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WHEREAS, excellence in education and academic achievement is dependent on safe, secure, and respectful learning environments; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of all students, teachers, and school staff can be jeopardized by crime and violence, bullying, aggression, substance abuse, suicide concerns, gang activity, vandalism, and absenteeism in our schools; and

WHEREAS, it is important for community leaders – public, private, law enforcement, fire safety, emergency management, business, and non-profit – to join with educators and the Colorado School Safety Resource Center to help ensure that our schools remain safe and positive environments that are conducive to learning; and

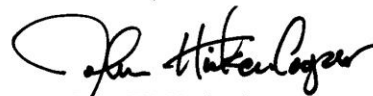
WHEREAS, the observance of Safe Schools Month serves to remind us of the importance of school safety;

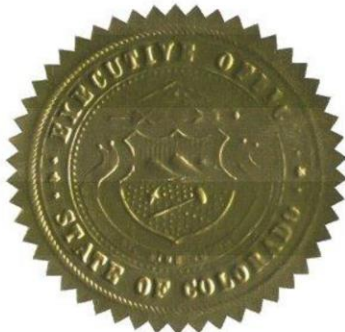
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SAFE SCHOOLS MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of October, 2016


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor



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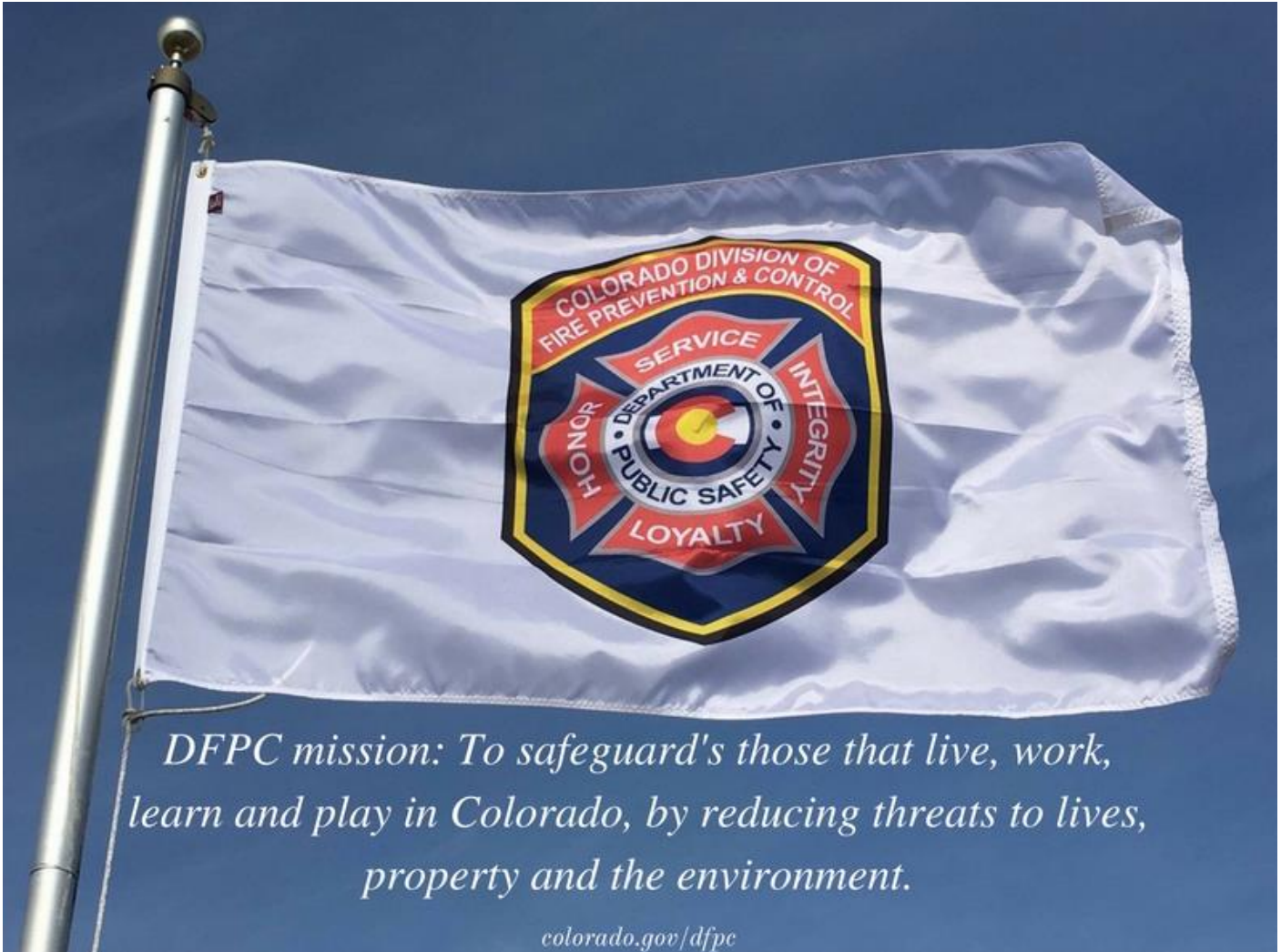


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Wednesday, October 12th, 2016 - Schedule At-a-Glance.

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM **Registration, Coffee, and Continental Breakfast**

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM **Welcome and Introductions**

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Presented by: Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D.

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10:00 AM - 11:25 AM **First Break Out Session Wednesday Oct 12th**

Aspen	Updates on SB15-213 & SB15-214. Presented by: Kate O'Donnell M.S.W., Christine Harms, M.S.
Dogwood	A Roadmap to Evidence-Based School Safety: Safe Communities Safe Schools Presented by: Beverly Kingston, Ph.D., Mark Wilding, M.A.
Blue Spruce	Overview of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Presented by: Margaret M. Ochoa, J.D., Maria Trujillo M.A.
Mt. Evans	Fun with Numbers: Using Healthy Kids Colorado Data to Impact School Safety Presenters: Leo Kattari, Lauren Cikara, M.S. Ed.
Pinon Pine	Building Positive Relationships Between Law Enforcement and Youth Through Effective Partnerships Presented by: Michael Eaton, M.P.A. and Commander Paul Pazen
Cottonwood	SEM Wars: Jedi Council Offers new EOP Presented by: Anna Gisetti, M.A., Brad Stiles, M.A. Jason Medina

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Blue Spruce	Utilizing Student Discipline Data & Interventions to Eliminate Racial Disparities Related to Discipline Presented by: Ellen Kelty, M.A., NCSP, Barbara Downing, Ph.D.
Mt. Evans	Cyber Safety Cop (Social Media and Internet Safety Presentation) Presented by: Agent Stacey Collis, Colleen Owens, M.A.
Pinon Pine	Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict Presented by: Special Agent in Charge Robert Evans & DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge David Schiller

2:35 PM - 2:45 PM **Break**

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Presented by: Jarrod Hindman, MS

4:00 PM **Adjournment**

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 - Session Details

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Christine R. Harms, Director, Colorado School Safety Resource Center
Color Guard – Air Force JROTC, Mapleton Public Schools, “Stealth Squadron”
Instructor: Lt Col (ret) William H. Arrington
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Director: Ms. Robin Cutting - Performing Arts Director
Stan Hilkey, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety
The Honorable Donna Lynne – Lt. Governor, Colorado

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Plenary: Empowering Teens to Delete Cyberbullying and Make Kindness Go Viral

Presenter: *Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D.*

This presentation is all about strategies and solutions. Since teens are uniquely positioned to be the primary catalyst of lasting change in their schools, we encourage educators to marshal the powers of peer influence and social culture to curtail peer conflict, harassment, and other problem behaviors. Primarily, we will detail how to connect with youth to implement peer mentoring, social norming, kindness campaigns and movements, and other proven messaging strategies. Furthermore, we discuss how to get youth to not only NOT do the wrong thing (i.e., mistreat others), but to actually do the right thing (i.e., intentionally work to create and maintain a culture of compassion, peer respect, and mutual acceptance).

