

Colorado Safe Schools



Colorado School Safety Resource Center ❖ Safe Communities~Safe Schools

Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training September 29-30, 2009 Doubletree Hotel Grand Junction

Presented By:

Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, University of Colorado-Boulder
Colorado School Safety Resource Center, Colorado Department of Public Safety

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 8:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast
Central High School Color Guard
- 8:30 Welcome
Steve Schultz, Superintendent, Mesa County School District
Pete Hautzinger, JD, District Attorney, 21st Judicial District
Richard Baca, Representative of Congressman John Salazar
- 8:45 Collaborative Safe Schools: Road to Academic Success
Don Quick, JD, District Attorney, 17th Judicial District
- 9:45 School Safety in Colorado
Linda Kanan, Ph.D., Director, Colorado School Safety Resource Center
- 10:15 BREAK
- 10:30 Breakout Sessions
1. Comprehensive Gang Strategy
 2. Students, Staff and the New Connectivity: A Look at the Legal Issues for Schools*
 3. Youth Suicide: Prevention and Intervention in Schools
 4. Homeland Security: Safe2Tell
- 11:45 LUNCH KEYNOTE
Cyber Bullying: Bullying in the Digital World*
Patricia Agatston, Ph.D., Coauthor of "Cyber Bullying: Bullying in the Digital Age" (Kowalski, Limber, & Agatston, 2008)
- 1:15 Breakout Sessions
1. Students, Staff and the New Connectivity: A Look at the Legal Issues for Schools*
 2. Cyber Bullying: Prevention and Intervention Strategies*
 3. Youth Suicide: Prevention and Intervention in Schools
 4. Positive Behavior Supports and Building Bridges: Proactive Strategies for Schools and Families
- 2:30 BREAK
- 2:45 Breakout Sessions
1. Interagency Teams & Information Sharing
 2. Homeland Security: Safe2Tell
 3. Positive Behavior Supports and Building Bridges: Proactive Strategies for Schools and Families
 4. Comprehensive Gang Strategy

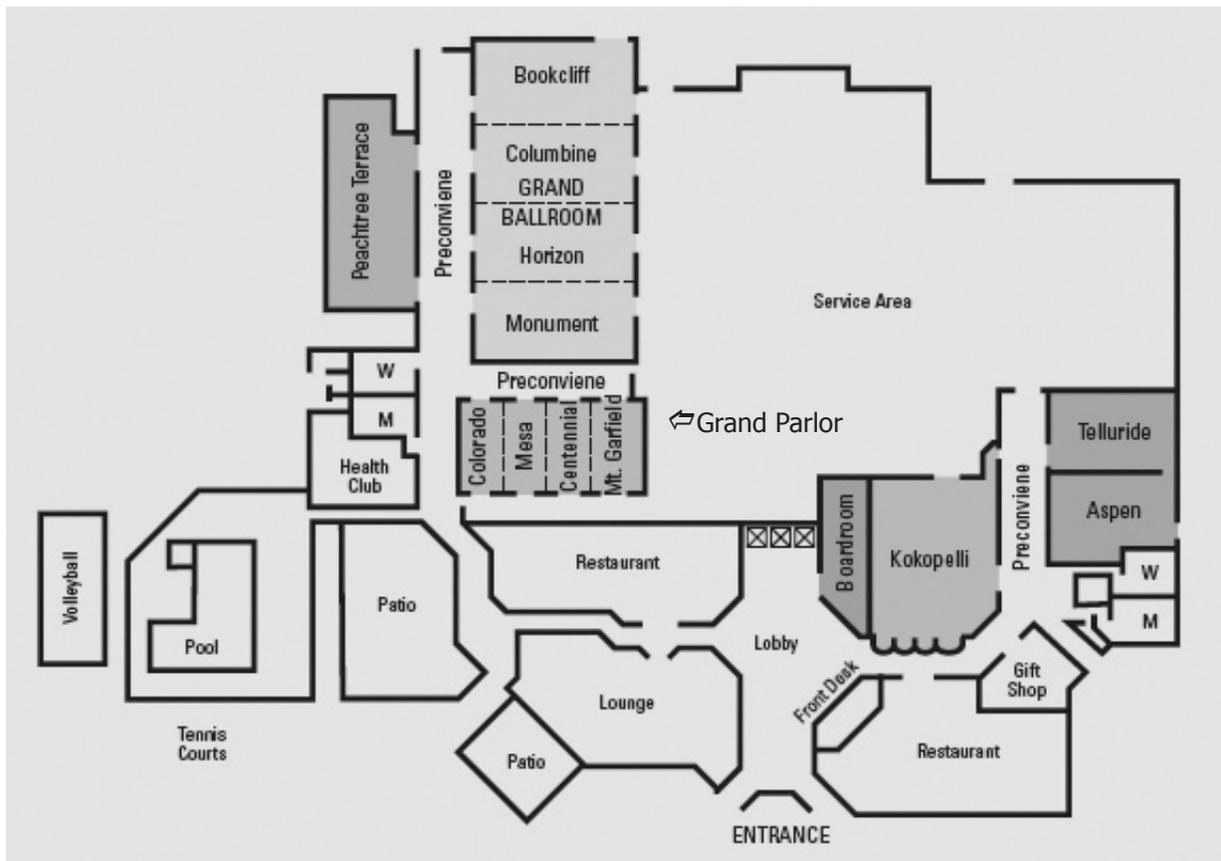
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 7:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 US Secret Service: The Safe School Initiative, Bystander Studies & Threat Assessment
 Georgeann DiCaprio, former Threat Assessment Specialist with the US Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center
- IS-100.SCa: Intro to ICS for Schools (The Course)
 Dave Sullivan, Certified Emergency Manager, Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool*
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 1:00 Best Practice Use of the Threat Assessment Process
 John Nicoletti, Ph.D., Nicoletti-Flater & Associates, and the Colorado School Safety Resource Center
- NIMS Implementation for Schools
 Dave Sullivan, Certified Emergency Manager, Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool*

