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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 who have an interest in supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado. They may register for this listserv on our website www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC.**

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Colleagues: I hope you had some well-deserved rest in July. I know planning for this school year has been an incredible challenge and will test the flexibility of staff, students, and parents alike. I remain in awe of how hard school professionals continue to work to educate and safeguard students. **Thank you for all you are doing!**

We had the honor of facilitating a meeting with close to twenty-five school mental health professionals at the end of July and listen to them share the incredible plans they have for supporting educators and students this fall. I know we have all been overwhelmed with COVID resources but [here is a link](#) to some of the shared resources from that meeting that may be helpful as you open your doors or computers to learning.

I continue to look for positive aspects in this dark COVID cloud. I am happy to tell you that, regardless of what state directions are about the CSSRC staff working in-person or remotely, **the Center will host all of our fall regional trainings virtually and AT NO COST.** You will still need to register to get the links and any resources for the workshops, so please check the training information below.

Wishing you all a smooth and safe return to instruction. Please let us know if the CSSRC staff can help with any of your school safety needs.

Kindest regards

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COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING

CSSRC Virtual Trainings

- We are releasing August, September, and October virtual training dates on the training calendar, which can be accessed [here](#).
- These courses are no-cost and, once you complete the anonymous evaluation at the end, you will receive a certificate for continuing education hours!
- Although designed for individual attendees, if a school or district would like to offer any of these courses to their staff simultaneously, please contact the listed presenter and details can be arranged.
- You can contact the center with any questions or concerns by calling 303.239.4435 or by emailing schoolsafetycenter@cdps-m.state.co.us.
- **NEW** One of the virtual courses being offered in the upcoming months is designed to give parents tips on dealing with mental health symptoms they may be seeing during COVID. Self care will also be discussed to give parents tools to better be able to care for themselves and those close to them. Please share with your networks! Register [here](#).

NEW The I Love You Guys Foundation/SRP Updates - Registration is OPEN

- The Colorado School Safety Resource Center is pleased to host our colleagues from the [I Love You Guys \(ILUG\) Foundation](#) for this one-day training.
- The newly released updated SRP 2021 includes 5 specific actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. The Standard Reunification Method (SRM) provides schools, school districts and the responding law enforcement officers and first responders proven methods to reunite students with their parents or guardians following a crisis or emergency.
- In addition, John-Michael Keyes will touch on the following:
 - Executing safety drills while social distancing.
 - Explore how the “I Love U Guys” programs provide foundational skills in planning for reopening and responding to change.
 - Crisis communications and ICS training.
 - The “I Love U Guys” Foundation’s new COVID Dashboard: Understanding the COVID-19 situation in your school district
- **When: Thursday, September 17, 2020, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm**
- **Where:** Virtually
- **Fee:** No cost
- **How:** Simply register and you will receive the link and any resources a week before the workshop
- **Register [here!](#)**

Colorado Safe Schools Summit - CONVERTED TO A SPEAKERS' SERIES

- Open to EVERYONE!
- Speakers confirmed to date:
 - **Friday, October 2, 2020 at 2:00: Marc Schoen, Ph.D., UCLA - Author of “Your Survival Instinct is Killing You”**
 - **Friday, October 9, 2020 at 2:00: Jason Kilmer, Ph.D. - Professor and Marijuana Researcher from the University of Washington**
 - **Friday, October 16, 2020 at 2:00: Nick Thompson, LCSW - Host of a podcast for parents of adolescents called “Perspective for Parents”**
 - **Friday, October 23, 2020 at 2:00: Madelyn Gould, Ph.D., Columbia University, International Expert on Suicide Contagion Among Adolescents**
- **Where:** From the comfort of your own office, classroom, or home.
- **Fee:** NO-COST to celebrate Colorado and National Safe Schools Month!
- **Registration is now open. Register [here.](#)**

NEW CSSRC Suicide Assessment & Intervention Toolkit Symposium - Registration Open

- Hosted by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center, the [Office of Suicide Prevention](#) in the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#), and the [Colorado Department of Education](#).
- Terri Erbacher, Ph.D., one of the authors of *Suicide in Schools*, will walk participants through the CSSRC Suicide Assessment Toolkit based on her book.
- **When: Thursday, November 19, 2020** from 8:00 AM until noon
- **Where:** Virtually
- **Fee:** No cost
- **How:** Simply register and you will receive the link and resources for the workshop a week before
- Register [here!](#)

NEW Student/Staff Safety Summit - Save the Date

- Previously, the CSSRC has hosted student/staff summits across the state. By going virtual, any middle school and/or high school students and their staff can participate.
- We are still finalizing the keynote speaker(s) and workshops.
- It will be an opportunity to hear a national speaker talk on school safety and then participate in

workshops with other students to address issues of safety important to you.

