

## March 2017

*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

Protecting Students: Although the Federal government recently rescinded its protections afforded to transgender students when selecting a restroom or locker room, Colorado state law still forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in public places — including schools. Colorado *Chalkbeat* published an informative <u>article</u> about this last week.

**Supporting Staff:** As many of you are aware, our school communities have suffered what appears to be an increased number of suicides this year. We all realize the tremendous heartache these deaths cause not only for the family of those lost, but the entire school community. School staff care deeply for the students with whom they work and suffer greatly when anyone in the community dies. My friend and colleague, Nate Thompson, recently shared **this article from Education Week** with me and other mental health colleagues across the state. I hope you find it helpful too.

**New Resources:** The Center just released a new resource **Restorative Practices in Schools**. This guide will alert readers to a number of non-profit agencies and consultants that work with schools to help create restorative cultures. As the first edition, we welcome feedback and particularly information on services to include in future guides. Please note that the most recent version will always appear on our website at this <u>link</u>.

Also, the Center hosted a focus group of district technology professionals to gauge the need for resources for all schools around **cybersecurity**. We appreciate all those that attended and shared their expertise. The outcome was to recommend that all districts participate in CALET (Colorado Association of Leaders in Educational Technology) one of the CASE networking groups. Also, the meeting provided a **long list of resources for cybersecurity for all districts**. Please <u>access the notes here</u> for a list of the participants in the meeting and their issues and recommendations. They are all willing to assist ANY schools in Colorado!

**Brad Stiles,** our **Emergency Response Outreach Consultant**, has a brief webcast with pointers on school safety. We invite you to <u>check it out!</u>

We are pleased to now be hosting a **Colorado and National School Safety Training Calendar** on our <u>website</u>. If you have information on upcoming school safety trainings that your district or agency are hosting that are open to the public, please contact the Center so that we can add them to the calendar. <u>CDPS School Safety Center@state.co.us</u>

Finally, please see page 3 below for three 2017 Rural Safe Schools Summits for staff and students coming this spring.

Kindest regards,

Chris Harms

# Youth Engaged in School Safety (YES<sup>2</sup>)

#### This month's safety thoughts are from Faith Alidou, 9th Grader at Vista Peak Preparatory:

"A few months ago we were asked to create a message that we could deliver to middle schoolers about topics in and outside of school. I decided to go with **being yourself** and how if we're trying to be someone else we're just putting on a mask and covering up our true identity. I believe that **if we could all just be allies** and promote our true identities, then middle schoolers wouldn't be afraid to be themselves around others; and trust me I would know because I was one of them not too long ago. "

## **COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAININGS**

### **Restorative Practices in Schools**

- The highly acclaimed two-day *Restorative Practices in Schools* workshops conducted by <u>Kerri Schmitt</u> with a grant from the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council will be repeated this semester. Previously held in Keystone, Highlands Ranch, Grand Junction and Pueblo, the two-day workshop will be repeated once more on the Front Range.
- When: <u>Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup></u>
- Where: Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center, 1500 E. 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Thornton, CO
- **Cost:** No cost. This workshop is supported by a grant from the <u>Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</u> <u>Council</u> through the CDPS Division of Criminal Justice.
- Lunch: On your own but feel free to bring your lunch.
- What will be discussed? (Please Note: We are reversing the order of the two days from the previous trainings, in case you've already attended and are sending colleagues.)
  - Day 1 Designed for all school staff: This is an opportunity for school staff to understand the value of implementing restorative classrooms and the components and skills necessary to create such classrooms as well as broadening the base of supporters for a school-wide initiative.
  - Day 2 Designed for administrators: Examples of the effectiveness of restorative practices in schools and a step by step process for implementing restorative practices and creating a restorative culture in your school. Topics will include how to gain commitment from staff, data tracking, training, aligning your RTI/PBIS program and other school polices with restorative practices and restorative dialogue skills

See <u>flyer</u> for more information and to register for the workshop <u>here</u>!

### Trauma Informed Care for Educators Training

- The Colorado School Safety Resource Center is supporting this training provided by the <u>Colorado Department</u> <u>of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health</u>.
- When: Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM
- Where: Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center, 1500 E. 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Thornton, CO
- What: By attending school personnel will:
  - o Increase your understanding of the traumatic response and the impact on brain development
  - Learn ways to support traumatized children at school, both individually and to create a traumainformed climate
  - o Learn a timeline of strategies for responding to students' emotional and behavioral crises
  - o Learn how to build resilience in children and youth
- **Presenters:** Ashley Brock-Baca, Ph.D.
- Cost: No cost. This training is supported by a grant to COACT, Colorado
- Lunch: On your own but feel free to bring your lunch.
- Registration and further information can be <u>found here</u>.

