



### AGENDA

**9:00 AM – 9:15 AM Welcome**  
**Christine R. Harms, Director, Colorado School Safety Resource Center**  
**Introduction of YES<sup>2</sup> Team: Dustin Hunter, School Outreach Consultant, CSSRC**

**9:15 AM – 10:15 AM PLENARY: SLIME**

#### **Ersaleen Hope**

Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice,  
Evidence Based Implementation for Capacity Resource Center

This presentation is about shifting your lens and opening the mind in a way that builds conscious awareness about the systems we all work, live, and share. SLIME has become a popular word in slang terminology for generation Z, but what they do not know is that the strength and purpose behind this term reaches far beyond its intended meaning. Youth today are exposed to so much in the world that it is up to millennials to build connections with youth that challenge their perspectives. This experience is designed to encourage open dialogue, critical thinking, shared experiences, and common understanding briefly highlighting topics related to healthy relationships, targeted violence, and the gradual system failure influencing those with marginalized identities at a disproportionate rate. The goal is to inspire young minds to examine crucial topics, review survival tools, and gain knowledge and awareness about the interconnected structures of inequities. The hope is to prepare and challenge generation Z to expand their thinking by applying the principles of SLIME in their lives and to educate generations to come.

**10:15 AM – 10:25 AM BREAK**

**10:25 AM – 11:10 AM 1<sup>st</sup> WORKSHOP Targeted Violence/Prevention Strategies**  
Brad Stiles, CSSRC  
Annabelle, Avery, Hannah, and Isaac, YES<sup>2</sup>

**11:10-11:40 AM LUNCH**

**11:40 AM - 12:25 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> WORKSHOP Mental Health Access & Reporting**  
Kati Garner & Jamie Soucie, CSSRC  
Anna, Isabel, YES<sup>2</sup>

**12:25 PM – 12:35 PM BREAK**

**12:35 PM – 1:20 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> WORKSHOP Healthy Relationships**  
Margaret Ochoa, CSSRC  
Hope and Meron, YES<sup>2</sup>

**1:20 PM – 1:30 PM BREAK**

**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM PLENARY: Human Trafficking & Internet Safety/Youth Impact**  
**Kyra Dooley (Colorado High School Senior) and Anne Darr, Victim Specialist (FBI)**

During this presentation, participants will receive an overview of the human trafficking response here in Colorado, how to identify your peers who may be high risk for human trafficking, perspective from a Colorado teen who volunteers in the community to assist in anti-trafficking efforts, #savethechildren movement-myths vs. reality, and how students can be more involved!

**2:30 PM – 3:00 PM Solutions**  
**YES<sup>2</sup> Team, CSSRC**

**3:00 PM Evaluations/Certificates and Adjournment**



### **Presenter Biographies**

#### **Ersaleen Hope**

Growing up in the small, segregated city of Milwaukee, WI, Ersaleen Hope realized early in life that a drastic need for systems change was necessary to remove systemic barriers and create roads to opportunity. She has over ten years of experience in the human servicing field. She has worked with diverse populations in government and non-profit sectors including juvenile justice, social services, judicial, and community corrections. Ms. Hope's leadership experience has equipped her with a diversity lens that has motivated her to be an active participant in intentional systems change. This diverse background allows her to lead the justice field with her skills in training and coaching to achieve equitable and inclusive implementation outcomes. She has been repeatedly recognized for her visionary leadership and service. She joined the Colorado Department of Public Safety's Division of Criminal Justice in 2019. Ms. Hope earned a BS in Criminal Justice, Masters Degrees in Public Administration and Psychology, and is in current pursuit of her Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. She lives her values, volunteering with multiple community organizations that assist people who are marginalized and impoverished.

#### **Brad Stiles**

Brad Stiles served for eight years in the U.S. Army as a Military Policeman and Combat Tactics instructor before transitioning to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Stiles performed many duties with the Sheriff's Office, to include serving as a Field Training Instructor, a Crime Scene Technician, as a member of the Honor Guard, as an Academy Instructor, and as a planning section member with the Jefferson County Incident Management Team (Type 3). As the Emergency Response Outreach Consultant, he has provided training to thousands on a variety of school safety topics.

#### **Kati Garner**

Kati Garner attended the University of Wyoming and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education Social Studies. She taught high school history for three years in Southwest Kansas before obtaining her Masters of Education in School Counseling and Licensed Professional Counseling from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. After working as a School Counselor in Southwest Kansas for six years, Ms. Garner returned to Colorado in 2016 and joined the counseling staff at Grand Junction High School. She most recently worked as the Mental Health and Crisis Coordinator for Mesa County Valley School District 51 in Grand Junction where she oversaw threat assessments, bullying, suicide risk assessments, and crisis response and acted as the district's Safe2Tell representative. She is a National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) PREPaRE Certified Trainer and a Mental Health First Aid Certified Trainer. As the Northwest Regional Training Consultant for the Colorado School Safety Resource Center, Ms. Garner provides services across the western half of the state.

