



## February 2023

**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](http://www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC).**

## THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Colleagues: **We are very excited for the upcoming IN PERSON symposia in February and March.**

- Please see the listings below for the:
  - **Child Sexual Abuse Symposium** on Friday, February 10th and
  - The two-day **Threat Assessment Symposium** on March 9th and 10th.
- Both will be held at the new Douglas County School District Legacy Campus.
- The presenters at both conferences are nationally recognized experts in their fields.
- You won't want to miss either of these **free** offerings. Please see the details below.

### Free NASRO SRO Training: **Registration is open and will fill quickly**

- **A great opportunity you won't want to miss.**
- With our second STOP grant, the CSSRC will be hosting three SRO training sessions this summer.
- **NASRO's five-day BASIC SRO Training** will be held in both the metro Denver area and in Grand Junction from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM at each location.
  - **Week of July 17th at the Adams 12 Conference Center. Limit 50**
  - **Register Here: [July 17 - 21, 2023, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Adams 12 Five Star School District 1500 E. 128th Ave., Thornton, CO 80241](#)**
  - **Week of August 7th at Colorado Mesa University. Limit 50**
  - **Register here: [August 7 - 11, 2023, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Colorado Mesa University 1100 North Avenue, University Center Room 213, Grand Junction, CO 81501](#)**
  - Both training sessions will be **free** for Colorado law enforcement officers and the CSSRC will be providing a hotel room for each registered participant traveling from outside the area along with mileage and dinner per diems. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at each site daily.
- NASRO's Manager Training for SRO Supervisors is still to be scheduled. This will be limited to 15 so watch for registration information for this workshop.
- Registration information is posted on the CSSRC website and at NASRO's website.

### Marijuana Education Oversight Committee (MEOC)

- One of my responsibilities is to attend the quarterly MEOC meetings where state personnel meet with MJ industry personnel to discuss the latest research, legislation and other aspects of MJ in CO.
- At the most recent meeting we were reminded that the latest toxicology report on MJ was released by CDPHE for people under the age of 25. [You can access the report here.](#)

Stay safe this winter season,

*Chris Harms*

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## COLORADO SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING

### CSSRC Virtual Trainings Updated Schedule

- Since participation has been low, we will offer these only periodically. Please check the [training calendar](#).

### Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Symposium - **Registration is OPEN**

- Every other year we host a Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Symposium. Please plan to join us and our schedule of national speakers.
  - **Friday, February 10th** from 8AM to 3:30PM
  - **Location: Douglas County Legacy Campus, 10035 S Peoria St, Lone Tree, CO 80134**
  - **We will also be live-streaming. Please register for either in-person or online.**
  - Plenary Presentations:
    - **Michael Gomez**, PhD, faculty at Bradley Hospital, Lifespan Institute, a teaching hospital for the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University
    - **Hon. Robert Lung**, 18th Judicial District (Colorado)
    - **Jenny Coleman**, Director of Stop it Now!
    - **Melissa Stroebel**, VP of Research and Insights at Thorn.
  - **Link to Agenda** [here](#).
- **Find registration information** [here](#)

### Two-Day Threat Assessment Symposium - **Registration is OPEN and filling fast**

- Join us for these two days of intensive information on threat assessment:
  - **Thursday and Friday, March 9th and 10th**
  - **Location: Douglas County Legacy Campus, 10035 S Peoria St, Lone Tree, CO 80134**
  - **We will be live streaming ONLY the plenary presentations so we urge you to attend in person.**
  - **A block of hotel rooms will be available at a reduced rate until February 8th or until they are full. [Use this link to register for a hotel room.](#)**
  - Presenters:
    - Dewey Cornell, Ph.D. will discuss the controversies around threat assessment.
    - John Nicoletti, Ph.D. will give us the latest threat information from recent events.
    - Lina Alathari, Ph.D. will update us on information from the recent NTAC report.

A panel of distinguished, experienced threat assessment supervisors will discuss challenging issues in threat assessment.