## **NEW ASIST – Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training for School Staff**

- When: Tuesday and Wednesday, June 13 14, 2017, 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Where: Jefferson County Courthouse, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80401
- What: This training provides practical training for caregivers seeking to prevent the immediate risk of suicide and to help a person at risk stay safe and seek further help.
- Cost: \$80.00 covers materials and lunch for both days
- **Registration:** You can register <u>here</u>. This is limited to 15 participants on a first come, first served basis. The training will be cancelled if less than 8 individuals are registered.
- See the flyer <u>here</u>!

### NEW PREPaRE Workshop 2, Training of Trainers

- When: Thursday, June 15, 2017 and Friday, June 16, 2017, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day.
- Where: 690 Kipling St, Lakewood, CO First floor conference room.
- What: This is an 11-hour session that provides workshop participants with the information and practice needed to become a <u>NASP</u> PREPaRE Crisis Intervention and Recovery Workshop 2 trainer.
- Presenters: Franci Crepeau-Hobson, Ph.D.
- **Cost:** \$240.00 This includes materials. Only 10 spots are available and the course will be cancelled if less than 8 individuals are registered.
- **Prerequisite:** Completion of PREPaRE Workshop 2- *Crisis Intervention & Recovery: The Roles of School-Based Mental Health Professionals.* We will need a copy of your certificate to verify completion of Workshop 2.
- Registration and further information can be found <u>here</u> and the flyer can be found <u>here</u>!

### UPDATED Save the Dates:

- The CSSRC is pleased to announce three separate 2017 Rural Safe Schools Summits for staff and students. These are made possible by a grant from the Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado. The final details are being confirmed but if you are in these regions, please save the following dates:
  - Durango Tuesday, April 25, 2017
  - Grand Junction Thursday, April 27, 2017
  - La Junta Thursday, May 11, 2017

We are in the process of securing a national keynote presenter and the list of workshops can be seen on this <u>flyer</u>. More information to follow on the front page of our website.

- Second Annual IHE Summer Safety Symposium will be held on <u>Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup></u> on the campus of Regis University. Last year's Symposium was a huge success and we would like to build on that momentum. In this year's Symposium, several engaging speakers will present on *Collaboration during Active Shooter Incidents*, *Behavioral Intervention Teams*, *Radicalization on Campus* and one campus' response to an individual who would become a notorious criminal. Additional speakers are being scheduled now and a complete agenda will be released soon!
- The School Safety Resource Center team will collaborate once again on <u>September 28, 2017</u> to present a day of training on child sexual abuse prevention. This annual symposium assists school professionals, communities and law enforcement in identifying, preventing, responding to and reporting child sexual abuse. Expert presenters will train on trauma-informed practices, current research and trends, and pertinent legislation. Join us for this important and supportive event at the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Conference Center! Open to the public. Watch for registration information on future E-Updates.
- We are busy making plans with CSPV and S2T for the 2017 Colorado Safe Schools Summit. This year it will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Conference Center. We have already lined up some of our plenary speakers and the call for workshop proposals will be released in April. Stay tuned!

## **CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Safe2Tell Materials Coming to ALL Schools

- "The success of the <u>Safe2Tell</u> Colorado model critically depends on the amount of awareness and education students, parents and community members have about the Safe2Tell Colorado resource available to them. In order to increase awareness of the Safe2Tell Colorado program, the Colorado General Assembly responded by generously passing Senate Bill 16-193 last legislative session.
- Senate Bill 16-193 provides you with <u>FREE Safe2Tell Colorado marketing and promotional materials</u> to increase the awareness of the Safe2Tell reporting resource."
- Materials are being sent to all schools within the next few weeks.
- Check <u>this link</u> for more information.

### Psychology Internship Matrix

- The <u>Colorado School Mental Health Advisory Council</u> has put together a matrix of school psychology internship positions available in Colorado for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Please note, this matrix is up to date as of 1/5/2017 and may not be an exhaustive list. If you have questions, please contact Julia Wigert at wigert\_j@cde.state.co.us.
- To view the matrix, please follow <u>this link</u>.
- For information on Colorado School Psychology Internships, please view this guidance document.