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Break

10:00 AM – 11:25 AM

First Break Out Session

1. Updates on the Claire Davis Act

Presenters: *Kate O'Donnell M.S.W., Christine Harms, M.S*

The Claire Davis Act (SB15-213) was signed into law in 2015 with schools' governmental immunity waived and compensatory damages becoming effective on July 1, 2017. The SB15-214 Interim Committee's role is to study the issues related to this law. This workshop will give a brief overview of SB15-213, highlight the work of the 214 Committee and discuss the recommendations from the three reports generated on the Arapahoe High School tragedy which was the stimulus for SB15-213 & 214.

2. A Roadmap to Evidence-Based School Safety: Safe Communities Safe Schools

Presenters: *Beverly Kingston, Ph.D., Mark Wilding, M.A.*

As part of the National Institutes of Justice Comprehensive School Safety Initiative, CU-Boulder's Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV) is working with Colorado schools to promote positive school climates that are attuned and responsive to students' needs. This interactive workshop describes CSPV's comprehensive Safe Communities Safe Schools approach to school safety, violence prevention, and healthy youth development. Topics include engaging multi-disciplinary teams, using effective information-gathering tools, and building a strong and targeted multi-tiered system of supports that integrates evidence-based programming.

3. Overview of Child Sexual Abuse and Trafficking

Presenters: *Margaret M. Ochoa, J.D., Maria Trujillo, M.A.*

Child abuse includes different methods of exploitation. Over the years there has been growing attention to the plight of US children falling victim to human trafficking. Despite this attention, front-line professionals continue to struggle with being able to identify this hidden victim population. Many victims of abuse and trafficking are recruited and groomed within the hallways of our schools. Accordingly, school professionals serve a vital role in protecting students. This workshop will provide an overview of child sexual abuse and its manifestations, its overlap with domestic minor trafficking, and a review of the recent strides that have been made to combat these crimes at the federal and state level. Participants will be provided with tools to better identify and respond to the children who fall victim to these crime every day.

4. Fun with Numbers: Using Healthy Kids Colorado Data to Impact School Safety

Presenters: *Leo Kattari, Lauren Cikara M.S.Ed.*

Data is anything but boring. It can be a powerful tool to inform programming and policy in schools. This workshop will focus on the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS), the state's leading comprehensive survey on health, well-being, and resiliency of young people in Colorado and how school district anti-bullying policies can impact a young person's experience in school life and their potential for academic achievement.

5. Building Positive Relationships Between Law Enforcement and Youth Through Effective Partnerships

Presenters: *Michael Eaton, M.P.A. DPS Chief Department of Safety, Paul Pazen, Commander Denver Police*

Learn how Denver Public Schools and Denver Police have collaborated by involving line police officers in everyday school activities. Empowering youth to have productive and meaningful dialogues with local law enforcement has created trust and respect in our school communities. This workshop will explore the specific goals and ideas that were implemented over the past two years to support this important initiative.

6. SEM Wars: Jedi Council Offers new EOP

Presenters: *Anna Gisetti, M.A., Brad Stiles, M.A.*

School Emergency Management (SEM) and developing Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) can be difficult, overwhelming, time-consuming, and yet necessary in today's educational setting. A diverse panel of superintendents and school administrators discuss their efforts regarding school safety, including the challenges they experience in their varied Colorado communities and the work that has been done to overcome such challenges. Gain insight into how rural and suburban districts are tackling school emergency management requirements in order to provide safe environments for Colorado youth. Free resources to aid in school emergency management will be provided.

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1:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Plenary: Unleashing the Power of Prevention to Promote School Safety and Positive Youth

Introduction: *Beverly Kingston, Ph.D., Director, Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, CU-Boulder*

Presenter: *Brian Bumbarger, Ph.D.*

This keynote presentation will describe the current state of the science in mobilizing schools, communities and public systems to prevent youth crime and violence and to promote school safety and academic success. Dr. Bumbarger will discuss his experiences leading Pennsylvania's school safety initiative in the wake of Columbine and a number of other high-profile school shootings, and will reflect on the lessons learned, including both successes and mistakes, in the subsequent decade and a half since. Brian will consider the current context in Colorado and the timely opportunity for bringing together school and community leaders and public agencies to take full advantage of the growing body of prevention and implementation science to increase school safety in a way that also promotes positive youth develop and strengthens families and communities across Colorado.

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7. Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Truancy Panel**Moderator:** *Laura Trent, Esq. Spark Policy Institute Project Manager***Panelists:** *Judge Colleen Clark; Jennifer Turner, M.S.W.; Meg Williams, M.P.A.; Judge Michael Schiferl; Magistrate Jamin Alabiso, and Tobin Wright*

This workshop explores the historical use of detention in Colorado and why it is important to take a deeper look at the academic and social impacts of detention on youth. Further, specific examples of alternative programs operating in Colorado will be highlighted through a panel discussion designed to provide participants with a high-level framework of a Truancy Problem Solving Court, and community in schools partnerships aimed at truancy prevention, namely the key program components, the importance of community involvement, and opportunities and challenges.

8. Youth Engaged in School Safety (YES²), CSSRC's Youth Council**Presenters:** *Anna Gisetti, M.A., Sarah Rose, YES² Students*

In this session, participants in the CSSRC's youth advisory council will discuss their interest in positive school climate and safety topics. They will address challenges in bringing safety messages to their unique communities and the strategies used to overcome them. They will also share success stories and make suggestions for engaging youth.

9. Findings from the 2013 Arapahoe High School Shooting: Lessons Learned on Gathering Intelligence and Sharing Information**Presenters:** *Sarah Goodrum, Ph.D., William Woodward, M.P.A.*

Relying on findings from an intensive case study of the Arapahoe High School Shooting in December 2013, the workshop highlights the challenges with gathering intelligence and sharing information about a student of concern in Colorado schools. The challenges include: confusion about the application of the Federal Education Records Privacy Act (FERPA) for students exhibiting behavior and safety concerns, restricted access to student information systems to record behavior and safety concerns (e.g., threat, risk, academic, discipline response), and limited knowledge and use of Interagency Information Sharing Agreements (encouraged by SB 00-133) and Safe2Tell. Policy implications will be discussed

10. Utilizing Student Discipline Data & Interventions to Eliminate Racial Disparities Related to Discipline**Presenters:** *Ellen Kelty, M.A., NCSP, Barbara Downing, Ph.D.*

The Denver Public Schools have intentionally focused on the elimination of racial disparities related to student discipline since 2008. Current student discipline data shows highly significant decreases in out-of-school suspension and expulsion rates as the result of these intentional efforts. As DPS strives to be the first major school district in the nation to eliminate racial disparities, several key strategies have enabled the significant progress toward the goal. This presentation will focus on the policy development foundation of this work, the processes for collecting and analyzing the data, and the key strategies used in direct support of our students that enable these goals to be achieved.

11. Cyber Safety Cop (Social Media and Internet Safety Presentation)**Presenters:** *Agent Stacey Collis, Colleen Owens M.A., Principal*

Cyber Safety Cop is a comprehensive social media and Internet safety program that is used by schools and police agencies. It empowers parents and their students by giving them the latest safety information available and a practical solution based approach to cyberbullying and other online threats. Come hear how this principal and SRO collaborate to deliver this presentation to schools.

12. Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict**Presenter:** *Robert Evans, FBI Criminal ASAC & David Schiller, DEA ASAC*

"We're at war here; and the statistics show that. It's absolutely staggering." - FBI Special Agent Shane Dana. An opiate and prescription drug abuse epidemic is sweeping the country, including Colorado. To help raise awareness and educate young people about the dangers of addiction, the FBI and DEA have released the documentary *Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict*. One in five high school students have abused a prescription drug, according to the CDC last year. We hope educators across Colorado will implement this film into their drug awareness curriculum. We have also created a study guide that will help teachers, school counselors and school resource officers.

2:35 PM – 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Plenary: Mitigating Risk and Improving Protection: A Public Health Approach to Suicide Prevention in Colorado Schools

Presenter: *Jarrold Hindman*

Suicide continues to be the second leading cause of death for youth in Colorado. Taking suicide prevention further upstream and utilizing a public health approach shows promising outcomes for our youth in combating this issue. This presentation will highlight some of the successful prevention work that is happening in a number of schools in rural, suburban and urban sites across the state.

4:00 PM

Adjournment

Please complete your evaluation and exchange it for a certificate of hours for today's presentations.

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Plenary: The Impact of Marijuana Legalization

Presented by: Michael Song M.B.A., J.D., Colorado Attorney General's Office

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

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10:00 AM - 11:25 AM

First Break Out Session Thursday Oct 13th

Dogwood	Safe2Tell Information Sharing Laws: What you need to know Presented by: Susan Payne, Julie Tolleson, J.D., David Olson, J.D.
Pinon Pine	CSSRC/CDE Understanding the Best Grant Funding Presented by: Ken Haptonstall, Ph.D., Dustin Guerin, Kevin Huber, Brad Stiles, M.A.
Aspen	Best Practice Considerations in Threat Assessment and Threat Management for Colorado School districts: Selected Findings from the Review of the Arapahoe High School Shooting Presented by: Linda Kanan, Ph.D., John Nicoletti, Ph.D., ABPP
Mt. Evans	Social Emotional Learning in Schools: Panel Presentation Moderator: Jessica Gorrone, LCSW Presenters: Marilyn Decalo, M.A., Jacob Pingel, Angel Spencer, Katie Wienecke, M.A., Barb Becker, Ph.D., Kimberly Shipman, Ph.D. & Monica Fitzgerald, Ph.D.
Blue Spruce	Reunification, the Road to Recovery Presented by: Jeff Genger Adams 12
Cottonwood	Colorado State Patrol's Drug Recognition in the Schools Presented by: Trooper Nick Hazlett

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Plenary: Safe2Tell Panel

Moderator: Beverly Kingston, Ph.D., Director, Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, CU-Boulder

Panelists: Susan Payne, Founding Executive Director; Lt. Col. Mark Savage, CSP; and Bryan Krause, Ex. Dir. Of Student Services for St. Vrain Valley Schools

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Aspen	Considerations for Students with Disabilities in the Context of SB15-213 Presented by: Darryl Farrington, J.D., Callan Clark, Lucinda Hundley, Ph.D., Carolena Steen, Ph.D.
Pinon Pine	Behavioral Health Assessments: a Panel Presentation Presented by: Carolyn Swenson, MSPH, MSN, RN & Brad Bogue, Ph.D.
Dogwood	From Urban to Rural Schools: Conducting Crisis Drills: Panel Presentation Presented by: Susan Payne, Melissa Craven, Rich Payne, Kathy Morris,
Cottonwood	Division of Fire Prevention and Control Presented by: Rob Geislinger, Section Chief DFPC

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Plenary: Essential Elements of Effective Behavioral Threat Management Programs

Presented by: Gene Deisinger, Ph.D.

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8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Plenary: The Impact of Marijuana Legalization

Introduction: *Susan Payne, Founding Executive Director, Safe2Tell*

Presenter: *Michael Song, M.B.A., J.D.*

This will be a candid look into the new marijuana laws and how it is effecting public safety, law enforcement and schools. The presentation will cover legal, practical and administrative scenarios that have and will occur in your communities.

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Break

10:00 AM – 11:25 AM

First Break Out Session

13. Safe2Tell Information Sharing Laws: What you need to know

Presenters: *Susan Payne, Julie Tolleson, J.D., David Olson, J.D.*

From FERPA to state statutes, information sharing laws can be complex and hard to understand. What can be shared, what can't, what does the law protect and what does the law prohibit are questions school administrators, mental health professionals and law enforcement are asking when it comes to information sharing. In this session, Julie Tolleson, First Assistant Attorney General and Susan Payne, Safe2Tell Colorado Executive Director, will present guidance on FERPA and Colorado information sharing laws, as well as a legislative update on new state statutes concerning the sharing of student information, and a report on the updated Colorado School Discipline Manual.

14. CSSRC/CDE Understanding the BEST Grant Funding

Presenters: *Ken Haptonstall, Ph.D., Dustin Guerin, Kevin Huber, Brad Stiles, M.A.*

In this presentation, panelists will discuss how the BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) grant process works, is a BEST grant for you, what goes into an application, what the board is looking and how to make your application stand out among the crowd. Panelists from Colorado Department of Education, Division of Capital Construction and a member of the Capital Construction Assistance Board, will be led by Brad Stiles from the School Safety Resource Center in a lively discussion of what works, what doesn't and how to succeed.

15. Best Practice Considerations in Threat Assessment and Threat Management for Colorado School districts: Selected Findings from the Review of the Arapahoe High School Shooting

Presenters: *Linda Kanan, Ph.D., John Nicoletti, Ph.D., ABPP*

The presenters are experts in threat assessment and school safety who conducted an in-depth review of psychological safety and threat assessment issues based on information from the discovery process of the arbitration related to the tragic incident at Arapahoe High School in 2013. They have used their experience and expertise to broaden the lessons learned and recommendations into the essential components needed for ALL Colorado schools to create psychologically safe environments and good threat awareness, assessment, and management protocols. The workshop recommendations help clarify potentials for misunderstandings or misapplication of the important concepts and provide an important review of the current knowledge in the field. Participants will have opportunity to ask their questions!

16. Social Emotional Learning: Panel Discussion

Presenters: *Jacob Pingel & Angel Spencer, Mesa 51; Katie Wienecke, M.A. & Barb Becker, Ph.D. Smart-Girl; Kimberly Shipman, Ph.D. & Monica Fitzgerald, Ph.D. Let's Connect and Marilyn Decalo, Random Acts of Kindness*

We know that both school safety and academic achievement are enhanced when the school climate is welcoming and students feel connected to their community. Come hear how four different social emotional learning programs are achieving a positive school climate from elementary thru middle school and on into high school. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the panelists.

17. Reunification, the Road to Recovery

Presenter: *Jeff Genger, Adams 12*

Are you ready to reunify?? Everyone is talking about it and we all know how important it is. In this training on Parent Reunification you will be the first to work through the newest tool to train parent reunification, an interactive staff training video. This fun and interactive workshop will prepare you to return to your school districts and build your own reunification team

18. CSP Drug Recognition in the Schools

Presenter: *Trooper Nick Hazlett*

This workshop is to help identify signs, symptoms, indicators and general awareness of students under the influence of controlled substances.

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Second Break Out Session

19. Power With Versus Power Over: The Language of Conflict Resolution

Presenter: *Kerri Schmitt M.S.*

This highly interactive workshop will give participants a hands on experience and tools to reset yourself in conflict conversations. You will learn a ten second technique to adjust your focus and quickly assess the dynamics of conflict. Specific phrases will be taught to connect conflicting parties and minimize defensiveness. These skills are helpful personally and professionally.

20. Emerald Elementary School & ADL's No Place for Hate Initiative - Working Together to Create an Inclusive School Culture

Presenters: *Tara Raju, M.S.W., Samara Williams, Principal*

Change is a process. Creating positive school culture takes time, patience and leadership. Emerald Elementary School students and staff have had success with all of these elements. This informative workshop will provide insight and strategies on how strong collaborations between students, staff, school administration and partner organizations can engage a whole school community to build a school culture that is safe and inclusive."