  - Workshops include: (When taking the six-hour courses you will still be able to experience the plenary sessions)
    - **The six-hour Basic Digital Threat Assessment from SaferSchoolsTogether. You must [register separately](#) for this but the CSSRC is paying your fee to take this certification course.**
    - The six-hour Colorado Threat Assessment & Management Protocol course.
    - Threat Assessment & Special Education by Melissa Reeves, Ph.D.
    - Threat Assessment and Radicalization by Jenny Presswalla, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
    - Using your threat assessment data by CSSRC staff
    - Interviewing for the threat process by CSSRC staff
- The agendas for both days are [here](#).
- **Registration information for the workshop is [here](#)**

### Institutions of Higher Education Summer Safety Symposium - **REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

- The Center is hosting the annual Institutions of Higher Education Summer Safety Symposium on **June 1, 2023, at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley**
- This will be a one-day event held both virtually and in-person. Although designed for IHE personnel, K-12 staff will find value in attending.
- The CSSRC is still finalizing the presenters and they should be confirmed by the March E-Update.
- There will be no-cost to attend.
- Register [here](#).

### **CSSRC's School Safety Specialist Academy - SAVE THE DATE**

- The Center is excited to host a third Academy cohort in 2023. The Academy was created to train School Safety Specialists for any district (or charter/private school) that would like to have a staff member in this position. This individual(s) will be trained in the **foundational school safety knowledge** we believe every district should have, utilizing the five preparedness missions of the U.S. Department of Education.
- Held **virtually June 12 - 15th**, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM each day
- We were fortunate to have state and national school safety experts join us the last two years, and look forward to similar partnerships in 2023. Participants will be announced as we get closer to the Academy dates.
- There will be **no charge** for this Academy, but in order to receive a certificate as a School Safety Specialist, participants must be present for each live virtual workshop.
- The Academy will be **limited to 25 registrants**. Please contact [margaret.choa@state.co.us](mailto:margaret.choa@state.co.us) with any questions.
- You can access the application [here](#).

### **NEW NASRO Basic SRO Training hosted by CSSRC**

- The [Colorado School Safety Resource Center \(CSSRC\)](#) is partnering with the [National Association of School Resource Officers \(NASRO\)](#) to host two training opportunities to complete the NASRO Basic SRO course. This is being made possible through CSSRC's NIJ STOP Grant.
- **When and Where :**
  - [July 17 - 21, 2023, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Adams 12 Five Star School District 1500 E. 128th Ave., Thornton, CO 80241](#)
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- **Cost:** Paid by the CSSRC's STOP Grant for Colorado Law Enforcement Officers
- **Seats available:** 50 per training
- Information for those needing a hotel will be coming soon.
- **What:** "The NASRO Basic School Resource Officer Course is a forty-hour (40) training designed to prepare school resource officers, other law enforcement officers, and school safety professionals to fulfill their roles in the school setting effectively."
- **Register by clicking on the date and location above.**

### **CSSRC STOP Grants: Ongoing Threat Assessment Training & Implementation**

- **Grantees who were trained in the first STOP grant, will be notified shortly of a two-hour virtual training on the new online case management system for the CTAMP. It is finally ready for rollout!**
- We have started our STOP grant training sessions under our second STOP grant. Therefore, we have stipends for any teams that want training outside of contract time. We also will train any teams with or without grant participation. Please complete the paperwork below and return it to [Brad.stiles@state.co.us](mailto:Brad.stiles@state.co.us) if you would like to be part of STOP#2.
  - [Letter of agreement](#)
  - [MOU with the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence](#)
- If you have any questions about the grant please contact Chris Harms at (303.912.6915) or

christine.harms@state.co.us .

- We are now scheduling threat assessment training for late winter and into the spring and summer. Please contact [Brad.stiles@state.co.us](mailto:Brad.stiles@state.co.us) for scheduling.

## CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

### CSSRC online course links:

- Online courses are listed on our website [here](#).

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **NEW** Secret Service Research Examines for the First Time Five Years of Mass Violence Data

- The [U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center \(NTAC\)](#) released Mass Attacks in Public Spaces: 2016 - 2020, a comprehensive report examining 173 incidents of targeted violence and highlighting the observable commonalities among the attackers.
- “The prevention of mass violence in America remains as critical as ever. Far too often, communities and families have been devastated by the impact of these tragedies, and public safety professionals continue to work toward preventing future attacks,” said U.S. Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle of the report.
- View the report [here](#).