### DPS Staff Discuss Bullying & Suicide on District TV Station

- Clara Ordonez, School Social Worker and Ellen Kelty, Manager of the <u>Department of Social Work and</u> <u>Psychological Services</u> at Denver Public Schools did a recent story for <u>EDUCA</u> on bullying and suicide.
- EDUCA is DPS' radio and television show.
- Spanish version: https://vimeo.com/196039083
- English version: https://vimeo.com/196034792
- Information on EDUCA can be found at <u>www.dpsk12.org/communications/educa-newspaper-radio/</u>

### US Dept. of Ed/OCR Releases Educator Resource Guide

- In December, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights released an Educator Resource Guide to Section 504 in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools.
- The Office of Civil Rights offers this resource guide to facilitate efforts to eliminate discrimination against students with disabilities, provide answers to questions that OCR has received and increase understanding among parents and members of the school community of the federal civil rights laws that protect students with disabilities in public schools, and in particular, section 504 of the rehabilitation act of 1973.
- If districts are in need of technical assistance, they are urged to contact the OCR regional office serving their State or Territory by visiting: <a href="https://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm">https://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm</a> or call OCR's Customer Service Team at 1-800-421-3481; TDD 1-800-877-8339.

### **Chalkbeat's Capitol Newsletter**

- Sign up for <u>Chalkbeat's</u> Capitol newsletter, in which reporter Nic Garcia will update readers on educationrelated news from the statehouse. <u>Sign up here!</u>
- Keep track of school related bills in the Colorado Legislature at Chalkbeat's 2017 Bill Tracker.

### ADL's 2017 Student Essay Contest

• The <u>Anti-Defamation League's</u> 2017 student essay contest <u>A Tribute to Moral Courage: Standing Up Against</u> <u>Injustice</u> is back for another powerful year, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor! We are ready for your submissions!

- Please engage any 7-12th grade student in Colorado or Wyoming in this great opportunity to research those ordinary individuals who acted extraordinarily in difficult and challenging times!
- Click the following for full essay contest details, rules & guidelines.
- For general information about the essay contest, including last year's winners, click this link: <u>ADL Student</u> <u>Essay Contest: A Tribute to Moral Courage: Standing Up Against Injustice</u>
- This essay contest uses the Holocaust as a backdrop, middle and high school students are encouraged to recognize those individuals throughout history who took a strong stand on a specific issue based on their personal beliefs or convictions, regardless of the danger or threat to their personal safety. Not only will students write about how that person's moral courage has an impact on the world, but also and perhaps most importantly, how those actions have influenced their own lives today.
- Essay submissions must be from Colorado and Wyoming students in grades 7-12. Monetary awards will be granted to the top three winners in two divisions:
  - Division 1 students in grades 7-9; and
  - Division 2 students in grades 10-12.
- The deadline to submit essays is **March 10, 2017**.
- The winning student essay authors will receive their awards at ADL's 36th Annual Governor's Holocaust Remembrance Program in Denver on April 25, 2017.
- **NOTE to TEACHERS**: If used as a classroom assignment, this essay contest meets several Colorado and Wyoming State Standards in Reading, Writing and Social Studies:
  - RH 11-12.7, requiring students to integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media in order to address a question or solve a problem.
  - RH 9-10.9, requiring students to compare and contrast treatments of the same topic in several primary and secondary sources.
  - RH 6-8.10, requiring students to be able to read and comprehend history/social studies texts, independently and proficiently.
  - W.7, Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email. Tara Raju, MSW, ADL Education Director, Main: 303-830-7177, Direct: 720-799-9676, E: traju@adl.org

## Teens Called Upon to Tackle Opioid Crisis through Video Competition

- The United States <u>Drug Enforcement Administration</u> (DEA), <u>DEA Educational Foundation</u> and <u>Discovery</u> <u>Education</u>, the leading provider of digital content and professional development for K-12 classrooms, are launching the <u>Operation Prevention Video Challenge</u> that gives students the power to send a message to their peers about the dangers of opioid misuse.
- The Operation Prevention Video Challenge invites teens across the country to create a unique 30-60 second public service announcement, aimed to reach other teens about this widespread issue. The question: "If your friends were going to watch ONE video that made them think twice about misusing prescription opioids, what would that video be?"
- A panel of judges from Discovery Education and the DEA, as well as community leaders, educators, and communications experts, will select the winners for three DEA Educational Foundation scholarships. The grand prize winner will receive \$10,000, the second place winner will receive \$5,000, and the third place winner will receive \$1,000.
- One People's Choice winner will also be selected through public vote in April 2017 and will win a trip
  provided by the DEA for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of DEA agent training at the DEA's Training
  Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Winning PSAs will also be featured on-air and across DEA's digital and social
  media platforms.

