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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: **Happy New Year!** With high hopes that 2021 will be a much better year than 2020. I know we still have a long way to go to eradicate this virus, but vaccines are here and I am confident we will return to a semblance of normal sometime in 2021.

NEW Colorado School Safety Academy: After consultation with some of our state's school safety partners, the School Safety Resource Center has decided to facilitate an annual Academy with the purpose of training a **School Safety Specialist** for any district that would like to have a staff member in this position. This individual(s) will be trained in the baseline school safety knowledge we believe every district should have utilizing the five preparedness missions of the U.S. Department of Education.

- The first Academy will be held **VIRTUALLY from Monday until Friday the week of June 7, 2021 from 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon**. Please save the date and registration will open later this year.
- Partners joining us to educate the Specialists will be from CDE, Colorado Crisis Services, Safe2Tell, CSDSIP, the I Love You Guys Foundation, the JeffCo/DeAngelis Center and a number of other agencies.
- There will be no charge for this Academy but in order to receive a certificate as a School Safety Specialist, participants must be present all five mornings.

In the meantime, CSSRC staff will continue our **Monday and Friday virtual workshops** for anyone with time to join us. We have added some additional topics so [please check the training calendar](#). Remember, if you would like any of these workshops for your staff as a group that can easily be arranged. In addition, you will get a certificate for continuing education hours by attending and completing an evaluation.

Our **CSSRC website** is being migrated to a newer platform over the next few weeks. We do not anticipate any disruption on the users' end but we wanted to let you know. We have trimmed many of the older resources and we have submitted a grant proposal to make searching our library of resources even easier. I will keep you updated. If you have any issues finding something, please contact Isaac.Baah@state.co.us or call him at 303-253-0621.

As school staff continue to support students, Margaret Ochoa, our Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist, has been sharing with me the concerns that some students who are **victims of sexual abuse** are not reporting to trusted adults but rather on social media. [Here is an article with more information](#). I urge you to take accusations seriously and follow your requirements as mandated reporters in an effort to help keep all of our children safe and prevent them from resorting to social media to be heard.

Margaret can provide training on Mandated Reporting, Adult Sexual Misconduct Prevention and/or Healthy Relationships for Middle or High School Students. Feel free to contact her directly: Margaret.ochoa@state.co.us or 720-415-0575.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year,

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COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Symposium - Registration is Now Open!

- 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:** Virtually
- Confirmed speakers:
 - Dr. Charol Shakeshaft, Virginia Commonwealth University (*Educator Sexual Misconduct*)
 - Dr. Amber Morczek, Nevada State College (*Impact of Pornography on Youth*)
 - Katelyn Jenkin, Colorado Bureau of Investigation (*Internet Luring Tactics/Online Dangers*)
- **Fee:** No cost!
- View the agenda [here](#).
- **How:** Registration is now open [here!](#) You must be registered in order to receive the link and any handouts.



CSSRC Virtual Trainings Continue on Mondays and Fridays in January and February

- We have released the January and February 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 cdps_school_safety_center@state.co.us.

STILL RECRUITING CSSRC STOP Grant: Threat Assessment Training & Implementation

- **The CSSRC is recruiting 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.
- We also realize that adding another project to your school's work may be overwhelming right now. Please know that the grant project continues until 9/30/2022. If you believe you might be interested later in the process, please call to get your district/school on the list now.
- **Staff can be paid stipends for the training and data collection under the grant if training is conducted after regular working hours.**
- 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 Support Plans with automatic notifications for review meetings, among other features. This will be available free of charge to districts even when the grant work is completed.
- **If your school is interested in being one of the 30 sites, below is more information.**
 - [Application](#)
 - [Application Letter](#)
 - [MOU](#)
- Please complete the application and return it to Christine.harms@state.co.us or call Chris if you have any questions. (303.912.6915). We are now scheduling for January, February and March 2021.

SAVE the DATE: 2021 Colorado Safe Schools Summit

- The annual Colorado Safe Schools Summit will be held virtually on **October 21 & 22, 2021**.
- The call for proposals will come out later this year.
- Those that submitted proposals last year when we switched to a speakers' series will be contacted to see if you would like to present in 2021.
- There will be no charge and since it is virtual, everyone across the state can attend!
- Watch for more information in upcoming E-Updates.

CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

CSSRC online course links:

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

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies

- The [Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\)](#) “held a day-long forum to discuss the challenges of law enforcement recruitment and retention and specifically focused on these issues in relation to smaller and more rural law enforcement agencies.”
- This publication is a result of that forum, you can view it [here](#).

National Institute of Justice Examines School Violence Data

- The [Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice](#) “published an article that discusses current ongoing data collection efforts regarding school violence.”
- Read the article “What Do the Data Reveal About Violence in Schools?” [here](#).

2021 Emerging Leaders Committee

- The [Coalition for Juvenile Justice \(CJJ\)](#) describes this opportunity as “a partnership between CJJ and young people in the field of juvenile justice, many of whom bring lived expertise to their work”
- Individuals over the age of 16 and under the age of 24 are encouraged to apply.
- View more information on the committee [here](#).
- If interested, you can apply [here](#).
- **Applications are due by December 5, 2020!**

Receive Rural Health Updates from USDA Rural Development

- The [USDA Rural Development](#) is launching a new mailing list all about Rural Health.
- You can subscribe to the new mailing list [here](#).

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

NEW Comprehensive School Safety Planning: Prevention Through Recovery

- This webinar comes from the [National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#)
- **When: January 15, 2021, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**
- **What:** “Participants will learn how to establish and sustain comprehensive school safety efforts that attend to both physical and psychological safety.”
- Register [here](#).

NEW Mental Health Crisis Interventions: Responding to an Acute Traumatic Stressor in Schools

- This webinar comes from the [National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#)
- **When: January 21 - 22, 2021, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**
- **What:** “Participants will develop the knowledge and skill to provide immediate mental health crisis interventions to the students, staff, and school community members who have been simultaneously exposed to an acute traumatic stressor.”
- Register [here](#).

NEW Developing School Protocols: Intervening with Students at Risk for Suicide

- This webinar is offered by [Partners for Children’s Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#)
- **When:** January 22, 2021, 9:00 am - 10:30am and January 29, 2021, 9:00 am - 10:30am
- **What:** “Overview of best practice guidelines and recommendations for suicide intervention policies and procedures within a school environment.”
- View more information and register [here](#).

NEW The School Climate Leadership Certification Program (SCLC)

- This program is run by the [National School Climate Center at Ramapo for Children](#).
- The program “equips educational leaders with the knowledge base and competencies necessary to create and sustain a positive school climate.”
- View more information and inquire about the program [here](#).

Virtual Training by Request

- The [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools \(REMS\) Technical Assistance \(TA\) Center](#) is now offering “versions of live training topics that are available for request by education agencies, including state education agencies, regional education agencies, school districts, schools and institutions of higher education to assist with their professional development efforts.”
- Current training topics available:
 - Resilience Strategies for Educators: Techniques for Self-Care and Peer Support Train-the-Educator (4 hours) (**The CSSRC is making plans to offer this in March.**)
 - Developing Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) K-12 101 Train-the-Trainer (2.5 hours)
 - Developing Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) K-12 101 Train-the-Educator (2 hours)
 - Developing Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) IHE 101 Train-the-Educator (2 hours)
 - School Behavioral Threat Assessments: An Introduction (4 hours)
 - Conducting K-12 Site Assessments with SITE ASSESS (2.5 hours)
- You can access the training request form [here](#).
- If you have any questions you can contact Lisa Scott on her cell (951) 481-8160 or by email at LScott@remstacenter.org.



Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS)

- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is offering this **FREE** virtual [CBITS](#) training for school teams (minimum of two people) per team.
- **When:** 8:30 am - 3:30 pm on the following dates:
 - January 28, 2021
 - February 11, 2021
 - February 25, 2021
 - March 11, 2021
 - April 8, 2021
 - May 27, 2021
 - June 10, 2021
- Important Links and Additional Information:
 - [Registration Link](#)
 - [CBITS Flyer 2020-21](#)

NEW Developing School Protocols: Support After A Suicide Loss

- This webinar is offered by [Partners for Children’s Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#).
- **When:** February 5, 2021, 9:00 am - 10:30am and February 12, 2021, 9:00 am - 10:30am
- **What:** “This course provides an overview of best practice guidelines and recommendations for suicide postvention policies and procedures within a school environment.”
- View more and register [here](#).