### **NEW** The Office for Victims Programs within the Colorado Department of Public Safety is Hiring

- [The Office for Victims Programs](#) is Hiring for the Financial Grant Manager position.
- “About the position:
  - As part of the Crime Victim Services (CVS) Grants Team within the Office for Victims Programs (OVP), this position will provide financial grant management and technical assistance for assigned grantees from throughout Colorado who have been awarded federal and state victim services funds.”
- View the posting and apply [here](#).

## School Mental Health & School Safety Professionals’ Groups

- For the last few years, the CSSRC has facilitated informal meetings for any school staff who oversee either suicide prevention and intervention or threat assessments in their buildings.
- We have been asked to set regular meetings for these professionals and separate them into two groups: Suicide Prevention Professionals and Threat Assessment Professionals.
- Please note that this year we have slightly changed our forums: **The Suicide Prevention Professionals group will only be for staff who have attended our Suicide Risk Assessment (SRA) Toolkit training and are using the CSSRC Toolkit.**
- For **Threat Assessment Professionals, we will continue to offer the same forum as last year, but we will add a separate forum just for staff who have attended the Colorado Threat Assessment and Management Plan (CTAMP) training** – Stay tuned for more information on the separate CTAMP group.
- We have set these professional meetings for the second Tuesday of the month starting in October. The meetings will be virtual to allow more of our rural colleagues to join us. The calendar is below.

February 14, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30	Threat Assessment Professionals Discussion (Anyone)
March 14, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30	Suicide Prevention Professionals Discussion/CSSRC SRA Toolkit Users
April 11, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30	Threat Assessment Professionals Discussion (Anyone)
May 9, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30	Suicide Prevention Professionals Discussion/CSSRC SRA Toolkit Users

- Others are welcome to join these groups based on the criteria described above. To join, contact Ron Lee at [Ron.Lee@state.co.us](mailto:Ron.Lee@state.co.us). Please specify which group you are interested in attending, although you are welcome to join both.

### Networking Group for Managing Problematic Sexual Behaviors (PSB)

- As noted above, the CSSRC has facilitated informal meetings for school staff who oversee either suicide prevention and intervention or threat assessments in their buildings. Those professionals identified a desire to have separate meetings regarding problematic sexual behaviors (PSB) in students.
- The PSB working group meets on the **first Tuesday of the month**. The meetings will be virtual. The calendar is below.

March 7, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30
May 7, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30

- Others are welcome to join the group. To join or inquire further, contact [Margaret.Ochoa@state.co.us](mailto:Margaret.Ochoa@state.co.us).

## OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

### NEW 2023 Colorado Association of School Resource Officers (CASRO) Conference - Call for Presenters

- The [Colorado Association of School Resource Officers \(CASRO\)](#) is holding their 2023 conference on June 19 -21, 2023, at the Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge, CO.
- A call for presentations has been released for this event.
- View more information [here](#).

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

### Live 5-Part Utilizing DBT Skills with Youth Series- Open Enrollment

- [Partners for Children's Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#) is offering this virtual training over the course of multiple dates.
- **When:**
  - February 1, 2023, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
  - February 8, 2023, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
  - February 15, 2023, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

- **February 21, 2023, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm**
- **March 1, 2023, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm**
- **What:** “This training occurs over five consecutive weeks to facilitate learning, dialogue, and implementation of DBT skills. Each week, participants review one module and learn a skill to use in their personal and professional lives. Modules include mindfulness, emotion regulation, distress tolerance, interpersonal effectiveness, and finding the middle path.”
- View more and register [here](#).

## **NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS**

### **The Winter Briefings**

- The [I Love U Guys Foundation](#) is hosting the Winter Briefings at the Frank DeAngelis Center for Community Safety.
- **When: February 16 - 17, 2023**
- **What:** “This 2-day symposium fosters an environment for knowledge-sharing, relationship building, hands-on training and countless actionable insights that you can put to use as soon as you leave.”
- View more information and register [here](#).

### **NEW ADL's 2023 Student Essay Contest**

- The [Anti-Defamation League's \(ADL\)](#) annual student essay contest has begun again!
- Submissions can be made by students in 7th - 12th grade and the topic is A Tribute to Moral Courage: Standing Up Against Injustice.
- **Submissions are due by March 6, 2023.**
- You can view more information on the contest [here](#).