Students must be at least 13-years-old and enrolled in 9th through 12th grade. Video entries will be
evaluated based on their creativity, content, persuasiveness and overall effective communication. No violent,
dangerous, or illegal behavior in creating the Entry Video is allowed. Teens can register and submit their
entries today through March 28, 2017 at <a href="https://www.operationprevention.com/video-challenge">https://www.operationprevention.com/video-challenge</a>.

### **NEW** The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Professional Development Conversations

- The <u>ADL</u> has created resources for students, educators and families that deal with current issues.
- "Preparing students to live and work successfully in a pluralistic nation and a global community requires opportunities for them to engage in curricular content that furthers the ideals of justice and equality upon which the nation was founded. Anti-bias curriculum provides an understanding of diverse perspectives, strengthens critical thinking skills, challenges the development of emerging biases, and builds skills and motivation to take action against injustice."
- Resources like When Do Teachers Stay Neutral?; The 'Muslim Ban' and the Power of Protest; What is the 'Muslim Ban?' and more through their <u>website</u>.
- The ADL also has Current Events Classroom lessons such as Sanctuary Cities and Non-Violent Resistance.

### **NEW** Supporting the Role of Law Enforcement in Juvenile Justice Reform

- The <u>Coalition for Juvenile Justice</u> (CJJ) is looking for young people who are interested in applying to participate in an institute that will focus on police and youth engagement.
- Two day long training in Charlotte, North Carolina in May of this year.
- Applications are currently being accepted and the cut of date is March 17<sup>th</sup>. You can apply online through <u>here</u> or you can print the paper version from the site. Information about qualifications and other details can be accessed <u>here</u>.

### NEW Infographic on Trauma-Sensitive Schools

- Created by the <u>National Association of School Psychologists</u> (NASP), this infographic is to introduce key issues to stakeholders and advocate for the work of school psychologists.
- You can access the infographic <u>here</u>.

#### NEW Comprehensive School Safety

- The <u>Every Student Succeeds Act</u> (ESSA) provides significant opportunity and funding for schools and districts to implement key elements of comprehensive school safety.
- The <u>National Association of School Psychologists</u> (NASP) has released a fact sheet to learn key messages school psychologists can provide to decision makers on school safety under ESSA.
- You can access this information <u>here</u>!

#### NEW Chalkbeat Rise and Shine! Three Lessons

- Dr. Jason Glass, <u>Eagle County Schools</u> Superintendent, provides his two cents and three lessons that can be shared with students to contradict the negativity they are seeing in the media recently.
- You can access his two cents <u>here</u>!

### NEW Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS)

- The survey is sponsored by the <u>Colorado Department of Education</u>, the <u>Colorado Department of Public</u> <u>Health and Environment</u>, and the <u>Colorado Department of Human Services – Office of Behavioral Health</u>.
- The <u>HKCS</u> collects information every odd year from Colorado middle and high school students.
- The survey is voluntary, confidential, anonymous and free!
- The results help inform the creation of programming to support academic success, secure program funding for school, community organizations and local and state government!

If you are interested in participating, email <u>hkcs@ucdenver.edu</u>.

#### NEW School Responder Model (SRM) Establishment Guide

- The <u>National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice</u> has launched a new website to guide local leaders and stakeholders through this process!
- The SRM is meant to address root causes of behavior through community-based service provision.
- You can visit the website <u>here</u>!