21. Considerations for Students with Disabilities in the Context of SB15-213

Presenters: *Darryl Farrington, J.D., Callan Clark, Lucinda Hundley, Ph.D., Carolena Steen, Ph.D.*

This panel presentation will discuss recommendations for district and school site level work related to students with disabilities who present challenging behaviors, within the context of school safety and the impacts of SB-213, while balancing the legal obligations for providing FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education). Presenters will touch on current legal requirements and case law, guidance to districts regarding policy and practice, as well as pro-active planning to prevent unintended consequences as a result of SB-213. We anticipate an opportunity for questions and answers as time allows.

22. Behavioral Health Assessments: Panel Discussion

Presenter: *Carolyn Swenson, MSPH, MSN, RN and Brad Bogue, Ph.D.*

School mental health professionals are always in need of good behavioral health assessment tools. Ms. Swenson will present the SBIRT – Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment as early intervention for alcohol, marijuana and other drug use and will provide critical information to engage parents/guardians in prevention. Dr. Bogue will present information on the Risk & Resiliency Check-up. This tool is designed to provide deliberate and equal attention to protective as well as risk factors present in at-risk students for whom the measure was designed.

23. From Urban to Rural Schools: Conduction Crisis Drills, a Panel Discussion

Presenters: *Susan Payne, Melissa Craven, Kathy Morris and Rich Payne*

Colorado schools and communities are no strangers to high profile events of violence and crisis events. The best method for saving lives during a crisis event is preparedness and readiness. It is essential that schools are prepared to respond to emergency situations by conducting drills and exercises. In this session, Susan Payne will facilitate a panel discussion providing participants with a best practice framework in conducting effective drills that save time, money and lives.

24. Division of Fire Prevention and Control

Presenter: *Rob Geislinger, Section Chief of DFPC*

The past few years have seen a growing dialogue between fire and security personnel as they strive to keep our students safe. This dialogue arose after strategies and devices have been developed to improve security only to discover that these also had significant, adverse effects on fire safety. This workshop will attempt to examine fire safety and security needs in light of how schools operate in the 21st century. It will also identify options that will ensure that all of these needs are met within effective emergency plans

2:35 PM – 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Plenary: Essential Elements of Effective Behavioral Threat Management Programs

Presenter: *Gene Deisinger, Ph.D.*

School personnel are increasingly involved in the assessment and management of persons who engage in threatening and volatile behaviors. Such persons can include current or former students, faculty, staff, and other persons not affiliated with the school community. These individuals can be highly disruptive both in the school/workplace settings and in the community at large. Their behaviors may range from tactics of bullying and intimidation, to stalking and harassment, to acts of violence that devastate a school, campus, workplace, family, or community. Incidents from around the world have underscored the ongoing need for collaborative and integrated strategies to prevent violence where possible, and to mitigate risk of harm where necessary. This session will help participants to better understand dynamics of targeted violence; develop and enhance strategies for early identification, assessment, and intervention with concerning situations; and provide an overview of contemporary standards of care for violence prevention and intervention within schools and workplaces.

4:00 PM

Adjournment

Please complete your evaluation and exchange it for a certificate of hours for today's presentations.

Plenary Speakers

Brian Bumbarger, Ph.D.

Dr. Brian Bumbarger is Adjunct Research Fellow at the Criminology Institute at Griffith University (Queensland, Australia) and an Adjunct Research Associate at the Prevention Research Center at Penn State University, where he formerly served as Assistant Director for Knowledge Translation and Dissemination and instructor of Criminal and Juvenile Justice. He is the Founding Director of the Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center (www.EPISCenter.org), an intermediary organization supporting the largest statewide scale-up of evidence-based Blueprints program replications and Communities That Care community prevention coalitions in the United States. Prior to his tenure in academia, Dr. Bumbarger served as a probation and parole officer, Drug and Gangs Specialist for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and Project Manager for the Pennsylvania Office for Safe Schools.

Gene Deisinger, Ph.D.

Dr. Gene Deisinger is Managing Partner of SIGMA Threat Management Associates, a multi-disciplinary professional firm that provides training & consulting services to a broad range of clients including educational institutions, governmental agencies, law enforcement & security agencies, corporations, and public figures. SIGMA helps clients identify, assess, & manage threatening situations to mitigate risk for violence, and enhance their safety & well-being. Until his retirement in November 2014, Dr. Deisinger served as Deputy Chief of Police & Director of Threat Management for Virginia Tech, positions to which he was recruited following the 2007 mass casualty incident at that campus. Upon his retirement, he was retained as the Threat Management Consultant for the Virginia Center for School & Campus Safety. Dr. Deisinger earned his doctorate in psychology from Iowa State University. He is a licensed psychologist, a certified health service provider in psychology, and, until his retirement, a certified law enforcement officer.

Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D.

Dr. Sameer Hinduja is a professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida Atlantic University and Co-Director of the Cyberbullying Research Center (cyberbullying.org). He is recognized internationally for his groundbreaking work on the subjects of cyberbullying and safe social networking. Outside of research and evaluation expertise, Dr. Hinduja provides training to schools, youth organizations, parents, and teens on how to avoid online victimization and its real-world consequences.

Jarrold Hindman, M.S.

Jarrold Hindman is the Deputy Chief of the Violence and Injury Prevention-Mental Health Promotion Branch at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Mr. Hindman oversees the Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention and is the public co-chair of the Suicide Prevention Commission. Mr. Hindman also oversees the state's Retail Marijuana Education and Prevention Program and its statewide Communities that Care initiative, and leads mental health promotion initiatives across the Branch and throughout the Department.

Bryan Krause

Bryan Krause currently serves as the Executive Director of Student Services for the St. Vrain Valley School District. Mr. Krause previously worked as Director of Student Services and Emergency Management in Jefferson County School District where he created and implemented Threat Assessment Protocols, Suicide Risk Assessment tools and ICAP professional learning opportunities for mental health professionals. Mr. Krause also speaks nationally on school safety and crisis response for school districts and law enforcement organizations. Prior to that, he was the Principal at Windy Peak Lab School and Platte Canyon High School.

Susan Payne

Susan Payne is the Founder of Safe2Tell™, a prevention initiative developed as a response to the Columbine tragedy. She currently serves as the Executive Director for Safe2Tell Colorado and the Director of Safe Schools with the Colorado Department of Law. Ms. Payne is a 25-year law enforcement veteran, serving 17-years with the Colorado Springs Police Department. She is often requested to attend law enforcement debriefings to focus on lessons learned, including New Life Church, Sparks Middle School, Virginia Tech, and Arapahoe High School. The U.S. Department of Justice and Department of Education regularly recognizes Susan as a subject matter expert in school safety and prevention strategies.

Lieutenant Colonel Mark Savage

Lt. Col. Mark Savage has been with the Colorado State Patrol since 1995. He is currently assigned to Region III which includes Districts 2 and 5 in Southern Colorado, the Communications Branch and the Motor Carrier Services Branch. Lt. Col. Savage was promoted to his current rank on July 1, 2014. He has been an active member of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance serving as the organization's President in 2012 and 2013 and is considered a subject matter expert in commercial vehicle safety for the state and the nation. Lt. Col. Savage has a Bachelor's degree in political science and history from Coe College in Iowa and is a graduate of the 256th Session of the FBI's National Academy. He also is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command 304th session.

Michael Song, M.B.A., J.D.