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PLENARIES AND WORKSHOPS

September 29 Plenaries: Grand Ballroom

Collaborative Safe Schools: Road to Academic Success

Don Quick

Our safest schools are also our best performing. However, youth violence is not just a school issue – it is a community issue. To effectively prevent youth violence we need to: (1) know the causes of youth violence, (2) respond with evidence-based programs, and (3) commit to the use of school-community partnerships. This presentation will review the research on youth violence risk factors, protective assets, and evidence based programs. It will then focus on how to form an effective partnership in your community to reduce youth violence and improve the school climate and academic performance.

School Safety in Colorado

Linda Kanan

Colorado schools and partnering agencies have made great progress in school safety efforts since 1999. Dr. Kanan will review some of those efforts, highlighting the establishment of the new School Safety Resource Center by the Colorado Legislature in 2008. The role of the Center is to support all Colorado schools and communities in their mission for safe and positive school climates using a model of integrated prevention, preparedness, response and recovery efforts.

Cyber Bullying: Bullying in the Digital Age

Patricia Agatston

This keynote presentation will provide an overview of cyber bullying (including the methods and technologies used), as well as its similarities and differences to traditional bullying. Dr. Agatston will discuss current research on cyber bullying, including prevalence rates and the effects of cyber bullying on students.

September 29 Workshop Sessions

Comprehensive Gang Strategy

Craig Mansanares

This session will focus on identifiable risk factors and identifiers that make an individual susceptible to gang activity and behavior. Participants will learn the research-based strategies to address those risk factors and how to create protective assets for individuals to reduce the possibility of gang involvement. (Telluride)

Cyber Bullying: Prevention and Intervention Strategies

Patricia Agatston

This breakout session will focus on key findings on cyber bullying that are based on recent research. Dr. Agatston will review effective school-wide prevention methods and various strategies for intervening in cyber bullying behavior among youth. (Grand Parlor)

Homeland Security: Safe2Tell

Susan Payne

Safe2Tell continues to provide effective outlets for information sharing, which have dramatically increased prevention and safety measures for schools throughout Colorado. Additionally, collaborative outreach efforts with Homeland Security provide expanded resources for school safety. This workshop, while supplying a working overview of Safe2Tell and successful program outcomes, will also focus on the ACAMS database tool, site-based assessment strategies and school mapping resources available through the CO Department of Public Safety. (Aspen)

Interagency Teams & Information Sharing

Cynthia Coffman

One key to protecting students and maintaining safe schools is sharing information. The Columbine Review Commission noted in its recommendations that communication between the different parties dealing with a troubled student can open the door to a more complete understanding of that child's unique situation. As the dots are connected, we are able to develop a comprehensive plan in response to the particular need, risk or threat. This session will suggest ways to make information sharing work for the benefit of your community. The Model Interagency Agreement for Juvenile Information Exchange and the interagency social support teams will be highlighted as effective tools to facilitate information sharing. (Grand Parlor)

Positive Behavior Supports and Building Bridges: Proactive Strategies for Schools and Families