## **CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS**

- **\*** To view all online courses, click on the link below.
  - Link to CSSRC online course offerings
  - Newest courses from CSSRC: <u>Making Referrals to Your Threat Assessment Team</u> and <u>Adolescent</u>
     <u>Development</u>
  - <u>Click here to see Livestreams of all previous keynote addresses</u>

## WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES

#### NEW Teaching Marijuana Prevention

- This webinar workshop is from <u>National Health Promotion Associates</u>.
- When : Session 1 Monday, March 20, 2017; Session 2 Monday, March 27, 2017
- What: In this workshop, participants will explore the social and legal trends in acceptance, the pharmacology of marijuana, and effective strategies for responding to the misconception held by adolescents about it.
- For: school or community-based educators providing instruction to learners in grades 6-12.
- **Tech Requirements:** computer, reliable internet connection, telephone or computer headset with microphone.
- **Cost:** \$300.00 per person.
- You can download the enrollment form <u>here</u> and send it by email to <u>training@nhpamail.com</u> or by fax to 914-421-2007.

## OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENT

#### **FIRESTORM Offers No-Cost Virtual Stress Tests**

- <u>Firestorm</u>, a crisis management company, is offering no-cost virtual stress tests on a variety of topics.
- These are two-hour, highly interactive exercises accessed via webinar format designed for schools and businesses of all types. They will stress-test leadership response in simulated crisis scenarios.
- The schedule for 2017 is as follows:
  - Cyber Break/Security Thursday, April 6, 2017, Noon 2:00 PM (MT)
  - Terrorism or Lone Wolf Does it Matter? Thursday, June 1, 2017, Noon 2:00 PM (MT)
  - Tragedy Strikes A Loss of Life Event Thursday, August 3, 2017, Noon 2:00 PM (MT)
  - o Internal Sabotage Thursday, October 5, 2017, Noon 2:00 PM (MT)
  - o It Happened on Social Media Thursday, December 7, 2017, Noon 2:00 PM (MT)



## 2017 Colorado Emergency Management Conference

- **Sponsors:** The <u>Colorado Emergency Management Association</u> (CEMA) and the <u>Colorado Department of</u> <u>Homeland Security and Emergency Management</u> (DHSEM) within the Department of Public Safety.
- When: Tuesday, February 28 Thursday, March 2, 2017
- Where: Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs
- For more information and to register visit the <u>Conference website</u>. The CEMA website includes a draft agenda.
- Space is limited and pre-registration is required and can be completed online.
- Please note: Walk up registrations will not be accepted this year.

#### Positive Youth Development (PYD) Training

- Adolescence is a time of change and opportunity. The physical, social and psychological changes young people undergo impacts their behavior, how they interact with the world, and how the adults around them respond to this transformation.
- Sponsor: Violence and Injury Prevention Mental Health Promotion Branch, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
- What: This 6 hour training will help you understand and learn the skills and knowledge needed to integrate the evidence-based PYD approach into your current youth programming efforts.
- Who: Youth-serving professionals and anyone interested in youth health and well-being.
- Where & When: Multiple locations in CO
  - $\circ$  Golden, March 14
  - Cortez, April 28
  - Salida, June 2
  - o Trinidad/La Junta region TBD
- No Cost!
- <u>REGISTER HERE</u>

#### **NEW** JeffCo Public School Parent Resource Night for Children with Special Needs!

- This event is being held by the <u>Jefferson County School District</u>. When: Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Where: Fletcher Miller School, 200 Kipling St, Lakewood, CO 80026
- What: The fair will have information regarding summer care, day programs, sport/adventure camps, sport leagues, therapeutic horseback riding programs and financial support programs!
- See the flyer <u>here</u>!

### **NEW safeTALK Suicide Alertness Training & GLBTQ Information Session**

- This is a training presented by <u>Jefferson Center for Mental Health</u>, <u>safeTALK</u>, and The <u>Colorado Department</u> <u>of Public Health and Environment Office of Suicide Prevention</u>.
- When: Friday, March 24, 2017, 8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
- Where: Jefferson Center for Mental Health, 4851 Independence St, Clear Creek Conference Room, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
- What: The goal of the training is to teach you:
  - How personal and community beliefs about suicide affect suicide stigma and safety;
  - $\circ$   $\;$  How the steps taught in safeTALK can be used to help prevent suicide; and
  - Ways to help protect, preserve and promote life in a suicide-safer community!
- No Cost! You must RSVP <u>here</u> because seating is limited!

• The **GLBTQ Information Session** is designed to inform and educate participants about the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning communities by utilizing information presentation, discussion, small group exercises and experiential activities.

