



COLORADO
School Safety Resource Center

Department of Public Safety

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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors:

Happy New Year! As a school person this always feels like the real New Year to me. I know you must be busy preparing for the students to arrive and we wanted to offer our assistance and some information.

You are probably aware of the [2015 legislation](#) that was passed that impacts schools. SB15-213 *Waive Governmental Immunity for Acts of School Violence* and the companion bill SB15-214 that formed the *Safe Schools and Youth Mental Health (SSYMH) Committee* will have a bearing on all school safety related work especially as a definition of “reasonable care” is developed.

The SSYMH Committee had its first meeting on Tuesday, July 14th where the School Safety Resource Center, Safe2Tell and the Colorado Society of School Psychologists offered information to the group. As a member of the committee, if you have any specific information pertaining to the committee’s question of, “What do we need to be doing that we aren’t doing right now to keep students safe?” I would be happy to share your comments with the committee. As you probably know, David Crews, Superintendent of the Norwood School District, is also serving on the committee. Committee meetings are open to the public and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27th at the Capitol.

We will host the no-cost **Colorado Safe Schools Summit on October 14th and 15th** at the Adams 12 Star Conference Center. We have a wonderful slate of plenary speakers and 24 workshops tracked for school personnel, mental health professionals or emergency response partners. I have attached a flyer and a [link](#) for the electronic version of this letter. We ask that you forward the electronic version of this letter to your building administrators. Thank you!

We have another [grant opportunity](#) for twelve schools to do some intensive positive school climate work. Twelve schools are already working with us on a previous grant with the same goals and their projects have included conducting a climate survey and then having the school’s team receive technical assistance as they decide upon efforts to enhance the school’s climate. Funds are available with both grants for stipends, substitutes, and other resources to support the efforts. We are accepting applications until Monday, August 17th.

Finally, we are collaborating with the Colorado Department of Education on a **School Emergency Management** grant. Centennial BOCES, San Juan BOCES and the Thompson School District are coordinating workshops for 100 district teams to upgrade their emergency response plans. Again, funds are available for stipends, substitutes and/or travel. More information and contacts for the three host agencies are attached [here](#).

Thank you for all you do for the students of Colorado and I wish you a safe, successful school year. Please contact the Center if we can be of assistance.

Kindest regards,

Christine R. Harms

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Director





Register Now!

2015 Colorado Safe Schools Summit

Thornton, Colorado

Wednesday, October 14—Thursday, October 15, 2015

8:00AM-4:00PM (check-in at 7:30AM)

Registration is required.

Registration for this event is on the CO Train System at www.CO.Train.org. Search for this event by **Course ID: 1056986**. Click on the title of the conference, "2015 Colorado Safe Schools Summit".

Keynote Speakers

Stephen Sroka, Ph.D. is an internationally recognized speaker, author, and consultant who will use cutting-edge research, humor and inspiring real-life stories to facilitate learning about safe schools and their relationship to academic and life success.

David Schonfeld, M.D. is Professor of Social Work and Pediatrics at the Southern California Children's Hospital and Director of the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement. He served as a member of the Sandy Hook Advisory Commission and will share recommendations from the commission report.

Finessa Ferrell is Director of Initiatives for the Colorado Education Initiative and in this roles she oversees efforts in school climate change, equity, student behavioral health, and social emotional learning. Before joining CEI, Finessa led the National Center for School Engagement and the Colorado office of Homeless Youth Services.

Lynn Riemer, affectionately known as the "Martha Stewart of Meth Labs," has over 10 years of experience working in Narcotics. Lynn was a Forensic Chemist with the DEA and spent seven years as the Chemist /Criminalist with the North Metro Drug Task Force in Denver



Who should attend?

- Administrators
- Teachers
- School Safety Teams
- School/Community Mental Health Professionals
- School Resource Officers
- First Responders
- Parents
- Anyone who works with youth

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WORKSHOPS

24 Interesting workshops including:

Michael Song "The Impact of Marijuana Legalization"

Dr. Kate Cumbo "What Would the Dalai Lama Do?"