Erin Sullivan, Vicki Woods, and Denise McHugh

This presentation will provide an overview of the integration of Positive Behavior Support (PBS) and Building Bridges to increase outcomes for schools, students and families. PBS is a systemic approach to establishing a positive school climate and culture to increase academic achievement and social success. The PBS approach emerged from the multi-tiered community health model that promotes universal, targeted, and intensive prevention. Building Bridges goal is to integrate mental health and schools. Efforts are in place to enhance training for staff and community partners on behavioral health concerns, family engagement, crisis prevention and proactive social-emotional learning strategies for students. (Kokopelli)

Students, Staff and the New Connectivity: A Look at the Legal Issues for Schools

David Price and Laura Ilardi Pearson

Increasingly, interaction between students, and between students and school staff, is taking place on social networking websites such as Facebook or by "texting" or "tweeting" on electronic devices. Although these sites and devices are exciting new tools for communication and connectivity, they also can create administrative and safety concerns for schools, especially when they devolve into "cyberbullying," "sexting" and other kinds of inappropriate, harmful or illegal behavior. This session will explore the legal and liability issues arising from these emerging forms of communication, and review possible policy solutions to assist administrators in managing their use in the school setting. (Grand Parlor - 10:30, Telluride - 1:15)

Youth Suicide: Prevention and Intervention in Schools

Jarrod Hindman, Linda Kanan, and Sheila Linwood

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth ages 10-24 in Colorado, and our state has the 7th highest rate of youth suicide in the nation. This panel will present the national, state, and local perspective on youth suicide prevention and intervention and the relationship of suicide to safety in schools. Participants will gain information about suicide prevention programming currently used in schools, best practice recommendations for school response to suicide threats, and hear about local efforts in suicide prevention. The session includes time for questions from the audience to the panel. (Kokopelli - 10:30, Aspen - 1:15)

September 30 Workshop Sessions

US Secret Service: The Safe School Initiative, Bystander Studies & Threat Assessment

Georgeann DiCaprio

In the wake of several high-profile school shootings that occurred in the 1990's, the US Department of Education and the US Secret Service reviewed 37 incidents of targeted violence to learn more and see if anything could be done to prevent the attacks from occurring. The final report that was issued in 2002, provided ten key findings including the fact that in 81% of the incidents at least one other person had some prior knowledge of the attacker's plan and in 59% of the cases, more than one person knew. Why did these bystanders NOT come forward? What can we learn about life sustaining prevention from the "Bystander Study?" The findings and implications for educators and law enforcement officials will be discussed during this session. (Horizon/Monument)

Best Practice Use of the Threat Assessment Process

John Nicoletti

This workshop will include a presentation by Dr. John Nicoletti on key concepts and recent lessons learned conducting threat assessments. He will review concepts related to assessing risk of violence by students, recognizing boundary probing, attack-related behaviors, disruptors, and using a communication vortex. Dr. Linda Kanan will review the elements of a recommended school threat assessment process and the steps to making an inquiry at a school. The workshop will also include guided practice developing a threat assessment team and procedures in your school using the framework of the US Secret Service and the US Department of Education guidelines. Interactive case studies will be used to illustrate the principles presented. (Horizon/Monument)

ICS-100.SCa An Introduction to ICS for Schools Training - The Course

Dave Sullivan

This interactive workshop will TRAIN participants in the recommended course for school and district safety team members in order to be NIMS compliant in Colorado schools. The four-hour interactive workshop will cover all the information and review the exam so that participants will be able to log on to the FEMA website after completing the course and pass the exam for their certificate. (Bookcliff/Columbine)

NIMS Implementation Activities for Schools

Dave Sullivan

This workshop will discuss the emergency planning process including the implementation of ICS in school plans, determining the ICS structure and assigning key roles and responsibilities in school plans. The session will also introduce the concepts of exercise design and why all hazard exercises should be part of the school emergency programs. As part of this session a small tabletop exercise will be developed by the participants. School safety teams are encouraged to invite their community law enforcement and fire safety personnel to accompany them to this workshop. (Bookcliff/Columbine)

PRESENTERS

Plenary Speakers in Order of Appearance

Don Quick

Don Quick is the District Attorney for Adams and Broomfield Counties. Don previously was the Chief Deputy for Attorney General Salazar. For the past decade, Don Quick has been a leader in school safety and violence prevention. Don served on the Columbine Commission, supervised the creation of the Attorney General's Juvenile Information Sharing Agreement and Violence Prevention Manual. Don has served on the State Boards for DARE, Crimestoppers, Safe2Tell, the School Safety Resource Center, and the Governor's Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission. In 2007, Don presented at the 34th National Conference on Juvenile Justice in San Diego. Finally, Don Quick is a founding partner of the Adams County Youth Initiative.

