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E-UPDATE FROM CSSRC ~ You are receiving this email as a subscriber of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center's (CSSRC) listserv. E-Updates from the CSSRC will contain the most current information about the Center's activities and resources, as well as other school safety efforts throughout the state of Colorado and relevant national resources. **Please forward this to others on your email list that have an interest in supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado. They may register for this listserv on our website www.Colorado.gov/SchoolSafetyResourceCenter or www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC.**

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy New School Year!

Here are some updates I thought would be helpful as you gear up for the new academic year:

- **Superintendents' letters** went out last week (for whom we had email addresses). In case you didn't receive one, it is [attached here](#). I know we have over 40 new superintendents this school year in Colorado and we welcome you all! Please contact the Center if we can help with your school safety planning and to give us your contact information. Except for the fees for our regional trainings, all other assistance is at NO COST to schools (public, charter, and private as well as higher education campuses).
- **2018 School Safety Legislation Grant Funding** will be available later this fall. Updates will be posted here and on the homepage of our website. This [one-pager](#) will give you the latest as of today. If you are planning to apply for the SAFER Grant (Interoperability Grant) a sample MOU can be found [here](#).
- The **2017 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey data** is being released in stages. Here is the [link](#) to the first press release which also includes links to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's HKCS pages.
- **Fall Regional Trainings** co-hosted by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center are listed below. Be sure to see the **September 14th Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium** as well as the [2018 Colorado Safe Schools Summit](#) on **October 1st and 2nd**.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Chris Harms

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

NEW FEATURE - [School Safety Steps](#) Realizing how daunting the subject of school safety can be, especially for administrators with multiple responsibilities, each month the Center will provide suggested steps for districts to take/review as the school year unfolds. These steps will incorporate best practices and help your district be compliant with the Safe Schools Act. The name of the staff member who composed the step and can offer the best assistance will follow each entry. We hope it helps to lighten the load.

August School Safety Steps: As we get ready to return to school, we need to ask ourselves, are we prepared? Not prepared for the return of all those students or prepared for the fall sports season, but are we prepared for emergencies or incidents on school grounds. One of the best ways to ensure we are ready for an emergency is to **train our district safety teams**, even those who are highly trained could do with some refresher training from time to time.

Did you know that the [Colorado Safe Schools Act \(C.R.S 22-32-109.1\)](#) requires that all schools, "**institutionalize the Incident Command System (ICS)**," and the recommended action to accomplish this is to have all, "Safety Team Members & Backups complete [IS 100.C, Introduction to the Incident Command System](#) and that all District Crisis Plan Developers complete [IS 100.C, Introduction to the Incident Command System](#) and [IS-362.A, Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools?](#)"

FEMA recently revamped the IS 100 course in **June of 2018**, removing the industry specific versions. So if it's been awhile since you took this course, now might be a good time to brush up on these important topics. If you've never taken these courses and you are on a safety team or have been asked to participate in your school's planning team, please take the time to understand your role and responsibilities through these courses. Courses are online for free.

Stay tuned for more tips on creating Emergency Operations Plans and safety planning in the coming months.

Brad Stiles, CSSRC Emergency Response Consultant brad.stiles@state.co.us or call 303.239.4321 to reach Brad directly.

CSSRC Resources for Schools Webcast

- Dustin Hunter, School Outreach Consultant for the Center, reminds schools in this webcast of the many services offered by the CSSRC to schools at no charge.
- [View the webcast here.](#)

Legislative Update

Recent legislation has passed that may impact your work:

- ❖ First, HB18-1269 (now C.R.S. § 22-1-130), requires local education providers to **notify parents** if an employee or former employee is charged with certain felony offenses. The time, place and manner of those notifications are spelled out in the new law, and may require policy changes in your school or district. The CSSRC convened a multidisciplinary workgroup last winter to address similar issues, and created a toolkit with sample letters to provide guidance. The legislation passed after the workgroup had disbanded, but the toolkit was updated to reflect the changes. You can access the toolkit [HERE](#).
- ❖ Additionally, HB18-1064 (now C.R.S. § 19-3.5-105 *et seq.* and § 26-6.5-107) directs the Colorado Children's Trust to develop and maintain a **training program for the prevention of child sexual abuse**, directed to persons who interact with young children. Your evidence or research-based prevention program may be eligible for implementation grant funds. The Center will provide updates once the Colorado Children's Trust Fund has announced rules.
- ❖ As you know, Colorado has a juvenile sexting law that has been in effect since January 2018. See [this webcast](#) from Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist, Margaret Ochoa, J.D. if you need some background. The Center was directed by the legislature to create a program for the courts and schools to aid our youth in understanding the law and identifying risks and consequences of sexting behavior. [HERE](#) is a link to the Center's web page of resources supporting "Sexting: What You Need to Know", the CSSRC's online sexting prevention course. Call Margaret with any questions at 303.239.4439, or email at margaret.ochoa@state.co.us.
- ❖ There is a new memo from the [Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control](#) regarding Substituting All-Hazard Drills for Fire Drills. Please see the memo [here](#) for clarification on current requirements.

COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING

Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium- Registration is NOW OPEN!

- **When: Friday, September 14, 2018** at the Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center in Thornton
- **What:** Two nationally renowned plenary speakers and eight workshops.
- The Center is collaborating with the [Office of the Attorney General](#), [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment's Office of Suicide Prevention](#) and the [Colorado Department of Education](#).
- Keynote speakers are confirmed and the agenda with workshops will be posted shortly.
- Please access the flyer [here](#).
- **Registration can be accessed [here](#).**

2018 Colorado Safe Schools Summit October 1st and 2nd! - Registration is NOW OPEN!

- Please mark your calendars now for the **2018 Safe Schools Summit** on **Monday and Tuesday, October 1st and 2nd** at the Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center in Thornton.
- Once again the Center will collaborate with the [Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at CU Boulder](#) and [Safe2Tell](#) in the Office of the Attorney General.
- Keynote speakers are confirmed and the agenda can be found [here](#).
- We will also celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the CSSRC.
- **Registration can be accessed [here](#).**

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence

- This guide is provided by the [United States Department of Homeland Security](#) and the [United States Secret Service](#).

- “The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting tragedy served as the impetus to go beyond our past work and go in depth regarding the how - how do we solve this epidemic?” said Secret Service Director R. D. “Tex” Alles.”
- You can access the guide [here](#).

NEW [FBI Releases Study of Pre-Attack Behaviors of Active Shooters](#)

- This study was completed and released by the [Federal Bureau of Investigation \(FBI\)](#).
- “This report, covering active shooter incidents in the United States between 2000 and 2013, examines specific behaviors that may precede an attack and that might be useful in identifying, assessing, and managing those who may be on a pathway to violence.”
- You can access the report [here](#).

NEW [Healthy Kids Colorado Survey 2017 Results Rolling Out!](#)

- The Healthy Kids Colorado Survey is completed every two years by the [University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus](#) and supported by the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#), the [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) and the [Colorado Department of Human Services \(CDHS\)](#).
- **Some of the 2017 Results are available [here](#).**

NEW [“I’m Into App” Seeking Youth Service Organizations to Pilot App](#)

- The [“I’m into app”](#) is “a completely free app for youth and organizations in Colorado that fosters the connections that can provide support and guidance young people need.”
- “Looking for youth service organizations statewide and in Denver specifically, that will commit to piloting this application to make authentic relationships with youth and connect them to the services, skills, opportunities and activities on the ground across Colorado.”
- You can view more information on the app and apply [here](#).

NEW [Traumatic Separation and Refugee & Immigrant Children: Tips for Current Caregivers](#)

- This tip sheet is provided by [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network \(NCTSN\)](#).
- “A new tip sheet for caregivers and others will help address the needs of immigrant and refugee children who have experienced traumatic separation.”
- You can access the document [here](#).

[Trusted Adult and PBF Campaign - Press Release](#)

- This press release comes on behalf of the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#).
- “The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has launched two new marijuana education campaigns to reach trusted adults who can influence a young person’s decision to not use marijuana and new moms who risk the health of their babies by using marijuana during pregnancy and breastfeeding.”
- You can read the release [here](#).

[CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS](#)

❖ [To view all online courses, click on the link below.](#)

- [Link to CSSRC online course offerings](#)
- [Click here to see Live Streams of all previous keynote addresses](#)

[WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES](#)

[Integrating Trauma Informed Approaches with PBIS within an MTSS Framework](#)

- This national webinar for the [Association of Positive Behavior Supports](#) on integrating trauma informed approaches with PBIS within an MTSS Framework was presented by Lynne DeSousa on Monday, May 21, 2018.
- The webinar lasts approximately 1 hour and 39 minutes.
- You can view or download the recording [here](#).