### Specialty Focused Training for Those Working with Adolescents/Young Adults

- The <u>Colorado Department of Human Services</u>, <u>Office of Behavioral Health</u> is providing scholarships for three courses with their Bridges Grant.
- Although aimed at professionals in the community, school mental health providers as well as paraprofessionals working with adolescents in schools can learn valuable information and skills.
- This three course specialty focus aims to improve behavioral health (primarily substance use disorders & cooccurring mental health issues) treatment for adolescents and young adults.
  - **Youth and Young Adults Systems in Colorado** explores the systems that collaborate to best serve youth and families, as well as the challenges faced in serving them. **April 3 17 or July 10 24.**
  - Youth and Young Adult Development is designed to provide an overview and analysis of differential theory and integrated approaches to working with youth. Special emphasis will be given to normal adolescent and young adult development, risk and protective factors and trauma. The emphasis of this class is on treatment provider acquisition and application of the interpersonal skills necessary to better interact with and deliver treatment to this population. May 1 22 and August 7 28.
  - Skill Development: Working with Youth and Young Adults presents the basics of working with youth and young adults in a variety of different approaches. There will be an emphasis on experiential learning in conjunction with academic material aimed at skill acquisition as well as demonstration of skills learned throughout the course. This course serves to provide skill development of service providers with minimal experience working with this population.
    - April <u>13 -14</u> Boulder
    - April 19 20 Sterling
    - June 12 13 Glenwood Springs
    - July 31 August 1 Durango
- For more information, please see this flyer or contact Kim Bappe at kimbappe@gmail.com

### Mountain West VOAD Conference

- You are invited be part of a growing group of <u>Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters</u> (VOAD) in the Mountain West area.
- The Mountain West VOAD Conference, <u>April 23 -25, 2017</u> will be providing an opportunity for organizations, agency and individuals (volunteer, non-profits, faith-based, government, etc.) to increase their understanding and skills to respond successfully to all types of disaster.
- For more information

### Bridging the Divide – Save the Date

- The <u>Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado</u> (SPCC) is excited to announce that the 2017 Bridging the Divide (BtD) Suicide Awareness and Prevention Summit will be held <u>May 11-12, 2017</u>, at the Regis University, Lowell Campus.
- This year's theme is "Join the Movement: Aspiring toward Zero Suicide in Colorado," and the BtD Planning Committee has been hard at work to make sure you have an educational and thought provoking experience.
- The BtD Planning Committee is seeking presentations to round out the educational offerings at the Summit. We are eager to learn how you are working in your profession to aspire toward zero suicide in Colorado. We know it takes everyone to stop suicide. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your expertise so that everyone may benefit from your experience.
- The Call for Presentations will be open on **December 1.** Submissions are due on **February 1**, and speakers will be notified by February 17.

• Registration for the 2017 BtD Summit will also open on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### NEW Colorado Victim Assistance Academy (CVAA)

- This is sponsored by the <u>Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance</u> (COVA)
- When: Monday, May 22, 2017 Friday, May 26, 2017
- Where: Embassy Suites in Loveland, CO
- What: The curriculum embraces the entire scope of victim services, and addresses unique and specific issues in Colorado.
- **Cost:** \$475.00 registration. Participants are responsible for food, lodging and travel.
- Registration ends March 24, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.
- Register <u>here</u>!

#### **NEW** Become an Olweus Trainer-Consultant!

- This is sponsored by <u>Olweus Bullying Prevention Program</u>.
- When: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 Friday, May 26, 2017 in Denver, CO!
- What: Olweus is an evidence-based program to reduce bullying, improve social climate, and more! This is the 40-hour course to become professionally certified! For more information, <u>click here</u>.
- Cost: \$4,250
- Contact June Jenkins, Training-Consultation Coordinator by email June2@clemson.edu to register!

## **NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS**

#### NEW Protest Preparation and Response Training

- Created by the <u>International Association of Campus Law Enforcement</u> <u>Administrators</u> (IACLEA).
- What: Three daylong classroom-based trainings to examine what law enforcement officials need to properly prepare for and respond to protests and demonstrations.
- When, Where and registration links:
  - Wednesday, March 1, 2017, Chapman University, Orange, CA. Register
  - o Friday, March 3, 2017, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Register
  - o Thursday, March 9, 2017, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. Register
- Cost: \$70.00 for IACLA members, \$150.00 for non-members.
- Chris <u>Blake</u> with IACLEA can answer questions related to the trainings.

