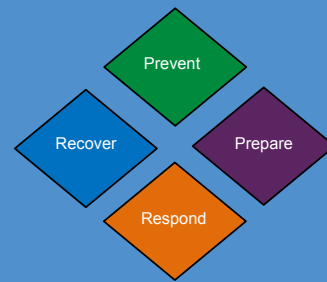


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Sample CSSRC/DBH Grant Projects



- **Academy 20** – Safety & Security Procedure Video
- **Adams 12** – Web based software for campus security
- **Adams 14** – Tabletop drills with all school crisis teams & restorative justice training
- **Centennial BOCES** – Title IX Administrators Online Training
- **Colorado Springs 11** – Security camera installations
- **Denver Public Schools** – De-escalation Training for staff
- **Englewood** – LifeSkills training for staff
- **Harrison** – PREPaRE & Signs of Self Harm staff trainings
- **Lewis-Palmer** – Mental Health Crisis Prevention, Response & Recovery Manual
- **Pueblo 70** – Installation of interoperability device
- **Trinidad** – Project Toward No Drug Abuse

Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC/Center) Updates

The CSSRC is pleased to announce the appointment of Christine R. Harms, M.S. as the new Center **Director**. Ms. Harms has been the School Outreach Consultant for the Center since April 2009. Her previous experience includes coordinating a school safety center in Pennsylvania as well as having been a school administrator, teacher, psychotherapist and trainer for a number of non-profit organizations. Ms. Harms looks forward to continuing the successful work and collaborations the Center has achieved under the guidance of its first director, Dr. Linda Kanan. Dr. Kanan retired in December and we thank her for her service and wish her well. A search for a new **School Outreach Consultant** is underway.

The process for filling the position of **Resource Specialist** at the Center is also continuing. As many of you know, Mike Lythgoe our previous Resource Specialist left to join our colleagues across the hall at the Division of Fire Safety. We also wish Mike well in his new position.

In mid September Alice Huyler joined the staff as the Center's **Administrative Assistant** replacing Anastasiya Schomaker who moved to the Department of Criminal Justice. Ms. Huyler is a native Coloradan with a bachelor's degree in economics and extensive administrative experience. She has been a welcome addition to the team.

Promotion of School Safety and Substance Abuse Prevention Grants

In April 2011, the Center was pleased to enter into an interagency agreement with the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH), Department of Human Services for the purpose of providing grant funds to schools for the promotion of school safety and substance abuse prevention.

Fifty-three applications were received and a grant review committee comprised of CSSRC Advisory Board members and staff awarded grants to twenty-nine districts, three BOCES and the CSSRC five pilot sites. Grantees were required to conduct all trainings and expend the funds by September 30, 2011. A total of \$419,000 was made available to schools.

Schools utilized the funding in a variety of projects benefiting either school safety and/or substance abuse prevention efforts. A sample of the projects undertaken by the schools is listed in the attached column. The CSSRC urges you to call the Center for more information about these projects.

Substance Abuse Symposiums

CSSRC in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Human Services & Colorado Department of Education will present two Substance Abuse Symposiums on:

Thursday, May 3rd at the Ft. Collins Marriott and
Thursday, May 10th at the Pueblo Convention Center.

Paula Riggs, MD, the keynoter will present:
Co-Occurring Substance Use & Psychiatric Disorders

Colorado School Emergency Operations Plan Exercise Toolkit

The Center is pleased to offer tabletop exercises for school safety/crisis teams utilizing the Colorado School Emergency Operations Plan Exercise Toolkit. You will recall that this toolkit was produced in collaboration with the Division of Emergency Management, the former Governor's Office of Homeland Security, the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool and the Cherry Creek School District. Copies of the toolkit were sent to each district at the start of the school year.

Additional copies can be downloaded from the CSSRC website at:
[www.http://www.safeschools.state.co.us/Preparedness%20Resources.htm#k8](http://www.safeschools.state.co.us/Preparedness%20Resources.htm#k8)

CSPV Launches *Steps to Success* in Northeast Denver

This February, CSPV and its partners will launch *Steps to Success*, a community-based initiative designed to reduce youth violence in northeast Denver.

The initiative will use the Communities that Care (CTC) model to engage Montbello community members in prevention efforts, including data collection, prioritizing needs, and adopting intervention strategies. The CTC model guides these prevention efforts through a five-stage process:

- Assess readiness to undertake collaborative prevention efforts;
- Obtain commitment to the CTC process from community leaders and form a prevention coalition;
- Use data to assess prevention needs;
- Choose tested and effective prevention policies, practices and programs; and
- Implement and evaluate efforts.

In addition to reducing juvenile violence, the project includes an educational component to train and mentor public health and behavioral science graduate students, physicians, pediatricians and family practice doctors to recognize and treat signs of youth violence.

According to Del Elliott, founding director of CSPV, "Currently, the responsibility of addressing youth violence falls primarily on the school systems and the juvenile justice system. We intend to create a novel combination of risk assessment and interventions in a broad partnership with the community, and in collaboration with a local hospital, to address the problem of high levels of violence."

The project is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Partners include the Lowry Family Center, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Children's Hospital Colorado, The Foundation for Educational Excellence, the Denver Crime Patrol and Prevention Commission, Denver Police Department and the Denver Safe City Office.

Blueprints for Violence Prevention Conference: April 11-13 in San Antonio, Texas

The 2012 Blueprints for Violence Prevention conference is set for April 11-13 in San Antonio, Texas. The conference is open to juvenile justice professionals, prevention specialists, educators and youth advocates.

Sessions include science-based information on effective youth violence, delinquency and drug prevention programs. Program experts will provide education, guidance and tools for individuals, communities and agencies interested in implementation success, sustainability, policy and effective leadership.

**For more information or to register,
visit www.blueprintsconference.com**

Bullying Prevention Through Shakespeare

The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence is collaborating with the Colorado Shakespeare Festival in developing and implementing an innovative approach to bullying prevention in Colorado schools.

The two University of Colorado departments created a touring theatre program that combines a shortened version of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night with classroom workshops that focus on the bullying aspects of the play.

The 2011-12 tour visited 53 schools, performed for more than 11,000 students, and conducted classroom workshops with 4,000 of those students. As part of this effort, schools receive a study guide which emphasizes an analysis of the themes in the play as well as information about bullying and school safety, complete with classroom exercises, discussion questions, and statistics about violence in the schools.

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Schedule Your School Climate Assessment Today!

CSPV is offering online surveys to schools at no charge this spring. These surveys collect student, staff and parent perspectives on safety, relationships, teaching & learning and the school's physical environment.

Call or email for more information: 303-492-1032 or safeschools@colorado.edu