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## THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

### Happy New Year!

The staff of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center wishes everyone a safe and happy new year. While you were busy getting ready for your winter break and celebrating with family and friends, three important reports were released:

- The draft of the final report on the tragedy at [Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School](#) was released and a number of lessons learned can be gleaned from this report.
- The [Final Report of the Federal Commission on School Safety](#) was released on December 18th. This was followed quickly by a [document](#) from the National Association of School Psychologists outlining the components of the federal report with which they agree and those with which they disagree. Both make for interesting reading.

### Congratulations to the first round of SAFER Grant Recipients:

- The State of Colorado's Legislature allocated \$4,857,354 for the SFY 2019 School Access For Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program Competitive Funding Results. The SAFER Program enacted by SB18-158 provides funding for interoperable communication hardware, software, equipment maintenance, and training to allow for seamless communications between existing school communications systems and first responder communications systems. It is with great pleasure that we announce that of the thirty-nine (39) applicants who had submitted their applications for this competitive funding opportunity, twelve local education providers were selected to receive funding. **Thank you to all of those who applied for the SAFER Grant Program.**
- Please do not be discouraged if you were not selected this time, as everyone is eligible to apply again in 2019. The funding announcement for the next SAFER will take place in the first calendar quarter of 2019, and we will post it then and forward to our list of superintendents.
- **The Following Applicants Were Awarded:**

❖ Montrose County School District	\$595,910.00
❖ Adams 12 School District	\$127,732.00
❖ Durango School District	\$521,711.00
❖ Montezuma-Cortez RE-1	\$200,321.00
❖ Del Norte School District	\$124,550.00
❖ Archuleta School District 50	\$150,694.00
❖ Sheridan School District	\$361,674.00
❖ Pueblo City Schools D-60	\$1,137,610.00
❖ Norwood School District	\$3,536.00
❖ Primero School District	\$27,197.00
❖ Lamar School District	\$246,305.00
❖ Cherry Creek School District	\$1,360,114.00

Kindest regards,

*Chris Harms*

# **COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER NEWS**

## **Student/Staff Safety Summits**

CSSRC staff conducted Student/Staff Summits in November and December. We traveled to Grand Junction, Ft. Morgan and Pueblo where over 300 middle and high school students joined us. Students were captivated by the two-hour keynoters and shared incredible insights and suggestions about issues of school safety within focus groups. **Please see their comments and ideas on Bullying Prevention, Healthy Relationships, Conducting Drills at their Schools and Suicide Prevention and Intervention.** You can access the results [here](#).

## **CSSRC Updates**

### **NFPA 3000**

The CSSRC has teamed up with our CDPS partners: the Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC), the Colorado State Patrol, and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management which includes the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) to facilitate two workshops providing an overview of the NFPA 3000™ Standard for an Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Program which gives guidelines for all emergency responders in an active shooter situation.

The first workshop was held in Loveland, CO, while the second was held in Pueblo, CO and both were attended by school, hospital, police, fire, emergency management and long term care staff. Participants were presented an overview of the NFPA standard followed by what **participants expressed as the most useful part of the workshop, several hours of networking and problem solving around the tenants of ASHER programming.** If you are interested in attending one of these free training events in 2019 (La Junta, 2/12. Ft. Morgan, 2/22. Grand Junction, 3/19. Durango, 3/21), please contact [chris.brunette@state.co.us](mailto:chris.brunette@state.co.us) in DFPC.

**Brad Stiles, CSSRC Emergency Response Consultant:** [brad.stiles@state.co.us](mailto:brad.stiles@state.co.us) or call 303.239.4321 to reach Brad directly.

### **Facilitator's Guide to Sexting: What You Need to Know**

The Center's online course for juveniles, [Sexting: What You Need to Know](#), has been available since May of this year.

- A Facilitator's Guide to break down the course and teach it in units is now downloadable--free of charge--on our website. Specifically, the guide divides the lesson into topics including healthy relationships, an analysis of the juvenile sexting law, and risks and consequences of the behavior.
- Accompanying screencasts, pdfs, and activities are included.
- A comprehensive listing of available resources for educators can be found on the Center's website under "Supplemental Course Resources" on the course web-page [HERE](#).