Michael Song is the first Marijuana Attorney for the Attorney General's Office. Prior to joining the AG's office, Michael served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Hawaii and the District of Columbia where he tried cases in U.S. District Court and briefed and argued appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals. While in the District of Hawaii, Michael prosecuted complex public corruption, white-collar criminal matters and special jurisdictional matters on federally-owned property. In the District of Columbia, he investigated and prosecuted major felony crimes to include narcotic trafficking and organized crime. Michael served as a law clerk to The Honorable Royce C. Lamberth of the U.S. District Court in the D.C. Circuit. Michael graduated from the University of Texas with a juris doctorate degree and a master's degree in public affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. Michael earned an M.B.A from Pepperdine University Graziadio School of Business and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Presenters - Workshop & Breakout Speakers in Alphabetical Order

Magistrate Jamin Alabiso, J.D.

Jamin Alabiso is a magistrate for the 1st Judicial District where he presides over a mixed docket including truancy and the truancy problem solving court. His passion has been and continues to be juvenile justice. In his present problem solving court, he has taken a hard look at disproportionate minority contact, organizing training and inviting those who can have an impact from across the region to have a frank discussion about what needs to change to break current patterns. Magistrate Alabiso takes a hands-on approach in his problem-solving court to both relate with and motivate students to attend school. He provides a collaborative approach connecting families with the resources they need to succeed. Prior to joining the bench Magistrate Alabiso was a prosecutor in both Adams and Jefferson counties focusing his energy on juvenile justice.

Barb Becker, Ph.D.

Dr. Barb Becker has been with AllHealth Network (formerly Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health) for nearly twelve years. She has oversight of all of the clinical programs as well as the prevention programs, including Smart Girl. She works closely in the area of public policy around behavioral health issues. Dr. Becker is on the Governor's Commission on Suicide Prevention and is recipient of the 2015 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Sandy Martin Grassroots Award.

Lauren Cikara, M.S.Ed.

Lauren Cikara, has spent the last 16 years working with and for young people. She has supported gay-straight alliance programming across Colorado and also worked for school districts to adopt LGBTQ inclusive policies. Currently she is the Community and School Liaison for the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS) team at the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus, where she works with schools to take the HKCS and use their results. Ms. Cikara's background is in student leadership, health education, diversity and inclusion, and policy/advocacy.

Callan Clark

Callan Clark is the Executive Director of Student Support Services for Englewood School District, in charge of special education, Section 504, nursing and mental health services and support for district and building crisis teams. She is a national trainer for Bully Proofing Your School, working to support other districts in creating safe and positive learning environments. Most recently she led a partnership with AllHealth to place mental health therapists in schools to remove barriers to mental health treatment. Ms. Clark is also involved in the Consortium of Directors of Special Education, most recently testifying to the SB213 Committee in support of CSSRC leadership around state protocols and training for threat assessments and other supports for students and staff.

Judge Colleen Clark, J.D.

Judge Colleen Clark is a magistrate for the 18th Judicial District where she presides over the traditional truancy docket as well as the truancy problem-solving court. Judge Clark also sits as a part-time municipal judge for the City of Aurora handling a diverse docket of juvenile, criminal and civil matters. As a magistrate in the 18th Judicial District, Judge Clark works diligently to ensure no children serve detention for truancy. With training in disproportionate minority contact, motivational interviewing, collaborative justice, mental health, child abuse and trauma, Judge Clark has a unique perspective that allows her to brainstorm innovative ideas from the bench. Prior to joining the bench, she was a prosecutor for over a decade. Judge Clark practiced across the state in both the urban jurisdictions of Adams and Arapahoe as well as the rural jurisdictions of Eagle, Summit, Clear Creek and Lake Counties.

Agent Stacey Collis

Agent Collis is a Detective/SRO (school resource officer) with the Lakewood Colorado Police Department. He has been a police officer in the State of Colorado for the last 30+ years with the last 27 being at Lakewood. He holds a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement Administration from Western Illinois University. Agent Collis is currently the SRO at Green Mountain HS where he has served in that position since 2001. He has been involved in the schools as a D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) officer before becoming an SRO. He has worked with the youth of Lakewood for 18+ years. Agent Collis is currently the president of the board of the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers (CASRO). He currently co-presents the Cyber Safety Cop program with his colleague, Principal Colleen Owens.

Melissa Craven

Melissa Craven is the Director of Emergency Management for Denver Public Schools (DPS) and a member of the District's Safety and Security Management Team. Ms. Craven is responsible for the district-wide Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) Plan. This involves continued development, implementation and training to all schools and non-school facilities. Ms. Craven is the liaison to other school districts, organizations, Denver Office of Emergency Management, FEMA, local law enforcement and other emergency responders. She also oversees the training and documentation to ensure that all schools are in compliance with federal, state, local and district regulations regarding emergency response.

Marilyn Decalo, M.A.

As the Education Director for the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation (RAK) Marilyn Decalo is responsible for developing and managing all aspects of RAK's education programs, research, curriculum development, educator and school relations, and educational resources for website delivery. Ms. Decalo has over 25 years of professional education experience in developing and implementing innovative education programs in school communities. Currently she is overseeing the development of online training and professional development learning for education professionals who are either new to, or leading implementation of RAK's social emotional learning programs in and out of schools. Ms. Decalo received an M.A. in Transpersonal Psychology from Naropa University.

Barbara Downing, Ph.D.

Dr. Barbara Downing is a school psychologist and Project Manager on the Whole Child Supports Team in the Denver Public Schools. Dr. Downing manages the Whole Child Supports Team Deployment Platform, and is responsible for the district implementation of culturally responsive student discipline in policy and practice, with an intense focus on equity and inclusion.

Michael Eaton, M.P.A.

Michael Eaton is the Chief of the Department of Safety for Denver Public Schools (DPS). The DPS is the largest school district in Colorado serving over 91,000 students, 15,000 employees and 200 schools. Mr. Eaton's responsibilities include overseeing approximately 145 staff that provide 24/7 safety and security services to the district. Prior to joining DPS, Mr. Eaton was the Director of Safety and Security at Johnson & Wales University. He currently holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from the University of Colorado; and a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Johnson & Wales University. He is a graduate of the Aurora Community College Police Academy and previously held a Peace Officer Standards and Training Certification for the State of Colorado. Mr. Eaton is also currently the President of the Colorado Association of School Safety and Law Enforcement Officers (CASSLEO).

Robert Evans, FBI Criminal ASAC

Mr. Evans is the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the Criminal Branch in the Denver Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). ASAC Evans has served in the Miami Field Office, Salt Lake City Field Office, FBI Headquarters in Washington, the Albuquerque Field Office and in December 2015 was promoted to the Criminal ASAC position in the Denver Field Office. As the Criminal Branch ASAC, ASAC Evans oversees all the Criminal Programs investigated by the FBI in Colorado and Wyoming.

Darryl Farrington, J.D.

Darryl Farrington has specialized in school law and special district law for more than 30 years. He currently serves as general counsel to approximately 35 school districts and boards of cooperative services throughout Colorado in virtually all areas of law, and serves as a special counsel in the field of disability and special education. Mr. Farrington continues his career-long emphasis in the representation of special districts and related entities. He presents regularly in trainings and workshops on a variety of education law topics.

Monica Fitzgerald, Ph.D.

Dr. Monica M. Fitzgerald is a licensed clinical psychologist and Senior Research Associate in the Center for Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado Boulder. Her research focuses on childhood traumatic stress, emotion socialization processes, and prevention and intervention strategies. Dr. Fitzgerald's work seeks to build emotion-focused communication patterns and socio-emotional competence across caregiving systems and to evaluate effective implementation of innovative, evidence-based interventions (EBI). She is also an expert trainer in evidence-based trauma focused treatments (e.g., TF-CBT, AF-CBT).