- **When:** Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 10:00 until 2:00
- **Where:** Virtually
- **Fee:** No cost
- **How:** Simply register and you will receive the link and resources for the workshops a week before.
- **Registration** will open in September. Please stay tuned!

NEW Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Symposium - Save the Date

- This is hosted every other year by the CSSRC.
- The Center is in the process of confirming four plenary sessions with national and local experts.
- **When:** Thursday, February 4, 2021
- **Where:** May be virtual or at the Lowry Center in Denver
- **Fee:** No cost
- **How:** Please keep watching for more information

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW Guidelines from CDPHE and CDE for opening schools

- This [case and outbreak guidance](#), the [guidance](#) for the fall opening of schools, [CDE's toolkit for the 2020-21 school year](#), and guidance from local public health agencies provide districts with the information they need to start the school year in a way that makes sense for their local communities.
- A shorter executive summary of the school case and outbreak guidance is linked [here](#).
- CDPHE will update guidance as additional information becomes available.

STILL RECRUITING CSSRC STOP Grant: Threat Assessment Training & Implementation

- **The CSSRC is recruiting 30 more sites** for threat assessment training and implementation
- We need sites where CSSRC staff have NOT trained in threat assessment as well as a few where we have trained in the past.
- The lift for school sites is minimal – just training evaluations to complete along with the training and a brief collection of data every six months.
- Staff can be paid stipends for the training and data collection under the grant.
- This final training phase of the grant will extend from September 2020 through August 2021.
- CSSRC staff have been **working with the Governor's Office of Information Technology and will be piloting a secure, on-line protocol with the remaining sites**. Schools will be able to store their assessments and track the at-risk students' Response Management Plans with automatic notifications for review meetings among other features.
- **If your school is interested in being one of the 30 new sites, below is more information.**
 - [Application](#)
 - [Application Letter](#)
 - [MOU](#)
- Please complete the application and return it to Christine.harms@state.co.us



NEW FCC Designates '988' As 3-Digit Number For National Suicide Prevention Hotline

- The [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\)](#) adopted rules to establish 988 as the new, nationwide, 3-digit phone number for Americans in crisis to connect with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors.
- You can view more information on this [here](#).

NEW COVID-19 Research Participation Request

- The [SHSU Center for Assessment, Research, and Educational Safety \(CARES\)](#) is inviting higher education leaders across the US to participate in a research study related to institutional responses to COVID-19.

- The project “uses a crowdsourcing data collection method (IdeaScale) to examine decision making processes and ideas for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.”
- You can participate in the potential year long research project and learn more [here](#).

NEW COLORADO PUBLIC & CHARTER SCHOOL FIRE & EVACUATION DRILL GUIDANCE

- This guidance is provided by the [Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control \(DFPC\)](#)
- “The threat of natural and man-made emergencies does not recede just because we are facing new and difficult challenges related to this pandemic; therefore, it is just as important, if not more so, as it has always been to prepare our loved ones to respond promptly and adequately to these emergencies.”
- You can view the guidance [here](#).

NEW KN95 Masks for Colorado Schools

- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) reported that Governor Polis “announced that Colorado will provide educators with medical-grade masks. This offer includes any staff who work directly with students at public schools, private schools, charters, BOCES, districts, and facility schools.”
- You can view more information on the program [here](#).

NEW Opening Enrollment for the School Climate Leadership Certification (SCLC)!

- This program is provided by [Ramapo for Children](#)
- The two year program will cover:
 - “Consensus building, community mapping, and stakeholder engagement
 - Collecting, analyzing and leveraging school climate data
 - Developing collaborative action plans grounded in principles of continuous improvement
 - Implementing research-based improvement strategies”
- You can inquire more about the program [here](#).