#### **Jamie Soucie**

Jamie Soucie is a Northeastern Colorado native, living in a small rural area for over 30 years. She began her career as a Mental Health Clinician within the Colorado Department of Corrections where she provided mental health treatment to incarcerated male offenders for 11 years while she also obtained a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Ms. Soucie also served as a member of the Sterling Correctional Facility Search Team as a Squad Leader, as well as an NRA Firearms Instructor for law enforcement. She has experience working in a local school district, providing mental health supports to students, as well as prevention programs. She owned a private practice in the Sterling area for two years and most recently worked as a Rehabilitation Counselor for individuals with disabilities through the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE). As a Rehabilitation Counselor, she assisted with individuals with disabilities to find meaningful employment. Ms. Soucie is the Northeast Regional Training Consultant for the CSSRC and provides services to rural communities in that region of the state.

#### **Margaret Ochoa**

Margaret Ochoa is the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist for the Center. She provides resources for school personnel, students, and their communities to identify, prevent, and respond to sexual abuse and assault. Since she joined the team in 2016, she has trained thousands of youth-serving professionals on understanding and responding to the sexual behaviors of children, identifying and responding to sexually predatory behavior, satisfying statutory obligations to report abuse, and juvenile sexting and dating violence prevention. Related to these safety concerns, Ms. Ochoa also trains on Cyber Safety and Threat Assessment. Previously, Ms. Ochoa worked as an Assistant County Attorney in Jefferson County, Colorado, where she represented the Department of Human Services in all aspects of child protection.



### **Kyra Dooley**

Kyra Dooley is a senior in Aurora. Ms. Dooley has lived in Aurora her whole life and has gone to school with the same set of friends since first grade. She has a passion for giving back to others as evidenced by the creation of her own organization called My One Birthday. This organization encourages others to give. Through work done with My One Birthday, she has also become passionate about the importance and value of creating awareness around sex trafficking, including knowing the actions predators take, the potential signs of someone being trafficked, and how to get help save lives.

### **Anne Darr**

Anne Darr received her Bachelor of Science degree from Illinois State University and two Master of Arts degrees in Forensic Psychology and Counseling from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. Ms. Darr entered the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in May 2008 and serves the Denver Division as a Victim Specialist. She is embedded on the Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force which works to combat domestic sex trafficking. She coordinates the Front Range Anti-Trafficking Coalition, which is a collaboration of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies working together with non-governmental organizations to provide comprehensive victim-centered services to trafficking victims. She is experienced in providing local, state, and national trainings specific to domestic sex trafficking.

### **Dustin Hunter**

Dustin moved from Indiana to Colorado in 2007 to earn a master's degree in forensic psychology at the University of Denver. Mr. Hunter has worked with diverse clientele in a broad range of environments within the criminal justice system, including juveniles and adults presenting with mental health and substance abuse issues, victims and offenders, and in both community and correctional settings. The bulk of this work involved juvenile pre-trial supervision with the Senate Bill 94 program in the First Judicial District. This included close collaboration with a number of systems and agencies, including schools, the juvenile mental health court program, and treatment providers. He has also facilitated cognitive-behavioral and psychoeducational groups with the Department of Corrections and a private substance abuse treatment agency. Mr. Hunter is the School Outreach Consultant for the CSSRC providing psychological safety services.

## **Workshop Abstracts**

### **Targeted Acts of School Violence/Prevention Strategies by Brad Stiles, CSSRC**

In this presentation, we will explore the commonalities of past-targeted acts of school violence as identified by the United States Secret Service. We will also look at the common behaviors of school attackers. Through this understanding, we can discuss and identify best practices in preventing these acts.

### **Mental Health Access & Reporting - Kati Garner & Jamie Soucie, CSSRC**

This presentation will explore mental illness and some of the more common mental health concerns among adolescents. Students will gain a basic understanding of anxiety disorders, mood disorders and eating disorders so they can better recognize and help support their friends that are struggling.

### **Healthy Relationships - Margaret Ochoa, CSSRC**

Healthy relationships are the foundation of all violence prevention efforts. This workshop will help students determine whether the relationships in their lives (with family, friends, and romantic partners) are the best they can be. Participants will discuss unhealthy interactions and their consequences, and learn where to seek resources if they spot warning signs.