### **NEW 2023 Campus Safety Conference with a Colorado Discount**

- The [2023 Campus Safety Conference](#) is returning this summer for the 10th Anniversary event!
- Taking place July 10-12<sup>th</sup> in Henderson, NV and July 31-August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dallas, TX, the conference brings together safety and security professionals in the K-12, Higher Education and Healthcare communities.
- The agenda is packed with fantastic speakers and interactive content over 2.5 days.
- [Registration is open now](#) and the early bird rate is available until March 31, 2023.
- **The Campus Safety team has shared with us a discount code for an additional 20% off the current rate. Use code **CSSRC20** when registering to receive the lowest rate available.**

## **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **NEW Office of Gun Violence Prevention Grant Funding Now Available to Help Reduce Violence in Colorado Communities**

- “ [The Office of Gun Violence Prevention within the Colorado Department of Public Health](#) and Environment is now accepting applications for new grants that will fund projects to prevent gun violence across Colorado.”
- “The new grant program is designed to fund projects that conduct community-based gun violence prevention initiatives that are evidence-informed and have demonstrated promise at reducing violence. Funds may be used for education, training and community programs regarding topics including responsible gun ownership practices, safe storage, existing laws, mental health, and substance use resources.”
- For priority consideration, [applications](#) should be completed by **6 p.m. MST on Feb. 9, 2023**
- View more information [here](#).

### **STILL FUNDING Sources of Strength from OSP**

- We are excited to announce that the [Office of Suicide Prevention](#) in [CDPHE](#), through generous

support of the Attorney General's Office, still has a few open funding slots for eligible Colorado middle and high schools to participate in [Sources of Strength's](#) Peer Leader and Adult Advisor trainings.

- If you are interested in receiving *Sources of Strength* training prior to May 2023 at **no cost** to your organization, please fill out the [application here](#).
- *Sources of Strength* provides upstream evidence-based prevention for suicide, violence, bullying and substance abuse by training, supporting, and empowering both peer leaders and caring adults to impact their world through the power of connection, hope, help and strength.
- If you have any questions please contact Hannah Fageeh at [hannah.fageeh@state.co.us](mailto:hannah.fageeh@state.co.us).

### **NEW 2023 TVTP Grant Forecast**

- The [U.S. Department of Homeland Security's \(DHS\) Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships \(CP3\)](#) released a forecasted funding opportunity for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 [Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention \(TVTP\) Grant Program](#).
- "This forecast identifies:
  - Anticipated deadlines
  - Priorities
  - Objectives
  - Project types
  - Required application contents and templates Eligibility, scoring, and selection criteria
  - Background research
  - Other resources that applicants need to prepare their applications"
- View the information [here](#).

### **Nourish Colorado Grants Available**

- [Nourish Colorado](#) formerly LiveWell Colorado has changed quite a bit and we encourage you to view the new program and information [here](#).

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

### **NEW Threat Assessment vs. Informed Supervision**

- [The Colorado School Safety Resource Center \(CSSRC\)](#) created and released this new resource.
- This white paper provides guidance to school professionals conducting Threat Assessments which include problematic sexual behavior. Staff must be familiar with the different protocols to ensure public safety.
- View the document [here](#).

### **NEW Marijuana Use Prevention Resource Bank**

- This Marijuana Use Prevention Resource Bank provides public schools in Colorado the tools necessary to help address marijuana in the age of legal recreational use for adults Marijuana Use Prevention Resource Bank.
- View the resource [here](#).
- If you have questions or a potential resource please reach out to Christina Austin [austin\\_c@cde.state.co.us](mailto:austin_c@cde.state.co.us)

### **NEW New Year, New School Crossing Guard Materials**

- [Safer Routes to School](#) has created and shared "updated crossing guard materials to support our Safe Routes to School communities."
- "School crossing guards play a vital role in fostering a safe and comfortable environment for students walking and wheeling to and from school."
- Access the new and updated materials [here](#).

## Infectious Diseases and Public Health Resources

- [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov) has released an infographic that has “information and aligned resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Environmental Protection Agency, and other federal agencies specifically around the infectious disease prevention topics of hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfecting, and ventilation.”
- View it [here](#).

## Follow the Colorado School Safety Resource Center on Twitter

- For the latest school safety information between monthly E-Updates, follow [@CoSSRC](https://twitter.com/CoSSRC) on Twitter.
- Featuring daily updates on new research, resources, upcoming trainings, and Center activities.



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**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 (<https://cssrc.colorado.gov>) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. **Call us at: 303-239-4435.**



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