Sarah Brummett "Colorado State Suicide Prevention"

Janise McNally and Amy Plog " Mindfulness as a Strategy to Support School Safety"

CSSRC "Child Sexual Abuse Prevention in the Schools"

And more!

For questions or more information

Contact CSSRC at 303-239-4435

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Colorado School Emergency Management Grant: School Emergency Operations Plans



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- * **Don't have a plan?** Want to build your school's first plan to the new standard?
- * **Have a plan?** Want to bring your school emergency planning to the next level?
- * **Have a great plan?** Want to refine and update your plan?
- * **Here's your chance!**

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Begin by identifying the threats & hazards that face your school. Assess the threats and hazards. ◆ Assess the threats and hazards identified using a rubric developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). ◆ Develop goals and objectives for the three highest priority risks. ◆ Identify critical functions common to all goals and objectives. ◆ Identify courses of action to meet all goals and objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Use the information collected in the first workshop to begin writing the School/District Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). ◆ Based on the guidance found in the "Guide for Developing High Quality School Emergency Operations Plans." ◆ Includes the Basic Plan, Functional Annexes and Threat/Hazard Annexes. ◆ Gain knowledge to complete the School/District EOP at the end of this workshop (team will have access to a variety of tools, including Colorado-specific tools, in both hard copy and electronic versions). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Learn how to take your knowledge back to your district. ◆ Write and plan Table Top Exercises (TTX). ◆ Make exercises come to life! ◆ Access tools and resources to make this job easier. ◆ Finalize your EOP.

During each workshop we will focus on gaining knowledge, not just filling in the blanks. In order to do this the instructors will use selected portions of FEMA's Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools coursework along with Colorado specific tools and a set of tools developed by the REMS TA Center. It is vital that members of each team have taken these required FEMA courses before the first workshop: IS 100SCa for all members and IS 100SCa, IS 700, and IS 362.a for the team leader.

Team up with colleagues from your district/school and join colleagues from other districts.

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Planned training events:

Region	Dates	Location	Contact
North Central: Greeley	8/7/15, 8/12/15, 9/4/15	Centennial BOCES Office, 2020 Clubhouse Dr., Greeley, 80634	Teresa Yohon tyohon@comcast.net
Northwest: Rifle	8/28/15, 9/16/15, 10/2/15	Learning Opportunities Center, 829 Whiteriver Ave., Rifle, CO.	Teresa Yohon tyohon@comcast.net
San Juan: East/West	9/10-11/15, 11/19- 20/15, TBD	San Juan BOCES Office, Du- rango/TBD	Kathy Morris kmorris@sjboces.org
Northeast: Limon	9/14/15, 9/28/15, 10/26/15	East Central BOCES Office, Limon	Teresa Yohon tyohon@comcast.net
Thompson School District	9/17/15, 10/22/15, 11/5/15	Loveland School District Of- fices, Loveland	Rick Frei Rick.frei@thompsonschoools.org
Pikes Peak: Pueblo	9/29/15, 10/20/15, 11/3/15	Patrick A. Lucero Library/ East Side Branch, Pueblo	Teresa Yohon tyohon@comcast.net
Southeast: La Junta	9/30/15, 10/21/15, 11/17/15	TBD, La Junta	Teresa Yohon tyohon@comcast.net
Pikes Peak: Colorado Springs	10/28/15, 11/11/15, 12/2/15	Pikes Peak BOCES Office, Colorado Springs	Teresa Yohon tyohon@comcast.net
Southeast: Lamar	10/30/15, 11/6/15, 12/11/15	TBD, Lamar	Teresa Yohon tyohon@comcast.net
Northeast: Fort Morgan	1/20/16, 2/17/16, 3/9/16	District Admin Building Conference Room, Fort Morgan	Teresa Yohon tyohon@comcast.net

Please contact Chris Harms at the Center for more info.
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