REFLECTING ON GEORGE FLOYD’S DEATH AND POLICE VIOLENCE TOWARD BLACK AMERICANS

- This information comes from [FacingHistory.org](#)
- “This is a guide for teachers to begin conversations with their students about George Floyd’s death and the events that surround it.”
- You can access the teaching ideas [here](#).

CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

CSSRC online course links:

- [Link to CSSRC online course offerings](#)

WEBINARS and OTHER ONLINE LEARNING COURSES for K-12 & IHE

NEW Region VIII School Safety Webinars

- These webinars are from [Region VIII Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) and [DHS School Safety Team](#)
- **When:**
 - **August 4, 2020 11 am – 12 pm**
 - **August 6, 2020 10 am – 11 am**
 - **August 11, 2020 10 am - 11 am**
 - **August 12, 2020 1 pm – 2 pm**
- These trainings are for the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, North Dakota, and South Dakota.
- You can view more information and register [here](#).

NEW Jeffco DeAngelis Foundation LiveStream Event - Recorded

- This event was originally recorded on June 29th and “focused on exploring key questions school

districts should be addressing as they prepare to potentially welcome back students this fall in light of COVID 19.”

- You can access the free recording [here](#).

NEW Virtual Presentation for U.S. Secret Service NTAC's Mass Attacks in Public Spaces - 2019

- This is being presented by [the U.S. Secret Service, National Threat Assessment Center \(NTAC\)](#).
- **When: August 6, 2020, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm EDT**
- **What:** This presentation will “share findings from its latest study on targeted violence titled, Mass Attacks in Public Spaces – 2019 (MAPS – 2019).”
- View more information and [here](#).

Online Suicide Prevention Training AT NO COST

- This training comes from [LivingWorks Start](#) and the Office of Suicide Prevention within the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#).
- “LivingWorks Start is a one-hour, online, interactive training program that gives you the skills and knowledge to keep family, friends, co-workers, and others safe from suicide. For more information, please see the attached information sheet.”
- For more information about the program, follow [this link](#).
- Use the Colorado link [here](#) and enter code SB272 for **free access**.

Signs Matter

- This program comes from the [Americian Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#).
- It is a new program for K-12 educators and can be found [here](#).
- “*Signs Matter* was developed based on a combination of science and best practice. The program presents scientifically based information on a variety of topics related to youth suicide, alongside best practice recommendations drawn from experts in the mental health and education fields.”
- Licenses can be purchased for \$35 per license. Bulk rates are available too.

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW Strengthening Colorado Families and Communities Virtual Conference - Accepting Proposals

- This event is hosted by the [Colorado Department of Human Services \(CDHS\)](#) and [Illuminate Colorado](#).
- **When: September 28-30, 2020**
- **What:** “The Conference Planning Committee is currently seeking submissions to address the following areas: Innovation Space, Working Together to Maximize Resources, Getting to Anti-Racist Practice, Supporting Workforce Care, and Best Practices.”
- Submit your proposal [here](#).

CPR/AED, First Aid, Remote/Online Training

- These remote trainings for both groups and individuals are provided by [Heartsmart Inc.](#)
- Contact Heartsmart to arrange group training or to obtain your student packet.
- View the flyer [here](#) for more information.

Substance Abuse Prevention Training

Do you need more resources for substance abuse prevention training? [Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center \(RMPHTC\)](#) and [Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network \(PTTC\)](#) are ready to help. RMPHTC is part of [CU-Anshutz](#) and has local trainings. The PTTC is funded through [SAMHSA](#) and Colorado is part of the Mountain Plains PTTC, however, all of the PTTC's and trainings are available. Use the link below to access the trainings:

- Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center (RMPHTC)
<https://registrations.publichealthpractice.org/Training>
- Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network (PTTC)
<https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-pttc/home>



2020 National School-Based Health Care Convention - Cancelled

2020 CASRO School Safety Conference - Cancelled

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

2020 Blueprints Conference - Cancelled

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Funding for Innovative Community Policing Projects

- [The Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS Office\)](#) announced "\$2.2 million in grant funding through the COPS Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program to advance innovative community policing projects across the country."
- While there are not any grants for Colorado, there are quite a few grants available for other states.
- View the list and more information [here](#).