### **School Mental Health Professionals Meeting Update**

The CSSRC has been periodically inviting school mental health professionals to meet and discuss current concerns in the schools. Recently, we met with about 15 professionals both in-person and on the phone to discuss the recent rash of youth suicides. Below are some of the takeaways from that meeting:

- Districts are using a variety of approaches to educate staff, students and to a lesser degree parents. More quick info sent home to **parents** would be helpful. You can access the Parent Awareness Series: Talking to Your Kids About Suicide [here](#). You can access the Suicide Prevention Resources for Parents/Guardians/Families [here](#).
- A number of those present talked about the **stress that students are feeling and the need for schools to teach skills for handling that stress.**
- It was also pointed out that the research tells us that one of the biggest risk factors for students is a **lack of sleep.** Encouraging students to ramp down their schedules and get more sleep would be most helpful.
- Most districts are relying upon the **Colorado Crisis Services** which are able to respond at varying degrees of success. If you have any issues with CCS, please let Mary Hoefler, the Director of the program at the Colorado Department of Human Services know. Information about when/where any glitches occur will help Mary rectify issues and also allow her to keep track if the system is not robust enough so she can report back to the legislature so that perhaps at some time in the future, more funds will be devoted to this. (Mary Hoefler:[mary.hoefler@state.co.us](mailto:mary.hoefler@state.co.us), her phone is 303.866.7518)

- A number of folks have been able to create Memoranda of Understanding with their local hospitals so that the hospitals will get parent permission to share information about a student when that student returns to school. We are planning a workshop on this for the next Suicide Symposium (TBD).
- Finally, it was requested that the Center create a master list of mental health related trainings so that everyone has access to others who might help train your staff. The CSSRC is in the process of doing this.

## **COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING**

### **Threat Assessment Symposium - Registration Now Open (and is filling quickly!)**

- **Peter Langman, Ph.D., author of *Why Kids Kill*** will present a morning workshop on the psychology behind school shooters. This will be followed by an afternoon presentation on **Digital Threat Assessment** - mining social media when you are worried about a student who might be at-risk. **Bring your laptops!**
- This event is being held for one day only!
- **When: Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 7:45 am - 3:30 pm**
- **Where:** The Conference Center at Adams 12 Five Star Schools 1500 E. 128th Avenue, Thornton CO
- **Cost:** \$50/person (plus a nominal registration fee)
- You can view the flyer [here](#).
- You can view the current agenda [here](#).
- Register [here](#).

### **Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Conference - Registration Now Open!**

- The plenaries' focus this year will be on the influence of culture and media on sexual harm, and how good leadership can aid in prevention. Individual workshops will cover best school policies for child sexual abuse prevention and response, immigration as a risk factor for trafficking, K-12 Title IX (watch for big changes!), teen dating violence prevention, barriers to reporting, and a panel on the creation of a comprehensive school prevention model. You can view and share the flyer [here](#) and the agenda [here](#).
- **When: Thursday, April 4, 2019, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm**
- **Where:** The Lowry Conference Center, 1061 Akron Way, Building 697, Denver, CO
- **Cost:** \$50/person (plus a nominal registration fee)
- [Register here.](#)

## **CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **New Title IX Proposed Regulations Released:**

Title IX is the federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance (K through higher education). The definition of "discrimination" has been interpreted to include sexual harassment and assault. On November 29, 2018, the U.S. Department of Education published proposed regulations to finalize the repeal and replacement of previous guidance under the current and previous administrations. A [one-page fact sheet](#) provided by the Department is available, as well as [section-by-section summaries](#). The Department has invited those who work at schools to consider how the changes might impact safety, and comment on the proposed changes to definitions and procedures. Responses to the proposals must be received by **January 28, 2019**. Instructions on the comment procedure are found [HERE](#).

### **NEW National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week**

- [National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week \(NDAFW\)](#) is from **January 22, 2019, - January 27, 2019**.
- "National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week® (NDAFW) sheds light on the science behind the effects of drug and alcohol use on the brain, body, and behavior. Connect students with scientists and other experts who help shatter the myths about drugs and alcohol."
- You can find activity ideas and more [here](#).

