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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>

- **SCHOOL SAFETY NEWS: OCTOBER 17-23, 2010 designated as SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK IN COLORADO!** On August 2, 2010, Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. signed a Proclamation announcing the week of October 17-23, 2010 as Safe Schools Week.
- ❖ Please see our website www.safeschools.state.co.us for more information and suggestions about how your school and community can use the week to highlight your own efforts and accomplishments for school safety including:
 - ✓ sample parent newsletter article, news release, community pledge and suggestions for your school/district/community pledge sheet.
 - ✓ Please call us if we can assist you!

● **FALL TRAININGS**

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- ❖ **Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training - Pueblo, October 20-21, 2010**, presented by the CSSRC and Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence-CU-Boulder.
 - ✓ Thank you to those registered for the Pueblo training. The training is now full and we are looking forward to seeing you on October 20-21, 2010.
 - ✓ **Save the date** for the next Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training that will take place in **Vail, May 5-6, 2011**.
- ❖ **Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium, October 1, 2010, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Highlands Ranch**, presented by CSSRC, CDE and Office of Suicide Prevention (CDPHE) with support from Douglas County Sheriff's Office.
 - ✓ Thank you to the 230 registrants from 99 various schools, districts and agencies from 16 counties and 45 different cities across Colorado, who registered for the symposium.
 - ✓ CSSRC, CDE and Office of Suicide Prevention hope to continue their ongoing collaboration and are discussing the opportunity to conduct a similar symposium in the future.

Other Colorado Trainings

- ❖ **Psychological First Aid and Field Response Trainings**, sponsored by Colorado Division of Behavioral Health available in October 2010. For details please go to <http://safeschools.state.co.us/training.html>

- ❖ **2010 Healthy Schools Summit - Thornton, CO** - hosted by The Colorado Legacy Foundation and the Colorado Department of Education, Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 8:30 am- 3:30 pm.
- ✓ The second annual Summit aims to further support school and school district efforts to improve students' health and wellness. By sharing best practices, tools and resources, the Summit will help inform and disseminate actionable health and wellness policies to key stakeholders. For more information, please contact Stephanie Wasserman or Monica Andres (Colorado Legacy Foundation) at 303-736-6477 ext. 3.
- ❖ **New 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](#) or see the course [brochure](#) 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**
 - ✓ **Guide for Preventing and Responding to School Violence 2nd Edition** - Published in 2009 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice.
 - ❖ **Recovery Resources**
 - ✓ **Mental Health & Recovery Resources-** [Guidelines for responding to the death of a student or school staff member](#), from the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement.

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

🌐 GRANT INFORMATION

- ❖ **Congratulations to Pikes Peak Community College** as Colorado recipient of the 2010 Emergency Management for Higher Education (EMHE) Grant!
- ❖ **Congratulations to National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children** as Colorado recipient of [COPS Community Policing Development Grant \(CDP\)](#); **Mesa County Sheriff's Department** and **City of Sterling** as Colorado recipients of [COPS Secure Our Schools \(SOS\) grant!](#)
- ❖ **Recognition and Grants for Healthy Schools**
 - ✓ Attention principals, PE teachers, health education teachers, food service staff, school nurses, counselors, school health teams.
 - ✓ The Colorado Department of Education, through funding from The Colorado Health Foundation, has launched a "Healthy School Champion" Score Card in order to identify and recognize healthy schools across Colorado. The online assessment can be found [here](#).

- ✓ If your school logs on and gets a score by **Wednesday, October 6**, you will be eligible for a \$5,000 or \$1,000 grant. The healthiest schools will be recognized at the second annual Healthy Schools Summit and Recognition Luncheon on Tuesday, November 9th in Denver.

❖ **Colorado secures \$100 million grant to expand broadband network**

Gov. Bill Ritter announced on September 13, 2010 that Colorado was awarded a \$100 million federal grant to create an affordable broadband network across the state that will provide underserved schools, libraries, colleges and communities with high-speed Internet access.

"This project has the potential to provide a modern, 21st century link for every school, library and community that has been underserved because of rural location and challenging geography," Gov. Ritter said. "It will allow schools to better prepare our students for the workforce, help create vibrant business communities throughout the state, and improve access to health care and public safety." For the full press release please click [here](#).

For more information about grant announcements please visit
<http://safeschools.state.co.us/grantannouncements.html>

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

- ❖ **Colorado's Child Passenger Safety Law has changed! Effective August 1, 2010** requiring all children under age 8 to be properly protected in a child safety seat when traveling in a motor vehicle. The change means thousands of 6- and 7-year-olds across the state will have to begin riding in booster seats if they are not already doing so. Previously, the law required only 4 and 5-year-olds to be in boosters. Click [here](#) for more information.

TO ASSIST YOU AS YOU PLAN 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) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. Call us at: 303-239-4435.