Linda Kanan

Linda Kanan is a Director of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center. Dr. Kanan received her doctorate in School Psychology from the University of Denver. She is a former teacher and school psychologist with over 25 years of experience with youth and in public school settings. She was the intervention Coordinator and Safe Schools Design Team facilitator in the Cherry Creek School District before her selection as the Director of the Resource Center in 2008. Her expertise is in the area of prevention and intervention services for high risk behaviors in youth. She has presented nationally and internationally on the topics of school safety, suicide, self-injury, threat assessment and crisis prevention. She has taught Crisis Prevention and Intervention at the University of Denver and the University of Northern Colorado.

Patricia Agatston

Patricia Agatston is co-author of the book, "Cyber Bullying: Bullying in the Digital Age" with Robin Kowalski, Ph.D., and Susan Limber, Ph.D that was recently published by Wiley-Blackwell Publishers. She is also co-author of "Cyber Bullying: A Prevention Curriculum for Grades 6 – 12" and "Cyber Bullying: A Prevention Curriculum for Grades 3 -5." Dr. Agatston is a nationally certified trainer and technical assistance consultant for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. She has been quoted in articles on cyber bullying in Time Magazine and Good Housekeeping Magazine, and has appeared on local and national radio and television to discuss cyber bullying. She was a participant in the CDC's Expert Panel on Electronic Media and Youth Violence, and has presented nationally and internationally on cyber bullying. Dr. Agatston is a Licensed Professional Counselor with the Cobb County School District's Prevention/Intervention Center in Marietta, Georgia. A founding board member for SafePath Children's Advocacy Center in Marietta, Georgia, Dr. Agatston received the Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention's VIP Award in 2005.

Workshop Speakers in Alphabetical Order

Cynthia Coffman

Cynthia Coffman is Chief Deputy Attorney General in the Colorado Department of Law. In this capacity, she is chief of staff and administration for an office of 250 attorneys and 140 support staff. Ms. Coffman joined the Attorney General's Office in March 2005, after serving as Chief Counsel to Colorado Governor Bill Owens. Ms. Coffman is a Safe2Tell Board Member and is on the School Safety Resource Center Advisory Board. She is responsible for preparation of the Colorado School Violence Prevention and Student Discipline Manual available on the Attorney General's website at www.ago.state.co.us. Ms. Coffman currently is overseeing an update of the document Colorado Juvenile Information Exchange Laws: A Model for Implementation which was first issued by former Attorney General Salazar in 2000.

Georgeann Rooney DiCaprio

Georgeann DiCaprio is currently Director of Investigative Research at Hillard Heintze, LLC where she is involved with analyzing behavioral pathways to violence and advising corporations and educational institutions on risk management solutions. Prior to joining Hillard Heintze in 2008, Ms. DiCaprio was a Threat Assessment Specialist with the US Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center. Ms. DiCaprio was project manager of the Bystander component of the Safe School Initiative and worked on classified research into targeted threats of terrorist violence. Ms. DiCaprio holds a BS in Psychology from St. Joseph's University and an MA in Criminal Justice from George Washington University.

Jarrod Hindman

Jarrod Hindman is the Program Manager of the Office of Suicide Prevention in the Injury, Suicide and Violence Prevention Unit at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Mr. Hindman manages the legislatively mandated Office of Suicide Prevention, which is responsible for serving as the lead entity for suicide prevention and intervention efforts, collaborating with Colorado communities to reduce the number of suicide deaths and attempts statewide. Activities of the Office of Suicide Prevention include increasing public awareness regarding suicide and suicide prevention, providing resource information for suicide prevention, and disseminating and monitoring community grants for suicide prevention.

Sheila Linwood

Sheila Linwood is the founding Executive Director of the Western Colorado Suicide Prevention Foundation. She holds an MBA, which helps her bring strategy and marketing skills into suicide prevention. Sheila presents this information, as well as other public health & awareness topics, both locally, nationally, and globally. She has assisted other countries to implement a statistic driven model to suicide prevention. Sheila began training the public as a bariatric counselor then later as a law enforcement officer- Crime Prevention Officer, DARE Officer, and Private Investigator. Sheila brings to the topic a wealth of knowledge on public health attitudes, beliefs, mistakes, and successes. She is an Adjunct Professor teaching undergraduate Business at Mesa State College, and is a Police Academy Instructor on the Western Slope.