### NEW Hitting the High Notes with Empathy & Kindness

- The <u>International Bullying Prevention Association</u> is looking for presentations for the14th annual International Bullying Prevention Association National Conference!
- When: The Conference will be November 5-7, 2017, in Nashville, TN
- What: Share your bullying prevention research, program, practice and passion!
- Register here by the March 15, 2017, to submit a proposal.

## **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Submit an Application for the EARRS Grant

 The application process for <u>Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) program</u> grant is now open for the <u>Colorado Department of Education</u>.



- This application is being released for a new four-year grant cycle. Awards are contingent upon funding appropriated to the EARSS program in the FY17 state budget.
- Funding priority will go to eligible applicants who have not received EARSS grant funding in the past three years. Those who do not meet this priority can still apply as funds may remain available after prioritized applicants are awarded.
- Applications will be due Tuesday, March 14. <u>Access the request for proposals here</u>. For More Information, Contact: Janelle Krueger, Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement Phone: <u>303-866-6750</u> or Email: <u>krueger j@cde.state.co.us</u>

### NIJ Solicitation: Comprehensive School Safety Initiative (CSSI) Grant

- The <u>National Institute of Justice</u> is soliciting applications for CSSI funding in five categories.
- The first three are focusing on knowledge about what works to make schools safe using a tiered evidence approach. Increasing amounts of funding are awarded to programs of research according to their level of evidence effectiveness.
- The three categories focused on developing knowledge through this tiered evidence approach are:
  - o Developing Novel and Innovative School Safety Programs, Practices & Strategies
  - o Demonstration, Evaluation and Validation Tests for School Safety
  - Expanding the use of Effective Interventions through Scaling-up
- This solicitation will also include funding categories to support research on causes and consequences of school safety issues as well as assessments of school safety issues in tribal communities.
- Applications should feature close coordination involving state education agencies (SEAs) or local education agencies (LEAs) (including public charter schools that are recognized as LEAs) and a researcher or research organization that has considerable experience conducting research and evaluation, preferably, in school settings.
- *NIJ recommends that the research organization serve as the applicant and make one or more sub-awards to participating SEAs or LEAs.*
- <u>The deadline for applications under this funding opportunity is March 24.</u> <u>Download the solicitation</u>

## **RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 Schools**

### Marijuana Bill Tracker

- The <u>Violence and Injury Prevention Mental Health Promotion Branch</u> of the <u>Colorado Department</u> of <u>Public Health and Environment</u> (CDPHE) sets up legislative trackers to monitor bills that relate to certain topics of interest.
- Here is the <u>marijuana-related bill tracker</u> that they set up.
- As it says in the header, inclusion on the tracker does not indicate an opinion or stance on the bill by CDPHE just monitoring.

## **GLSEN Report Finds Hostile Environment for LGBTQ Youth in Colorado Schools**

- "A national school climate survey shows that despite some progress, Colorado high schools remain 'hostile environments' for the many gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer youth who continue to hear biased language and experience harassment, discrimination and assault.
- The <u>report</u>, released on January 11, 2017 by <u>GLSEN</u> the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network includes the results of a 2015 school survey of more than 10,000 LGBTQ youth from all 50 states.
- The survey shows that rates of harassment and assault have decreased, and that schools nationwide have increased various support systems for queer and transgender youth.

• Still, the report says, "overall rates of homophobic and transphobic harassment are still higher than anyone should be willing to accept."

## FEMA Region VIII Law Enforcement Liaison

- <u>FEMA Region VIII</u> announces Law Enforcement Liaison Mission to build relationships and capacity between FEMA Region VIII and local, state, federal, tribal and private sector law enforcement entities that support, enhance and promote law enforcement-centric emergency management.
- Their goal is to build trust, respect and unity with this alliance.
- For more information, please see their flyer.

### **NEW** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Bullying Prevention in Indian Country

• <u>SAMHSA</u> has created this fact <u>sheet</u> to provide information and resources related to the specific bullying prevention needs for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities because there is currently very little research on the effects of bullying in these populations.

## **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

### NEW Winter Weather Hazards Training

 This course will prepare participants to understand the basics of winter weather science, the winter weather forecasting process, how winter weather forecasts are communicated, and the fundamentals of winter weather safety and preparedness. Multiple core capabilities will be addressed, with particular emphasis on "public information and warning" and "threats and hazard identification."