Rob Geislinger

Rob Geislinger is the Fire and Life Safety Section Chief with the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control. Prior to this, he was a firefighter for over 25 years, spending the last 15 years of this career within the fire prevention bureaus of two fire departments. Mr. Geislinger retired as Fire Marshal in 2010. In this role, he was very active in the Fire Marshals Association of Colorado, elected as president and secretary and serving actively in the code development and legislative committees. He was intimately involved in developing the building and fire statutes and regulations impacting Colorado public schools.

Jeff Genger

Jeff Genger serves as the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Adams 12 Five Star Schools. Before joining Adams 12, Mr. Genger served 19 years in Firefighting, Para-medicine, Hazardous Materials Response, and Emergency Management. He has been fortunate to help/support/command personnel in some of Colorado's most recent natural and man-made disasters. Since the Newtown school shooting in 2012, Mr. Genger has developed a passion for keeping kids safe in schools.

Anna Gisetti, M.A.

Anna Gisetti began working at the Denver Children's Home with at-risk youth in a residential treatment setting before joining the Colorado public school system for over six years as a school counselor. She provided professional development to staff on many topics, including bullying prevention, suicide intervention, substance abuse prevention, restorative practices, and threat assessment. As the School Outreach Consultant for the CSSRC, Ms. Gisetti continues to train school staff on these and other school safety topics, as well as provide workshops for parents. She holds a M.A. in Counseling Psychology and Counselor Education from the University of Colorado at Denver, and a B.S.B.A. from American University in Washington, D.C.

Sarah Goodrum, Ph.D.

Dr. Sarah Goodrum is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Northern Colorado, and she serves as a Faculty Associate with the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado Boulder. For sixteen years, she has been conducting research on homicide victimization, intimate partner abuse, and school safety. Dr. Goodrum's publications have appeared in *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Criminal Justice Review*, and *Sociological Quarterly*. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Texas at Austin and her B.A. in Sociology from Texas A&M University.

Jessica Gorrone, LCSW

Jessica Gorrone is a faculty member in the Center for Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado Boulder and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She has over 10 years of experience working in major child serving systems and has expertise in social-emotional learning, mental health and child trauma. Jessica has done extensive work in development, training, consultation, coaching and direct service provision of evidence based, trauma-focused mental health treatments and social emotional learning programming. She is a certified Trauma-Focused CBT therapist and trained TF-CBT consultant.

Dustin Guerin

Dustin Guerin is the Supervisor for Statewide Facility Assessment at the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) in the Division of Capital Construction. In this role he provides technical assistance to school districts with potential BEST grant applications, aid with project identification, RFQ/P development and implementation, grant application review, assisting BEST grantees with project implementation and management.

Ken Haptonstall, Ph.D.

Dr. Ken Haptonstall is the Superintendent of Schools for Garfield County School District 16. Dr. Haptonstall has been with Garfield County Schools since 2008, prior to that he spent 14 years in Grand Junction as a teacher at East Middle School, and as a principal of Fruita Monument Middle School. He has served on several state and national level committees, including the commissioner's rural council, accountability 1.0 SB-163 committee, the RelCentral board of directors, the Innovation Lab Network as part of the CSSSO, and the capital construction board (BEST). Dr. Haptonstall also coordinates the bi-annual Western Slopes Superintendent Conference.

Christine Harms, M.S.

Christine Harms is the Director of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center. She is a former public school teacher, private school administrator, psychotherapist and trainer with over 30 years' experience working with youth, professionals and parents in schools, private practice and victim serving agencies. Before coming to Colorado in 2005, she spent five years as the co-coordinator of a large suburban Philadelphia school safety center. Ms. Harms has trained professionals on such issues as emergency planning, violence prevention, school-based crisis response, adolescent trauma, sexual harassment and misconduct, suicide intervention, and mandated reporting of child abuse. She joined the Center in 2009 as the first School Outreach Consultant and became the Director in January, 2012.

Trooper Nick Hazlett

Trooper Nicholas Hazlett has served with the Colorado State Patrol for the last 8 years. Prior to becoming a trooper he served in the U.S. Air Force. Trooper Hazlett is a Drug Recognition Expert/Instructor and teaches a number of certification classes.

Kevin Huber

Kevin Huber is a Regional Program Manager – Northwest, at the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) in the Division of Capital Construction.

Lucinda Hundley

Dr. Lucinda Hundley is a retired assistant superintendent/director of student support services from Littleton Public Schools, prior to that as a director of special education in Santa Ana, California. She has over 40 years of experience in public education leadership roles concerning students with disabilities. In 2004, Dr. Hundley was instrumental in developing the Consortium of Special Education Directors which works with state and federal policy makers regarding issues critical to the education of children with disabilities. For the past five years she has coordinated the work of this group, actively engaging in work related to SB213 and its impact on the students with disabilities, most recently participating in the CASE Winter Leadership Conference as a panel presenter around considerations for students with disabilities in the context of SB213.

Linda Kanan, Ph.D.

Dr. Linda Kanan was the first Director of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center (2008 – 2011). She was the primary author of the independent report, completed at the request of the Superintendent of the Littleton Public Schools on behalf of their Board of Education, to review and disseminate findings primarily from the discovery process of the investigatory arbitration related to the tragic shooting at Arapahoe High School in 2013. She has been an adjunct professor at the University of Denver, Morgridge College of Education since 1995. Dr. Kanan is a school psychologist, with over 30 years of experience in education, including 21 years of working with adolescents in secondary school settings and specializing in school safety and crisis intervention in schools. She is the author or co-author of several publications on crisis prevention in schools.

Leo Kattari

Leo Kattari is a passionate advocate for health equity and social justice. He currently oversees the Heathy Kids Colorado Survey at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Leo's background is in social work, policy/advocacy, community mobilization, and health education. He has worked with organization, universities and health care institutions across the county to advance the health and well-being of all people with an emphasis in LGBT health, leadership development, and community engagement.

Ellen Kelty, M.A., NCSP

Ellen Kelty is the Program Manager for the Department of Social Work and Psychological Services at Denver Public Schools. Ms. Kelty is a Nationally Accredited School Suicide Prevention Expert, supporting 230 school psychologists and social workers in the district.

Beverly Kingston, Ph.D.

Dr. Beverly Kingston is the Director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at University of Colorado Boulder. She is principal investigator on the Safe Communities Safe Schools project recently funded by the National Institutes of Justice Comprehensive School Safety Initiative and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Youth Violence Prevention Center of Excellence. Dr. Kingston's research and professional interests focus on bridging the gap between research and practice to create and sustain social and physical environments that support healthy child and youth development from cradle to career.

Jason Medina

Jason Medina is a graduate of Adams State College where he earned his BA in Psychology. He has worked for Division of Youth Corrections from 1997-2000 and was a Child Welfare caseworker in Costilla County 2000-2003. Jason also taught at Centennial from 03-04 and was the Assistant Director of Costilla County Housing Authority 2004-12. He started with Centennial School District R-1 in November 2012, to present and is now Dean of Students, safety and security director for the district. Almost 20 years of working with Emergency Operations Planning, starting in DYC and continuing to the present. Jason is currently using his knowledge to help small districts and Head Start programs in the San Luis Valley with conducting threat assessments and aid in writing their OWN EOP's. He also presented at CASE with SEM this summer in Breckenridge.

Kathy Morris

Kathy Morris is the Regional School Safety Coordinator for the San Juan BOCES. Ms. Morris specializes in risk management and emergency response for schools. In this role, she has established an Emergency Operations Program that includes staff trainings and certifications. Additionally, Ms. Morris has successfully completed FEMA certification (ICS and NIMs); 40 hrs. RUBICON training, Colorado Department of Emergency Management Trainings: ICS/EOC (G-191), EOC (G-275), and Emergency Planning for Schools. She has participated in regional full scale exercises, facilitated multiple table top exercises, and conducted facility safety assessments. Ms. Morris' previous experience includes working in the area of Homeland Security and safe schools consulting. She is the past Chair and now serves as a Director on the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool Board.