Craig Mansanares

Craig Mansanares is in his 14th year as a School Resource Officer for the Longmont Police Department. Officer Mansanares has been a police officer for 23 years. He was a detective for 4 years in the Youth and Family Crimes Unit, serving on the Colorado Child Fatality Review Board, when he helped develop the School Resource Officer Division for the Longmont PD. He has been a member of the Longmont PD Gang Unit since its inception in 1991 and was a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team for 8 years. He is currently an Advisory Board Member for the School Safety Resource Center and the Colorado Associations of School Resource Officers. He was recently named the 2009 School Resource Officer of the year for Colorado.

Denise McHugh

Denise McHugh is Executive Director of the Center for Systems Integration, has over twenty years of experience in the health and human services field, including work at the national, state, and local levels regarding legal and policy matters affecting communities and families, and systems integration and systems of care initiatives.

John Nicoletti

John Nicoletti is a clinical/police psychologist who specializes in identifying, assessing and defusing attack related behaviors and violence in various workplaces, campuses and schools. He also provides on-site psychological screenings and consultations at the U.S. bases of McMurdo and the South Pole in Antarctica. Dr. Nicoletti has written three books in the areas of violence entitled: *Violence Goes to Work* (1994); *Violence Goes to College* (2001) published by Charles C. Thomas; and *Violence Goes to School* (2002) published by the National Education Services. Dr. Nicoletti is on the Colorado Governor's Task Force on Expert Emergency Response and is past Chair of the Police Psychologist Section for the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Dr. Nicoletti received his doctorate in psychology from Colorado State University.

Susan Payne

Susan Payne is the Executive Director for the Safe2Tell prevention initiative. She serves in this role as a Special Agent with the CO Dept. of Public Safety, Homeland Security. A seventeen year veteran of the Colorado Springs Police Department, her experience includes team leader for Hostage Crises Negotiations, FBI fugitive task force and training at the FBI Academy. After the Columbine tragedy Susan was appointed to the Attorney General's office to develop a statewide program to facilitate open lines of communication and collaboration between young people, parents, law enforcement, government agencies and community groups in which students are encouraged to report any threat to their own safety or the safety of others. As the founding director of Safe2Tell, her focus continues to be one of early intervention and prevention through education and awareness.

Laura Iardi Pearson

Laura Iardi Pearson is an associate at Hoskin, Farina & Kampf, P.C. in Grand Junction. Her practice is focused in the areas of education law, employment law and general civil litigation. She graduated magna cum laude from American University's School of International Service in Washington, D.C., and received her law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. While attending law school, Ms. Pearson served as a student attorney in the Civil Rights and Disability Law Clinic of the Student Law Office.

David A. Price

David Price is an attorney with Hoskin, Farina & Kampf, P.C., in Grand Junction. Mr. Price specializes in school law and frequently speaks on public education law topics in western Colorado and across the state. Mr. Price is a member and past president of the Colorado Council of School Board Attorneys, a member of the National School Board Association's Council of School Attorneys, and is formerly the director and lead counsel of the Colorado Association of School Boards Legal Services Program. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Dave Sullivan

Dave Sullivan, CEM, is contracted to the Colorado School District Self Insurance Pool working on the Pool's Emergency Management Program. He previously served as Deputy Director and Director of the Office of Emergency Management for the City and County of Denver prior to retiring in 2004. Mr. Sullivan holds a BA in History from Rhode Island College and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Colorado, Denver. He is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) and served as a member of the CEM Commission for the International Association of Emergency Managers and as the Commission Chair from 2004-2006. Past affiliations include: member and Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council for Emergency Medical Services, Past President of the Colorado Emergency Management Association, and Past President of the Region VIII Chapter of the International Association of Emergency Managers.

Erin Sullivan

Erin Sullivan is the Colorado School wide-Positive Behavior Support Statewide Co-Coordinator. She works with teams, coaches, and superintendents to implement SW-PBS with fidelity and sustainability. Erin is a Ph.D. student at the University of Denver in Child, Family, and School Leadership.

Vicki Woods

Vicki Woods is Special Education Coordinator, Mesa District #51. Vicki has worked on behalf of children with challenging behaviors and their families and received the 2008 award given annually by the Colorado Council for Children with Behavior Disorders (CCBD) for Vicki's contribution in working with the Council, as a Behavior Support coach, and in Mesa County Valley School District 51.