- Participants who represent sectors such as mass care services, health and social services, operational communications, critical transportation, and planning would further expand the discussions in this course to other corresponding core capabilities.
- **Sponsored by:** <u>CU Denver, Anschutz Emergency Management</u> (FEMA/IAEM 8 hours eligible)
- When: Thursday, March 2, 2017, from 8:30 AM 4:30 PM
- Where: CU Denver, Anschutz, EOC Campus Service building, 13001 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Place, Aurora, CO 80045
- Flyer Download
- <u>Registration Link</u>

### **NEW** Field Force Command and Planning Training Program

- Sponsored by the <u>Auraria Higher Education Center</u>.
- When: Tuesday, March 21, 2017, Thursday, March 23, 2017, 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Where Auraria Higher Education Center
- What: This is a 3-day course that prepares the management-level responder to serve as a member of an incident management team during a civil action or disorder.
- No Cost!
- **Prerequisites:** AWR-160, WMD/Terrorism Awareness for Emergency Responders and IS-700.a, National Incident Management System, An Introduction
- Register for a FEMA/SID number <u>here</u> prior to registering for the course <u>here</u>. When asked for a Promo Code, enter 17N-0755 FFC

## NEW IHE Networking Group Meeting

- This is sponsored by the <u>Colorado School Safety Resource Center</u>!
- When: Thursday, April 6, 2017, 1:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
- Where: 690 Kipling St, Lakewood, CO 80215
- What: The Center routinely hosts a networking group for higher education professionals responsible for school safety. Please join us for our spring meeting where there will be a lively presentation on opioid use and trends in Colorado.
- RSVP by contacting Brad Stiles prior to March 31, 2017! <u>Brad.Stiles@state.co.us</u> or 303-239-4321!

#### **NEW** Cannabis Learning Collaborative

- Developed by the <u>Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Misuse</u> to offer a compact and accessible course on the challenges that face colleges and universities due to the use and misuse of cannabis.
- Members have campus-wide access to all benefits and the access to content does not expire.
- Multiple events including Cannabis and the Adolescent Brain: What does the Evidence Say?; Brief Interventions For Marijuana: Applying Motivational Interviewing Strategies, and more.
- Their website is: https://www.cvent.com/c/express/708505dc-cb92-4b8d-ab6c-1496db86fa59

#### Human Trafficking Resources for IHE Campuses

- Sex and labor trafficking impacts individuals of all ages.
- The <u>Polaris Project</u> estimates hundreds of thousands of adults and children are trafficked in the United States. Find resources below that can help institutions of higher education and their students prevent and intervene in human trafficking.
  - Join the Fight Against Slavery and Human Trafficking U.S. Department of Homeland Security
  - <u>Federal Strategic Action Plan on Services to Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States 2013-2017</u> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - <u>Resources to Engage Your Campus in Ending Human Trafficking</u> National Human Trafficking Resource Center
  - <u>Violence Reduction Clearinghouse Online Toolkit</u> Violence Reduction Network
  - <u>Human Trafficking: "Close to Home"</u> Her Campus at Mount Holyoke

#### NEW National Center for Campus Public Safety – Public Order Events

- In conjunction with the <u>International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators</u> (IACLEA), a report was created regarding focus groups that were conducted to identify promising practices to assist campus public safety agencies in preparing for and effectively managing student protests and other public order events.
- Originally, the report was created in December of 2012 out of incidents of civil unrest on college campuses. Due to recent events, they have decided to revisit the report titled *Maintaining Safety and Order on College and University Campuses During Protests and Demonstrations: Promising Practices*.
- Additional resources providing additional information related to public order evens are:
  - o Managing Large Scale Security Events: A Planning Primer for Local Law Enforcement Agencies
  - Preparing for and Responding to Student Activism on Campus

Community Relations Service(CRS)

#### Second Report of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault

- <u>The National Center for Campus Public Safety's</u> provided this description:
- The new report reviews the impact the WHTF and its efforts have had on institutions of higher education (IHEs) at all levels: research, development, planning, and implementation.
- The report also notes the important role the Department of Education's (ED) Office for Civil Rights has played in addressing sexual assault on campuses, negotiating "robust agreements with dozens of postsecondary institutions and school districts to resolve investigations related to sexual violence" and continuing to investigate more than 400 complaints across the United States.
- Access the full report <u>here.</u>

## Follow the Colorado School Safety Resource Center on Twitter

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



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