



**October 11, 2011**

**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 School Safety Resource Center Director, Linda Kanan**

- Last week, I announced my retirement from my position as the Director of the School Safety Resource Center, effective December 1, 2011. I have been honored and privileged to serve as the first Director of the CSSRC for Colorado. I am thankful for all the support, guidance and efforts many have provided as we created this new resource for schools statewide. I am extremely proud of what has been accomplished these past three years to set up the Resource Center, to give it direction, and to build many wonderful connections and collaborations between schools, agencies, law enforcement, juvenile justice, and emergency management in our state to work toward enhancing the safety and well-being of kids, schools, and communities.

I have been honored to work with wonderful, hard-working and dedicated staff here at the Center, in the Department of Public Safety, on our advisory board, and in the other agencies and groups who have assisted in this work. I have also had the opportunity to meet and work with many wonderful, dedicated school personnel across our state who work hard every day to keep their kids and staff safe and healthy. I know a variety of work will continue to support those efforts and I am certain the School Safety Resource Center will continue to be a unique and valuable resource for Colorado schools. I hope I will have the opportunity to talk with many of you personally over the next weeks as we plan for transition here.

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. Job openings for State of Colorado employment can be monitored at: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/colorado/default.cfm>

### **❖ Colorado Safe Schools Week, October 16-22, 2011 – *Promote Your School Safety Efforts!!***

- Governor Hickenlooper has proclaimed the week of October 16-22, 2011 Colorado Safe Schools Week.
- About Safe Schools Week  
<http://www.safeschools.state.co.us/docs/ABOUT%20Colorado%20Safe%20Schools%20Week%202011.pdf>
- Read the Proclamation and find more information on our website  
<http://www.safeschools.state.co.us/>

### ❖ **Lights On Event - October 20, 2011- Promotes Afterschool Programs**

- The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is pleased to announce its support of the annual [Lights on Afterschool](#) event, which will take place on October 20, 2011. More than 7,500 communities nationwide will participate in the event, which is held to raise awareness of the importance of afterschool programs and the positive role they can play. Studies have shown that children participating in afterschool programs demonstrate increased school attendance and enhanced academic achievement. Afterschool programs also reduce juvenile offending, while promoting public safety and positive child development.
- To learn more about Lights On Afterschool, visit [www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa.cfm](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa.cfm).

### **COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER TRAININGS**

#### ❖ ***Thank you to those who are registered for the Fall Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training – Ft. Collins, October 19-20, 2011 – Co-hosted by CO School Safety Resource Center and Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, CU-Boulder. Registration is currently at capacity for this event.***

- **If you are currently registered, and NOT planning to attend, please contact the School Safety Resource Center to remove your registration so wait list can be accommodated.**
- **When: Wednesday October 19, 2011 12:30 – 3:30 pm; Thursday, October 20, 2011, 8 am- 4 pm.** The training will take place during the **Colorado Safe Schools Week, October 16-22, 2011.**
- **Who should attend:** School safety team members, school administrators, faculty, counselors and mental health staff, SRO/law enforcement, and other community partners in school safety.
- **Where:** Fort Collins Marriott, 350 E. Horsetooth Rd, Fort Collins, CO 80525
- Registration is currently at capacity for this event. If you are registered, and NOT planning to attend, please contact the School Safety Resource Center to remove your registration so wait list can be accommodated.
- See <http://safeschools.state.co.us/training.html> for more information about training offerings and registration. General conference flyer [LINK](#) Preconference workshop sessions [LINK](#)

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

- **Registration now open for two locations**
- **Pueblo - December 8, 2011, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm**  
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

### ❖ **Annual Symposium – Foundation for Prevention of School Violence – October 18th**

- **When:** October 18, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Regis University, 3333 Regis Boulevard, Denver, CO 80221
- **For more information and registration link:**  
<http://www.preventingschoolviolence.org/FPSV/Events.html>

### ❖ **The National Conference on School Success: Best Practices in Attendance, Attachment & Achievement, October 26-28th**

- **Sponsored By:** The National Center for School Engagement
- **When:** October 26, 2011, 1-4:00 p.m.; October 27-28, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Who should attend:** School, community organizations and juvenile justice groups who are interested in youth attendance and engagement with schools
- **What:** This first national conference brings together experts and cutting edge information about how to engage high risk students, families and communities in schools with specific outcomes of improving attendance, attachment, achievement and connectedness to school, and high school completion.
- **Where:** Broomfield, CO, OMNI Interlocken Resort Hotel
- **For information and registration:** [LINK](#)

## CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## ❖ **The Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) - Truancy Reduction Planning Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) is now available.**

- The purpose of this grant is to support district planning efforts to employ practices and research-based strategies to minimize the need for court action and the risk of detention orders against a child or parent. Planning should include collaboration with community service providers, the judicial system staff, students and family members. Approximately \$720,000 in funding is available for distribution. The estimated range of awards is between \$10,000 and \$35,000 for 30 to 50 awards. A simplified application will be due on Friday, October 14, 2011. Notice of award status is expected by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Funds will support planning efforts between January 1 and June 30, 2012.
- Applications are due Friday, Oct. 14. For more information and to access the RFP, please visit [http://www.cde.state.co.us/DropoutPrevention/p\\_EARSS.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/DropoutPrevention/p_EARSS.htm)
- For more information, contact: Janelle Krueger [krueger\\_j@cde.state.co.us](mailto:krueger_j@cde.state.co.us) Phone: 303-866-6750

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### ❖ **Prevention Resources**

- ✓ **Webinar: School Climate Webinar Series: Substance Abuse Prevention - October 12 (4:00-5:30pm ET) and October 13 (11:00-12:30PM ET)**
  - US Ed's Safe and Supportive Schools is sponsoring a "School Climate Webinar Series: Substance Abuse Prevention" for School Administrators, Teacher Leaders, Guidance Counselors, and Social Workers. The session will present recent information on effective practices for substance abuse prevention. The session will provide suggestions for developing and managing an alcohol and drug prevention and intervention program, as well as strategies to improve school climate. This session was scheduled for August 24 and 25, but has been rescheduled to October 12 (4:00-5:30pm ET) and October 13 (11:00-12:30PM ET). For more information and to register <http://safesupportiveschools.ed.gov/index.php?id=9&eid=87>
- ✓ **Substance Abuse on School Campuses and New Information Resources from CDE**
  - Colorado K-12 public schools experienced a 10-year high of drug violation incidents during the 2009-10 school year and the upward trend continued during the 2010-11 school year. Annual school-by-school reports to the Colorado Department of Education defines drug violations of the Code of Conduct as "Use, possession, or sale of drugs or controlled substances on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school activities or sanctioned events." A ten-year trend can be viewed at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/DropoutPrevention/Resources.htm>
  - New resources may be helpful to educate school staff, students, parents, and the broader public about the dangers of substance abuse. Information includes how using drugs may impede learning and undermine student achievement. To view information fact sheet and brochure: **Understand the Big Deal: How Marijuana Harms Youth** [LINK](#)

✓ **Suicide Prevention Key Messages – Office of Suicide Prevention Media Training Session Summary**

- Sharing key messages about suicide and suicide prevention when working with the media and other stakeholders, helps you to become proactive in changing the way suicide and mental health are perceived. See this new resource to provide you with some guidelines: [LINK](#)

✓ **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>

✓ **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. By following the recommendations in the guidelines local education agencies, tribes and states, can help provide a safe and healthy environment for children, teachers and staff.
- To learn more about the guidelines, please visit [www.epa.gov/schools](http://www.epa.gov/schools)

❖ **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>

**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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