### **NEW Federal Commission on School Safety Releases Comprehensive Resource Guide for Keeping Students, Teachers Safe at School**

- [The Federal Commission on School Safety \(Commission\)](#) provided this information recently.
- They "released a 177-page report detailing 93 best practices and policy recommendations for improving safety at schools across the country."

- You can view the full report [here](#).

## **NEW** Impacts of Marijuana Legalization in Colorado

- This report was prepared by the [Colorado Division of Criminal Justice \(DCJ\)](#).
- The report “compiles and analyzes data on marijuana-related topics including crime, impaired driving, hospitalizations and ER visits, usage rates, effects on youth, and more.”
- You can access the summary with highlights [here](#).
- You can access the full report [here](#).

## **NEW** High School Research Study Opportunity

- This opportunity comes from the [National Health Promotion Associates](#)/LifeSkills Training (LST).
- They have “received funding from the National Institutes of Health to develop and test a new version of LST that uses a hybrid classroom and online model.”
- “We are recruiting high schools interested in participating in this federally-funded study. We are looking for individual high schools and/or entire school districts that are interested in testing the program in the 2019-2020 school year.”
- You can contact Ruchi Mehta, MPH: [rmehta@nhpamail.com](mailto:rmehta@nhpamail.com) or 914-421-2525 X220 with interest.

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

### *Suicide Risk Factors and Warning Signs*

- This is a new course designed for ALL SCHOOL Staff so they recognize warning signs and risk factors for suicide and report a student of concern to a school mental health professional as soon as possible.
- Once completed, staff will receive a certificate for continuing education hours.
- The course can be accessed [here](#).

**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 for K-12 & IHE**

## **OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS**

### **Updated Website - Colorado Human Trafficking Council**

- Check out the redesigned website of our partners at the [Colorado Human Trafficking Council](#). At the core of the website revamp is a new suite of tools for professionals.
- The website features a Training Page where individuals and organizations can request the Council’s training programs, free of charge, anywhere in the state.
- The new website provides a few avenues for people to get involved with the issue.
- The new site hosts a calendar of anti-trafficking events in the state, as well as information on the regional collaborations working on this issue in different Colorado communities.



## **NEW** Sexual Assault in Schools: Title IX Rights and Remedies for K-12 Student Survivors

- This training is provided by the [Center on Domestic Violence at the University of Colorado Denver](#).
- **When:** January 16, 2019, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- **Where:** 1380 Lawrence St. Terrace Room, Denver, CO 80204
- **What:** “Please join the Center for this important Community Education Series presentation on Title IX in K-12 schools. This workshop will describe sexual harassment and assault in K-12th grade schools, and victims’ rights to accommodations, remedies, and supportive measures so they can fully access the benefits of their education.”
- View more information and register [here](#).

## **NEW** Colorado Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) 2nd Quarterly Training

- This training is offered by the [Colorado Address Confidentiality Program \(ACP\)](#)
- **When:** January 24, 2019, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- **Where:** 1001 E. 62nd Ave., Denver, 80216

- **What:** “In this two-hour training, attendees will be provided with a general overview of how the Colorado Address Confidentiality Program works and how ACP services can strengthen a survivor’s safety plan.”
- Register by emailing Nikki Hernandez at [Katherine.Hernandez@state.co.us](mailto:Katherine.Hernandez@state.co.us) or by calling 303-866-3344.

### 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:**
  - Jan 31-Feb 1
  - April 10-11
  - May 30-31
  - September 10-11
  - October 23-24
- **Where:** Douglas County Sheriff’s Office — Highlands Ranch Substation, 9250 Zotos Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129 (Highlands Ranch Pkwy/Ridgeline)
- **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.
- View the flyer [here](#).
- Register by emailing Phyllis Harvey [PHarvey@dcsheriff.net](mailto:PHarvey@dcsheriff.net)

\*Please note - the CSSRC can also conduct the ASIST training for the cost of materials at your district (about \$42/staff)

### Colorado Autism Conference

- This conference is being held by the [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) and [Colorado State University](#).
- **When:** June 4 - 6, 2019
- **Where:** Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Co
- **What:** “Our hope is that this forum will encourage educational innovators to share strategies that conference attendees can implement in their own schools, classrooms, homes and communities.”
- Proposals are currently being accepted by clicking [here](#).

## CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### Public School Lead Testing Grant

- This grant is available through the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#).
- **The grant was announced in May of last year, there are still funds available on a first-come first-serve basis.**
- **An additional 51 grants totaling \$255,000 are still available and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, with testing needing to be completed no later than June 30, 2019.**
- Review the information online [here](#).
- You can view the fact sheet [here](#).
- You can view the 2018 annual report [here](#).
- You can access the application materials below:
  - [2018 Announcement - request for applications](#)
  - [Request for applications - guidance](#)
  - [Application form](#)
  - [Attachment 1 - Statement of work](#)



### NEW Student Re-engagement Grant Request for Proposals

- This grant is being facilitated by the [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#).
- Previous letters of intent were due on November 30, 2018. Not necessary to apply so you still have time!
- Request for Proposals are due **February 19, 2019**.
- You can access all information and application documentation [here](#).

### NEW EARSS Grant Request for Proposals Available

- This grant is being managed by the [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#).
- Key dates and deadlines:

- Application Webinar - 2-3:30 p.m. on January 15, 2019
- **Letter of Intent due - January 18, 2019**
- **Proposals due - March 15, 2019**
- Awards announced - June 14, 2019
- You can access more information and the necessary forms [here](#).

### **NEW** SIPA Micro-Grant Program Changes

- [The Colorado Statewide Internet Portal Authority \(SIPA\)](#) program has made changes to the application criteria.
- Micro-grant applications are due by January 18, 2019.
- You can view the program information [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** Materials Available for MHFA, SafeTALK and QPR

- The [Office of Suicide Prevention \(OSP\)](#) has materials available for MHFA, SafeTALK, and QPR for organizations needing financial assistance to provide community trainings.
- You can request the MHFA materials [here](#).
- You can request the SafeTALK materials [here](#).
- You can request the QPR materials [here](#).
- You can also access more information on potential funding to support Mental Health First Aid Trainings in Colorado by clicking [here](#).

### **NEW** Respected: Perspectives from Students on High School & Social and Emotional Learning

- This report was written “by [Civic and Hart Research for CASEL](#) and made possible by the [Allstate Foundation](#), and reveals that students see the benefits of attending schools that emphasize SEL.”
- “The report is based on a national survey of more than 1,300 high school students and recent graduates.”
- You can access the full report [here](#).

### **NEW** Outgoing Colorado Attorney General on Information Sharing and FERPA

- In January 2018, [Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman](#) issued a formal opinion with guidance on information sharing related to the family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) —see Colorado Attorney General Formal Opinion No. 18-01).
- You can view AG Coffman’s School Safety Guide [here](#). “The Guide was created as part of the Safe Communities Safe Schools initiative of the Office of the Attorney General, in an effort to provide parents, schools and districts with comprehensive information on steps for promoting school safety.”
- You can access AG Coffman’s video [here](#) or by copying and pasting this address into your browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEnphX0KeDM>

### **NEW** YouthRoots Request for Proposals

- This grant is through [YouthRoots](#) who serve the metro Denver area with YouthBoards in Denver, Thornton, Aurora, Centennial, Jefferson County, and Douglas County.
- “During the yearlong program, they conduct a community needs assessment, fundraise for those issues, and then grant 100% of what they raise to chosen nonprofits meeting the needs.”
- You can view more information [here](#).

### **Campus Resilience Program Exercise Starter Kits**

- The starter kits are provided by the [Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Academic Engagement \(OAE\)](#).
- This was created for the K-12 community focused on an active shooter incident as part of the [Campus Resilience \(CR\) Program](#).

- You can view an information page on the toolkit [here](#) and access the toolkit request form [here](#).
- There are other CR Programs available [here](#) for “institutions of higher education (IHE) and focus on a cyber breach, hurricane, and active shooter incident.”

### The Jack Splitt Memorial Resource Bank

- This resource is provided by the [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#).
- “This resource bank provides public schools in Colorado the tools necessary to help address marijuana in the age of legal recreational use for adults.”
- You can view more information on the resource bank [here](#).

### No Place for Hate 2018-2019 Registration is Now Open

- 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.
- Registration is open [here!](#)
- You can view more information on the initiative [here](#).



## INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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



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