[Return to Learn Concussion Management Team \(CMT\)](#)

- This training is offered by the [Colorado Department of Education’s BrainSTEPS CO](#) and [Pennsylvania BrainSTEPS](#).

- BrainSTEPS CO's Return to Learn CMTs support students returning to the demands of school while promoting recovery.
- View the informational flyer to determine if this is right for your school [here](#).

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

Colorado State Patrol K-12 Education Program

- "The Colorado State Patrol desires to bring age specific curriculum (aligned with many of Colorado's education standards) regarding safety, choices and traffic into Colorado schools to help reduce preventable injury and fatal crashes throughout the state and to help our Colorado youth become future leaders in accident and injury prevention." (from their website)
- This program is provided by [Colorado State Patrol](#).
- The program's curriculum is broken down by specific grades: Pre K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12.
- You can view the curriculum by grade [here](#).
- You can schedule a class [here](#).

2018 Kids Count! Report Available

- This report is from [Colorado Children's Campaign](#).
- Kids Count is a national and state-by-state project of the [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#) to track the status of children in the United States.
- "Colorado's report is an annual data initiative to assess and share information about the well-being of Colorado's children and trends that are impacting their lives."
- You can view the 2018 report [here](#).

NEW The Trafficking of Children and Youth: Identification and Response

- This training is provided by the [University of Colorado Denver, Center on Domestic Violence](#).
- **When: August 15, 2018**
- **Where:** Lawrence Street Center, 1380 Lawrence St. Terrace Room, Denver, CO 80204
- **What:** "The Center will host a full day workshop on "The Trafficking of Children and Youth". Alison Boak, Founder and Executive Director of the International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA), will be the featured presenter for the workshop."
- Register [here](#).

NEW safeTALK Training

- These trainings are organized by [Dr. Sally Spencer-Thomas](#).
- **When: August 20, 2018, 8:15 am - 12:00 pm**
- **Where:** Sandstone Care 2100 South Cherry Street #204, Denver, CO 80222
- **What:** "safeTALK is a half-day alertness training that prepares anyone 15 or older, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper."
- View more information and register [here](#).

NEW Crisis Intervention Youth Training

- This training is hosted by the Haxtun Police Department.
- **When: August 22 - 24, 2018**
- **What:** "CIT-Youth is a three-day adjunct to Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) training focusing on adolescent development and behavioral health concerns specific to young people."
- You can view the flyer [here](#).
- For more information and to register email: Jeff Santelli at santellitraining@gmail.com

NEW Cyber Security Trainings

- These trainings are offered by the [Office of Emergency Management](#) within the [Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management](#).
- **What, When, and Where:**
 - [Essentials of Comm CS August 23, 2018, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Lamar Community Building, 610 S. 6th St. Lamar, CO 81052](#)
 - [Community Preparedness for CI August 23-24, 2018, Lamar Community Building, 610 S. 6th St. Lamar, CO 81052](#)

- View more information and register for each by clicking their title.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

- This training is sponsored by [Douglas County School District](#), [Douglas County Sheriff's Office](#), [Douglas/Arapahoe Suicide Prevention Alliance \(DASPA\)](#), [Douglas County Government—Philip S Miller Grant](#), [Rotary Club Castle Pines](#), and many other community sponsors.
- **When: Multiple Dates:**
 - **September 12-13, 2018**
 - **November 1-2, 2018**
- **What:** Two-day workshop in suicide intervention skills. Learn and practice this life-saving intervention model that is widely used by professionals and the general public.
- **Cost:** \$50 Community Member, \$25 Douglas/Arapahoe Suicide Prevention Association (DASPA) Member
- See flyer [here](#).
- Register online [here!](#) Select the District A-Z tab, choose Professional Development, and select ASIST.