Still Available at No-Cost LivingWorks Start Program

- The [Office of Suicide Prevention](#) of [CDPHE](#) is pleased to provide our partners across Colorado FREE access to the LivingWorks Start **suicide prevention gatekeeper training**. 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, click [here](#).
- To access the training, click [here](#) and enter access code: OSP Gen. Please note that we have a limited number of licenses available for use available on a first come, first served basis. Please do not share the URL and access code outside of Colorado.
- *LivingWorks Start works best with Google Chrome, Firefox, or Microsoft Edge browsers.
- It is not Internet Explorer compatible. If you have any questions or issues accessing the training, please contact Dymond Ruybal at Dymond.Ruybal@state.co.us.

Using Mass Notification to Adapt to Evolving Campus Safety Challenges

- This webinar was pre recorded by [Campus Safety](#)
- “Discuss different ways campuses can use mass notifications to respond to evolving safety needs.”
- View more information [here](#).

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW Campus Safety Online Conference

- The [Campus Safety Online Summit](#) was held on **December 1 - 2, 2020**, and was sponsored by [NAPCO Security Technologies](#), [Motorola Solutions](#), [Aware Powered by GlobaFlyte](#), [IPVideo Corporation](#), and more.
- The sessions are currently available on demand at no cost.
- View more information and view the sessions [here](#).

NEW Motivational Interviewing Training

- This training is offered by [EPIC](#) with the [Division of Criminal Justice](#).
- **When:**
 - **Intro to Motivational Interviewing:**
 - February 8, 9, 11, 12, 22, 23, 25, 26;
 - March 22, 23, 25, 26;
 - April 5, 6, 8, 9;
 - May 10, 11, 13, 14, 24, 25, 27, 28;
 - June 21, 22, 24, 25;
 - **Advanced Motivational Interviewing:**
 - March 8, 9, 11, 12;
 - April 19, 20, 22, 23;
 - June 7, 8, 10, 11;
- You can create your EPIC training account and register for the training [here](#).

NEW QPR Train the Trainer

- This training is being hosted by the [Alliance for Suicide Prevention](#)
- **When:**
 - **March 22, 2021**
 - **April 14, 2021**
 - **June 11, 2021**
- **What:** “Learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help.”
- **Cost: \$510**
- You can obtain more information or register by emailing Kimberly Pratt at kim@suicideprevent.org.

The Winter Briefings - Virtual

- The Winter Briefings have gone virtual for 2021.
- [The I Love U Guys Foundation](#) will be hosting the virtual event, and their primary audience is “Law enforcement, school personnel, victim advocates, mental health professionals, emergency and risk managers, school safety teams and all first responders.”
- **You can view more information and register for the February 4th or July 11 event [here](#).**



NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW [ADL's 2021 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 February 18, 2021.
- You can view more information on the contest [here](#).



NEW [Responsible Authority Proficiency in Incident Disclosure Training](#)

- RAPID was developed by the [State University of New York](#).
- This training is “a free, customizable and high quality training designed for colleges and universities to quickly, efficiently, and accurately train responsible authorities under the Clery Act, Title IX, and campus policy.”
- View more information on RAPID [here](#).
- Pre-register for the training that will be released in January 2021 [here](#).

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

2021-22 BEST Grant Notification of Intent and Grant Manager Registration

- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) shared that the Notification of Intent and Grant Manager Registration for FY2021-22.
- **The application will be launched on January 6, 2021.**
- You can view more information on the grant [here](#).

Suicide Prevention for Schools and Districts

- The [Office of Suicide Prevention](#) shared this opportunity “ to provide funding for public schools and school districts to implement crisis and suicide prevention strategies, with priority given to public schools or school districts who have not received suicide prevention training previously.”
- There will be an information session on **December 1, 2020, 12:00 pm** through this [link](#). The session will be recorded.
- You can view more information [here](#).
- **Applications are due by January 22, 2021.**

LiveWell Grants Available

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



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- 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 (www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. **Call us at: 303-239-4435.**



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Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!

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