence and National Sexual Violence Resource Center introduces and discusses a recent policy memo from the U.S. Department of Education that clarifies the distinctions between bullying and harassment and the priorities and responsibilities of school districts, explores the unintended consequences of ignoring the gendered dimensions of bullying and harassment in K-12 schools, and suggests helpful strategies for advocates collaborating with school personnel and students.
- [Read the full paper](#)

#### ✓ **HHS/U.S. ED/Justice’s National Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention Announces 2011 Study on Bullying Prevention State Laws**

- To date, 47 states have passed bullying prevention legislation requiring schools to take leadership in addressing this problem.
- [Read the complete Prevention Brief](#)

- **HHS' NIH's NIAAA Announces "Teen Alcohol Risk Screening Guide" is now Available**
  - The National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism has released, "Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner's Guide." This tool helps healthcare professionals identify youth at risk for alcohol-related problems, counsel or advise them, and connect them to external sources of treatment. It contains a risk assessment survey and links to motivational interviewing resources.
  - The guide is free and can be downloaded or ordered online.
  - [Download or order the guide](#)
- ✓ **EPA Voluntary School Site Guidelines**
  - EPA has announced guidelines to help school districts and communities select environmentally healthy and safe locations for schools. The guidelines were mandated by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and were developed in consultation with other federal agencies, states, school districts, community organizations, health care professionals, and teachers, as well as environmental justice leaders and children's health and environmental groups. The guidelines provide recommendations on steps to evaluate potential environmental challenges and benefits at candidate sites.
  - [Learn more about the guidelines](#)

## ❖ Preparedness and Planning Resources

- **Letter to School Administrators from the School Safety Resource Center and the Division of Fire Safety**
  - The attached information was sent to all Superintendents and Principals from the Division of Fire Safety and highlights changes to the School Maintenance Inspection procedure related to SB 11-173 that now includes questions related to school safety plans, NIMS/ICS compliance, and communication equipment, including interoperable communications. You can find additional information on the CSSRC website. <http://www.safeschools.state.co.us/NIMS.html> or we are available for questions by phone.
  - For more information related to Colorado Legislation related to school safety see <http://www.safeschools.state.co.us/legislation.html>

## ❖ Recovery Resources

- ✓ ***Back to School Resources for School Personnel - From the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN).***
  - Designed to bring awareness to trauma-related topics for teachers, school staff, and administrators, this compilation of Network products is brought to you by the NCTSN Schools Committee and is available now.
  - [LINK](#)

**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](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!***

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