John Nicoletti, Ph.D.

Dr. John Nicoletti specializes in violence risk assessment, workplace and school violence prevention, crisis intervention, and trauma recovery. He contributed to the review of materials and co-authoring of the independent report related to the tragic incident at Arapahoe High School in 2013. He testified at the Columbine Commission in 1999-2000 and has testified in Washington D.C. in front of Congress and the Police Executive Research Forum Commission on threat assessment and school shootings. Dr. Nicoletti has provided trainings for and conducted numerous threat assessments for schools, college campuses, private corporations and government agencies. He and his associates have assisted in recovery efforts for many national and local active shooter situations including Columbine, Platte Canyon, and the Aurora Theater Shooting.

Margaret Ochoa, J.D.

Margaret Ochoa worked as an Assistant County Attorney in Jefferson County, Colorado. She was primarily responsible for dependency and neglect proceedings, and advised the Department of Social Services in every aspect of child protection. Additionally, she represented the Department of Social Services in child support establishment, enforcement and modifications, as well as benefit eligibility matters. She has lectured and written frequently on the topic of sexual abuse prevention in recent years. In her role as Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist, Ms. Ochoa provides resources for school personnel, parents and students to identify, prevent, and respond to sexual abuse and assault. She earned her law degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as well as her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism.

Kate O'Donnell, M.S.W.

Kate O'Donnell has been a school counselor at the Colorado Academy in Denver for the past 8 years. Previously, she was a school social worker in Jefferson County, school administrator in Aurora and Cherry Creek Schools, a clinical social worker at Fort Logan Psychiatric Hospital and Jefferson Center for Mental Health. Ms. O'Donnell was a mental health responder at Columbine in 1999. She is trained in emergency response, emergency mental health assessments, and grief counseling. She serves on the legislative committee for the National Association of Social Workers, Colorado branch. Ms. O'Donnell represents youth mental health on the SB15-214 School Safety and Youth Mental Health Interim Committee.

David Olson, J.D.

David Olson is a public education advocate at Sebastopol Consulting where he provides a variety of consultative services to public school districts and charter schools throughout Colorado. His work cuts a wide-swath as he provides guidance to schools on the policy, regulatory, risk management, and legislative fronts that are unique to public education. Prior to starting his own consulting firm he was general counsel at the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool (CSDSIP) where he provided services to 156 of the 178 school districts in Colorado. Mr. Olson earned his law degree from the University of Nebraska, College of Law in 2005. David authored a case note entitled "*Simplicity is Blissful: Is Your School District's Reduction-In-Force Policy Compliant?*" and was the lead editor for an education law symposium, *Equitable and Adequate School Funding – Practice Perspectives*, 83 Neb. L. Rev. 830 (2005).

Colleen Owens, M.A.

Colleen Owens is the Principal of Green Mountain High School in the Jefferson County Public School District. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Metropolitan State College of Denver and a Master's Degree in Administrative Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Colorado at Denver. As a high school administrator, Ms. Owens works with students, staff, and parents to educate them around the pros and cons of technology use. She is a recipient of the 2011 Colorado School Counselor's Association (CSCA) Advocate of the Year, the 2014 Colorado Association of School Resource Officers (CASRO) Administrator of the Year Awards, and the 2016 Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) Colorado High School Principal of the Year.

Rich Payne

Rich Payne is the Director of School Safety and Security for Douglas County School District. He is responsible for directing district-wide security operations, developing emergency plans, developing and maintaining security policy and procedures and serving as a liaison to community stakeholders and collaborating with administration on security matters. Mr. Payne is a retired police officer, serving for 26 years with the Colorado Springs Police Department where he was a major crimes detective investigating homicide cases for 10 years, a Patrol Officer and a DARE Officer. For two and half years prior to his role at Douglas County School District, Mr. Payne served as a safety consultant for Jefferson Public Schools.

Commander Paul Pazen

Commander Pazen is a Denver native who now serves the same vibrant and diverse neighborhood where he was raised. Throughout his career, Commander Pazen has placed a high value on individual accountability, quality leadership and dedicated public service. Commander Pazen is passionate about community outreach and committed to making Denver a safer place to live and work.

Jacob Pingel

Jacob Pingel is a high school Spanish teacher with seven years of teaching experience. He has spent the past four years serving as the Head of the World Language Department at Central High School in Grand Junction Colorado. Mr. Pingel has a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish Education from Brigham Young University and is in the final stages of receiving a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Leadership from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He has been involved in a multitude of initiatives at Central High School and has been a key figure in the development of the current culture and community building initiative.

Tara Raju, M.S.W.

Tara Raju, Education Director for the Anti-Defamation League's Mountain States Regional Office, has over 20 years' experience working with schools, K-12 and higher education, focused on student leadership, anti-bias education and systemic change, in cities including, Philadelphia, Chicago, Portland, OR and the Denver metro area. She leads ADL's education department which focuses on anti-bias education, including the successful No Place for Hate® Initiative and A World of Difference® Institute. Other areas in ADL's education department include Holocaust education, A Tribute to Moral Courage student essay contest and the Gerald M. Quiat Delegates to the National Youth Leadership Mission to Washington, D.C. Ms. Raju has a M.S.W. from University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Arts from Washington University, St. Louis.

Judge Michael Schiferl, J.D.

Judge Schiferl received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern Colorado and his Juris Doctor from the University of Gonzaga Law School in December 1979. He was in private practice for eleven years and was a prosecutor for the District Attorney's office for eleven years. Judge Schiferl was appointed to the Colorado District Court Bench on April 5, 2002. He currently presides over cases of domestic relations, civil matters, felony criminal matters, and various other cases. Seven years ago Judge Schiferl was instrumental in developing two problem-solving courts, and an adult substance abuse Court and a truancy court that serves the Sixteenth Judicial District. Each of these problem-solving Courts has evolved over the years.

David Schiller, DEA ASAC

David Schiller is the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Denver Division. ASAC Schiller holds a handful of responsibilities in Billings and Missoula Montana. In addition he has oversight over the entire Diversion Control Program for Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah. Before Denver, ASAC Schiller was the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Global Enforcement and the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Operations.

Kerri Schmitt, M.S.

Kerri Schmitt is an adjunct professor at Creighton Univ. Law School and also teaches Restorative Justice in the criminal justice program at UCCS. She is an experienced RJ facilitator (over 1200 cases), a mediator, restorative justice and mediation trainer, workplace and conflict conversation coach and organizational development consultant. Ms. Schmitt co-created restorative justice diversion program used by over 7000 youth in El Paso County. Her Restorative Dialogue program for staff is used in the Dept. of Youth Corrections throughout Colorado and she co-developed the Victim Offender Dialogue program for the Colorado Department of Corrections. Ms. Schmitt works with schools all over Colorado to create restorative responses to conflict and crime and has presented two- day workshops all over Colorado on restorative justice practices and principles for the CSSRC.

Kimberly Shipman, Ph.D.

Dr. Kimberly Shipman is a licensed clinical and developmental psychologist and Senior Research Associate in the Center for Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado Boulder. Her research focuses on family emotion socialization processes, children's socio-emotional competence, children's traumatic stress, and the development of innovative prevention and intervention strategies for building emotion-focused communication skills in caregivers across systems. Dr. Shipman has considerable expertise in evaluating the implementation of evidence-based interventions (EBI) and is a national trainer in evidence-based mental health treatments (e.g., TF-CBT).

Angel Spencer, M.A.