Colorado Safe Routes to School Grant Funding **Opening in August**

- This grant is through the [Colorado Department of Transportation \(CDOT\)](#)
- "Colorado Safe Routes to School (SRTS) uses a comprehensive approach to make school routes safe for children when walking and bicycling to school."
- View more information on the SRTS program [here](#).

LiveWell Grants Available

- [LiveWell Colorado](#) currently has a variety of grants available for schools.
- You can view a list of current funding opportunities [here](#).



RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 SCHOOLS

NEW Return to School Best Practice Recommendations Whether In-Person or Virtually

- These [resources](#) have been compiled by CSSRC from Kati Garner's "After COVID" workshop.
- Please feel free to contact Kati if you would like to have the workshop for your staff.
- kati.garner@state.co.us; 303-909-3672

NEW Resources for School MentalHealth Professionals

- At a July meeting of School and Mental Health Professionals [these resources were shared](#).
- They are based on current best practice recommendations from CDE, NASP, other national education organizations, and ideas from Colorado colleagues.

NEW Additional SEL Resources to Reopen School

- This resource comes from the [Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning \(CASEL\)](#).
- "There are four SEL Critical Practices that each offer 3-5 supporting activities. Within each activity, users are guided through Essential Questions, Actions to Prepare & Implement, and Tools to Support the Actions. Each Critical Practice ends with guidance to Sustain the work."
- You can access the free resource [here](#).

NEW How can be sure we are honoring the dignity of educators as we reopen schools?

- This conversation was started by [Cultures of Dignity](#).
- "We talk a lot about [dignity](#) in Commuquette and are often inspired by our colleague Donna Hicks who breaks down dignity into [10 Essential Elements](#)."
- You can view more information [here](#).

NEW Reducing Vaping Among Youth and Young Adults

- This resource comes from the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#).
- "This guide supports health care providers, systems, and communities seeking to prevent vaping."
- You can download the free resource [here](#).

NEW COVID-19 Strategies for Schools

- These strategies come from the [Metro Denver Partnership for Health](#). “Colorado children need to get back to school. The Metro Denver Partnership for Health (MDPH) is pleased to provide evidence-informed guidance to our region’s school superintendents to support their efforts in reopening school safely.”
- You can find the link [here](#).

Cyber Safety Quick Links for Protecting Youth: Empowering Students to Become Responsible Digital Citizens and Engage Online Safely

- This information comes from the [U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Supportive Schools \(OSSS\)](#) and its [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools and Technical Assistance Center \(REMS TA\)](#).
- In these days of digital learning and connection “this handout gives families, students, and school safety teams key practical steps and quick links to Websites offering free cyber safety resources, tools, and training.”
- Access the document [here](#).

4 Ways Schools Can Avoid Coronavirus Liability Landmines This Fall

- This information comes from [Campus Safety Magazine](#)
- “The record following other disasters, the litigious nature of our society and the human need to assign blame when faced with an adverse outcome all but guarantees that litigation will follow.”
- You can view the full article [here](#).

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

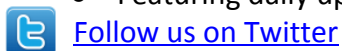
Hazing Webinar and Toolkit

- “Research indicates that student hazing occurs in a range of campus clubs, organizations, and teams. Hazing activities can include humiliating and degrading behavior, harassment, and physical abuse, and sometimes, hazing can be deadly.”
- “This webinar will provide participants with foundational information about hazing and its prevention with a particular emphasis on the intersections of hazing and alcohol misuse. Presenters will highlight research findings about campus hazing and its prevention, the Hazing Prevention Framework, and implications for the work of AOD professionals in higher education.”
- Find the link to the webinar [here](#) that took place the last week of June.
- You can also access the [Hazing Prevention Toolkit here](#).



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



THE CSSRC IS AVAILABLE to any pre-K through higher education school to assist in your school safety planning. Our mission is to provide **no-cost consultation, resources, training and technical assistance** that can help you create a safe, positive, and successful school. We can customize a variety of trainings for your school safety and crisis planning teams or your school staff as you plan and train this school year. We invite you to continue monitoring our website (www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. **Call us at: 303-239-4435.**



Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!

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