

# Colorado Safe Schools

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## Beverly Kingston Joins CSPV as Director

CSPV is pleased to announce that Dr. Beverly Kingston has been hired as the director of the Center. Kingston returns to CSPV after serving as director of the Adams County Youth Initiative for the past five years.

In this new role, Kingston now oversees CSPV operations after Jane Grady's retirement in February, while Dr. Del Elliott remains on staff as founding director.

A graduate of the University of Colorado, Kingston completed her Ph.D. in Sociology while studying criminology under her mentor, Dr. Elliott. Her career has been dedicated to conducting research and leading projects to support healthy youth and community development.

"I chose to attend graduate school at CU Boulder because I was so inspired and impressed by Dr. Del Elliott's great work in the field of violence prevention and CSPV's mission to bridge the gap between research and practice. To be invited to serve as the director of CSPV is truly a dream come true for me."

Her research and professional interests mesh seamlessly with CSPV's dedication to prevention research and evidence-based practice while supporting healthy youth development.

## School Climate Survey Site Gets Upgrades

Used with other data like attendance records and office referrals, school climate assessments are integral to safety planning and student support. To help schools conduct reliable and comprehensive assessments, the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV) will launch an enhanced survey website in fall 2012. Upgrades to the site will make it even easier for schools, in Colorado and across the nation, to use CSPV's comprehensive assessment tool.

The surveys, developed as a key component of the Safe Communities-Safe Schools (SCSS) initiative, are research-based assessment tools designed to help identify strengths and needs in key areas related to school climate and safety. Three interrelated surveys are designed to collect opinions and perspectives from students, staff and parents using measures on:

- School climate
- Violence and other problem behaviors
- Protective factors
- Health and wellness

Questions ask about student attitudes toward school, certain problem behaviors like substance use, and include optional questions about topics like mental health, physical safety and involvement in prosocial activities. Schools find the comprehensive section about bullying particularly helpful. The staff and parent surveys contain similar questions about school climate, perceived student behaviors, and risk and protective factors.

The combined results gathered by these three surveys provide powerful data about the behaviors and perceptions that influence school climate. For each survey, a comprehensive results report is issued that includes a summary of the data, summary data by gender and grade levels, and individual questions. As an added benefit, CSPV includes an evidence-based programs report that describes programs and strategies for the most common problem behaviors.

The enhanced assessment process will be fully automated so schools are able to initialize, schedule and administer surveys, and download reports, all from the website. Demographic and survey data will be collected through the website and stored on a secure server. All data belong to the school and remain anonymous and confidential.

Visit [www.colorado.edu/cspv/safeschools/surveys](http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/safeschools/surveys) for additional information on this exciting new option. Or contact CSPV by phone 303-492-1032 or email [SafeSchools@colorado.edu](mailto:SafeSchools@colorado.edu) with questions you may have.

## Shakespeare Festival Planning its Fall Tour September 18 - November 9, 2012

Now booking for fall, the Colorado Shakespeare Festival is again partnering with CSPV to present Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* coupled with anti-bullying workshops. The 2-hour program includes a 50-minute performance, post-show talk-back with the cast, three lively classroom workshops, and study guide.

Read more or book online at  
[www.coloradoshakes.org/education-outreach/shakespeare-in-the-schools](http://www.coloradoshakes.org/education-outreach/shakespeare-in-the-schools)

# Colorado School Safety Resource Center Academic Year 2012-2013 Upcoming Trainings:

[www.safeschools.state.co.us](http://www.safeschools.state.co.us)

<http://twitter.com/CoSSRC>

303-239-4435

Thursday, September 27th

## **Substance Abuse Symposium**

with keynote speaker

**Paula Riggs, M.D.**

Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and  
Mental Health Disorders

In collaboration with the  
Colorado Department of Human Services &  
Colorado Department of Education

at the Adams 12 Conference Center

For more information contact CSSRC, 303-239-4435  
Register at [www.co.train.org](http://www.co.train.org), Course ID: 1031923

## **Colorado Safe Schools Week**

Thursday, October 25th

## **Bullying Prevention Institute**

with keynote speaker

**Dorothy Espelage, Ph.D.**

Getting Smart about School Based  
Bullying Prevention

In collaboration with the  
Colorado Legacy Foundation &  
Colorado Department of Education

at the Silverthorne Pavilion

For more information contact CSSRC, 303-239-4435  
Register at [www.co.train.org](http://www.co.train.org), Course ID: 1033731

Thursday, November 29th

## **Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium**

In collaboration with the Office of Suicide Prevention (CDPHE) &  
Colorado Department of Education

at the Aurora Public Schools Professional Learning and Conference Center

For more information contact: Colorado School Safety Resource Center, 303-239-4435

Colorado's anonymous reporting system makes it easy and safe for students,  
teachers or parents to report concerns about safety.

Learn more and request materials online at [www.safe2tell.org](http://www.safe2tell.org)