NEW ASIST Training*

- This training is provided by [North Range Behavioral Health](#).
- **When: October 3-4, 2018, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**
- **Where:** Littler Prevention Campus – 2350 3rd Street Rd., Greeley, CO 80631 – West Training Room
- **What:** The Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program (ASIST) is a fourteen-hour workshop that teaches participants to connect, understand, and assist persons who may be at risk for suicide.
- Cost: \$150.00/ person
- Register by emailing Kimberly.Pratt@northrange.org

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***Please note - the CSSRC can conduct the ASIST training for the cost of materials (about \$42/student)**

NEW SAVE THE DATE: Parent Academy: Keeping Youth and Families Safe

- This academy is being held by [Youth Education and Safety in Schools \(Y.E.S.S.\)](#)
- **When: October 16, 2018, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Resource Fair/ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Academy**
- **Where: Charles Schwab Building, 9875 Schwab Way, Lone Tree, CO 80124**
- View the flyer [here](#).
- More details to come.

NEW Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention: Train the Trainer

- This training is provided by [North Range Behavioral Health](#).
- **When: October 16, 2018, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.**
- **Where:** Littler Prevention Campus – 2350 3rd Street Rd., Greeley, CO 80631 – West Training Room
- **What:** QPR T4T provides participants a 3-year certification that allows them to provide the 90-minute, Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) suicide prevention gatekeeper training to any audience.
- You can view more information [here](#).
- Register by emailing Kimberly.Pratt@northrange.org

Save the Date - Colorado Society of School Psychologists 2018 Annual Fall Conference

- This event is held by the [Colorado Society of School Psychologists](#)
- **When: November 1 - 3, 2018**
- **Where: Keystone Colorado**
- “This year’s conference theme *Fostering Relationships and Resiliency* empowers school psychologists as educators to positively impact students who face adversity and to be the champions for school mental health in school communities. We invite you to submit presentation proposals that further our undertaking to support relationships and to grow resiliency in our students, families, communities, and amongst ourselves!”
- Additional information and registration will be available soon [here](#).

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

No Place for Hate 2018-2019

- This initiative was developed by the [Anti-Defamation League \(ADL\)](#).

- “The Initiative is designed to rally an entire school around the goal of creating a welcoming community committed to stopping all forms of bias and bullying.”
- The initiative is currently open to K-12 schools in Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico.
- You can view more information on the initiative [here](#).

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

National Scholarships Available

- Scholarships are available through the [California Coalition Against Sexual Assault \(CALCASA\)](#) to attend the National Sexual Assault Conference in California.
- National Sexual Assault Conference Scholarships - “designed to support people working to address and prevent sexual violence in underserved communities.”
- You can view more information on scholarships and how to apply [here](#).

Updated Grants through LiveWell Colorado

- There are multiple grants available through [LiveWell Colorado](#).
- At this time there are approximately 14 different grants available that are related to health and wellness.
- You can view all of the information [here](#).

Mini-Grants - Preventing Child Maltreatment

- [Illuminate Colorado](#) in partnership with the [Colorado Office of Early Childhood](#) Colorado Department of Human Services Office of Early Childhood, is awarding mini grants to support three curricula to prevent child maltreatment: *Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development*, *Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children*, and *Bringing the Protective Factors to Life in Your Work*.
- **Authorized facilitators in each curriculum are eligible to submit mini grant requests.** These grants are awarded on a rolling basis but all trainings must be completed by December 1, 2018.
- Organizations interested in receiving one of these trainings, **may fill out this form** to request to be matched to an authorized facilitator / certified trainer in the curricula of their choice.
- [Access the Mini Grant Application](#)
- For more information [click here](#).

2017 - 2018 CDE Grants and Awards Forecast

- This report is provided by the [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#).
- The document is updated regularly to “reflect current and upcoming funding opportunities available through various offices across the CDE.”
- The forecast highlights important information like due dates, eligibility and more.
- You can access the PDF version of the report [here](#).

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 Schools

NEW School Mental Health Toolkit

- This toolkit is provided by [Mental Health Colorado](#) and [Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Mental Health Program](#), funded in part by [Rose Community Foundation](#) and [Caring for Colorado Foundation](#).
- The toolkit is “a blueprint for school mental health services and will guide community members, schools, local leaders, and districts through 10 best practices, including strategies for implementing, funding, and sustaining mental health services in schools.”
- You can access the toolkit [here](#).

NEW School Safety and Crisis Planning Toolkit

- This toolkit comes from [The School Superintendents Association ASSA](#).
- The toolkit is “comprised of a set of online resources to assist school districts before, during and after a crisis.”
- You can view the toolkit [here](#).