Angel Spencer has been teaching high school math and science for the last six years, and currently teaches AP Physics and Chemistry at Central High School in Grand Junction, CO. She holds a Master's Degree in Teacher Leadership from Western State Colorado University and an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering and Petroleum Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. Ms. Spencer has been involved in implementing the STEM program at Central High School and is currently helping to lead the implementation of a school wide culture and community building initiative, including creating a new advisory curriculum.

Brad Stiles, M.A.

Brad Stiles is the Emergency Response Outreach Consultant for the Colorado School Safety Resource Center. He served for eight years in the U.S. Army as a Military Policeman. Mr. Stiles returned home in 2006, joining the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff. He earned a B. A. in Criminal Justice, as well as a M.A. in Emergency and Disaster Management from American Military University. During his employment with Jefferson County, Mr. Stiles served as a Field Training Instructor, a Crime Scene Technician, a member of the Honor Guard, an Academy Instructor and a member of Mobile Field Force Team 6. He was also selected to become a member of the Jefferson County Incident Management Team (Type 3). Mr. Stiles was deployed with the JeffCo IMT for the Lower North Fork Fire, the Bluebell Fire and the Colorado Floods of 2013.

Carolena Steen, Ph.D., LCSW

Dr. Carolena Steen is the Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services in the Cheyenne Mountain School District, overseeing a variety of student services including special education, Section 504, mental health services, counseling services, nursing services, district and building crisis teams, and MTSS efforts. She is on the board of AspenPointe, the largest nonprofit organization dealing with behavioral health care, social enterprises, adult career development and education in the Pike Peak Region. Dr. Steen is also involved in the Consortium of Directors of Special Education, monitoring the work of the SB214 Committee and was an active participant of the CSSRC working group around impacts of SB213.

Carolyn Swenson, M.S.

Carolyn Swenson is a registered nurse, trained as a family nurse practitioner, and completed a Master of Science in Public Health. She is the Manager of Training and Consultation for SBIRT-Colorado at Peer Assistance Services, Inc. in Denver, Colorado where she provides training to health professionals on prevention and early intervention for alcohol and drug use in adolescents. Ms. Swenson has worked in a variety of settings including school health and currently works on improving integration of behavioral and general health care. She is also a certified suicide prevention trainer.

Julie Tolleson, J.D.

Julie Tolleson serves as First Assistant Attorney General for Education in the State Services Unit at the Colorado Department of Law. She specializes in education law and prior to joining the Colorado Attorney General's Office served as General Counsel for the Tucson United School District. Ms. Tolleson has served as a Public Defender for the Washington County Public Defender Office as well as an Associate at Lewis & Roca. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Government from Baylor University and a doctorate of law from University of California, Berkeley.

Marcela Torres, Ph.D.

Dr. Marcela Torres is a Research Associate and Licensed Clinical Psychologist with the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado Boulder. Her work focuses on the promotion of social emotional competence in children, teacher and parent emotion socialization practices, and the development, evaluation and dissemination of related prevention/intervention programs. Dr. Torres also specializes in the impact of childhood traumatic stress on learning, behavior and mental health and evidence-based, family-focused treatments for childhood trauma. She is a certified Trauma-Focused CBT therapist, trained TF-CBT consultant and trainer.

Laura Trent, J.D.

In her role as project manager at Spark Policy Institute, Ms. Trent combines her passion for research and public policy with her legal education to help catalyze systemic change. She brings diverse knowledge of programs and initiatives covering a wide range of topics from early childhood education to emergency preparedness, enabling her to guide others based on her lessons learned. Additionally, Ms. Trent is a trained facilitator who has a keen eye for threading unique perspectives together to generate a solution. She has helped facilitate conversations on numerous issues, including juvenile justice, child welfare, and mental health.

Maria Trujillo, M.A.

Maria Trujillo is the Human Trafficking Program Manager at the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice. In this role she coordinates the efforts of the Colorado Human Trafficking Council. Ms. Trujillo joined the division in December 2014 after spending the previous six years in Houston, TX as the Executive Director of the non-profit organization, United Against Human Trafficking (UAHT). Prior to her time at UAHT, she lived in Washington, DC where she worked for an international development organization and obtained her Master's degree in International Communications at American University. Ms. Trujillo also holds a BA in International Relations from Claremont McKenna College. She serves as a speaker and expert technical adviser on the issue of human trafficking at the national, state and local levels.

Jennifer Turner, MSW

Jennifer Turner is a passionate advocate for youth, social justice, and community and believes the three are fundamentally connected. Ms. Turner works at La Plata Youth Services, where she directs a continuum of community-based services that supports youth with significant challenges at home and in school. She coordinates the SMART collaborative and founded and directs the Community-in-Schools Partnership Program, bringing community resources to schools, and the Radical Possibilities Therapeutic Mentorship Program, partnering college interns with youth who have experienced substantial adverse life events. In addition to her professional role advocating for youth, Ms. Turner is also a mother of two boys, 12 and 17. Their experiences and insights constantly inspire her in the work she does for her community.

Katie Wienecke, M.A.

Katie Wienecke has been the Program Manager at Smart-Girl for over 3 years. She holds a Master's Degree in International Administration from the University of Denver. Prior to Smart-Girl, she worked with the Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO), the Wyoming Women's Foundation, and the University of Wyoming Foundation. Ms. Wienecke is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, former Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters and the current president of Zonta Club of Denver.

Chris Wilderman

Chris Wilderman is the Director of Operations, Security & Environmental Services for the Boulder Valley School District. Prior to working for Boulder Valley, Chris was the Security Manager for Adams 12 Five Star Schools. His background is in law enforcement and before focusing on school security Chris was a police officer with the Northglenn Police Department for 12 years.

Mark Wilding, M.A.

Mark Wilding is the Executive Director of PassageWorks, a non-profit that supports K-12 educators with professional development, publications, and curriculum resources. He is the co-author of *The 5 Dimensions of Engaged Teaching*, a new book for K-12 teachers. As core faculty he teaches courses, facilitates conferences and dialogues, and presents keynotes and lectures. Before joining PassageWorks in 2008, Mr. Wilding was a staff and faculty member of Naropa University where he continues to teach graduate courses. He earned a BS from Syracuse University and State University of New York (SUNY) and an MA in Environmental Leadership from Naropa University.

Meg Williams, M.P.A.

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Samara Williams

Samara Williams is the principal of Emerald Elementary School in the Boulder Valley School District. Emerald is a diverse school that serves English language learners and at-risk students in Broomfield. Emerald is the proud recipient of the No Place for Hate Excellence Award for Elementary schools in Colorado in 2016. Samara is also the recipient of the Impact on Education Award in Boulder Valley Schools in 2016 and a proud public school educator for 20 years in the metro area.

William Woodward, M.P.A

William Woodward is a faculty member at the University of Colorado Boulder's Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence. Mr. Woodward served as Director of the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice from 1984 to 1999. Mr. Woodward worked in law enforcement for 12 years in various positions ranging from officer to police captain. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Public Administration with a specialization in Organizational Development and Criminal Justice from the University of Colorado Boulder.

Tobin Wright

Mr. Wright has served as the Chief Probation Officer in the 16th Judicial District (Bent, Crowley, and Otero counties) since 2006, after having been a Probation Supervisor in the 21st Judicial District in 2005. His experience includes being the Forensic Counselor when the State of Kansas implemented its Sexual Predator Treatment Program, and he has been employed as a psychologist at a juvenile correctional facility. In addition, he created and facilitated an Alcohol/Drug Information Class for adults and juveniles, has served as an adjunct faculty member and has been a substitute teacher. He serves on various statewide committees and local boards such as the 16th Judicial District Team for Family Success, Juvenile Services Planning Committee, and the Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System Legislative Task Force.

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