NEW Vaping in Schools: ‘Juuling’ is Popular Among Teens Despite Health Risks

- This video comes from [PBS News Hour](#).
- “The use of these e-cigarettes like the popular Juul brand is spiking among youth, but parents often aren't even sure what they are and many teens mistakenly believe there are no serious health risks.”

- View the video [here](#).

NEW K-12 School Security: A Guide for Preventing and Protecting against Gun Violence

- This guide is provided by the [United States Department of Homeland Security](#).
- The multi-part guide “provides preventive and protective measures to address the threat of gun violence in schools.”
- You can access the guide [here](#).

NEW Prep Talk “Rethinking School Safety”

- This Prep Talk was organized by [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#).
- This Prep Talk is done by Michele Gay and “relays her personal experience as the parent of a child killed in the Sandy Hook tragedy in 2012. She highlights some of the simple solutions that students and staff needed during the crisis at Sandy Hook, and presents Safe and Sound Schools’ Framework for Comprehensive School Safety Planning and Development: Emergency Management, Community Engagement, Physical Safety, Mental and Behavioral Health, Climate and Culture, and Health and Wellness.”
- You can access the video [here](#).

NEW Threat Assessment Resources

- These resources are provided by the [National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#).
- [FBI Active Shooters Pre-Attack Behaviors June 2018](#)
- [USSS NTAC Enhancing School Safety Guide July 2018](#)
- You can view the documents by clicking on their title.

13 Reasons Why Toolkit

- Netflix also released a [toolkit](#) with resources for educators, parents and students.
- We suggest you alert parents to these resources if you haven’t already, and urge them to discuss the traumatic issues addressed in the series, if their children are watching.

Colorado Opioid Summary

- This information comes from the [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIH\)](#).
- This report covers statistics related to opioid related overdose deaths, prescriptions, and more.
- You can access the report and other information [here](#).

School Interoperable Communications Planning and Fundraising Workbook

- The bill (SB18-158) creates the SAFER cash fund and directs a \$5 million transfer to the cash fund each year between FY 2018-19 and FY 2023-24 from the State Public School Fund. It has been signed by the Governor.
- To help schools and school districts prepare in advance to take advantage of this opportunity when it is formally announced, [School Safety Partners](#) has posted a School Interoperable Communications Planning and Fundraising Workbook [here](#).
- Interoperable communications enables schools and school districts to communicate in real-time with first responders during a school emergency.
- Over 10 years of pilot testing in over 200 Colorado schools has shown that a well-practiced interoperable communications program can: save and protect lives in the school; save and protect emergency responder lives; increase emergency responder effectiveness and coordination; improve response times, and reduce property loss
- Compare with the SAFER Grant application and reporting requirements outlined in the most recent version of SB18-158 at https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2018A/bills/2018a_158_rer.pdf.

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

NEW Report on Campus Policing in an Urban Environment

- This report comes from the [National Center for Campus Public Safety](#) and [Queen’s University](#).
- “Participants from urban campus police departments identified five areas as challenging in a recent emerging issues forum: campus access, resources, relationships and partnerships, student welfare off campus, and communications.”
- You can download the full report [here](#).

NEW The Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI)

- This webinar is being held by the [National Center for Campus Public Safety](#).
- **When: August 14, 2018, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
- “The NSI is a joint collaborative effort by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, fusion centers, and state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement partners that has established a standardized process for identifying and reporting suspicious activity in jurisdictions across the country.”
- You can view more information and register for the webinar [here](#).

NEW [PrepTalk, “Safety is Personal: Lessons Learned as a Survivor of the Virginia Tech Tragedy”](#)

- This Prep Talk was organized by [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#).
- This Prep Talk is done by KRistina Anderson and “begins with her experience of the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007, when she was shot three times. She translates her experience into a focus on the importance of threat assessments in schools to identify and mitigate potential threats. She explains that it’s important to improve physical safety, but it’s just as important to encourage people to monitor their environment and to build a supportive culture in a school.”
- You can view the video [here](#).

[Hazing Prevention Toolkit](#)

- This toolkit is provided by the [Clery Center](#) and [StopHazing](#).
- The toolkit was published on April 23, 2018, “based on principles of prevention science and findings from the Hazing Prevention Consortium (HPC).”
- “The [National Study of Student Hazing](#) reports that 55% of college students involved in clubs, teams, and organizations experience hazing.”
- You can download the toolkit [here](#).

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- Featuring daily updates on new research, resources, upcoming trainings, and Center activities.



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