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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 everyone had a restful holiday. I know many in the Superior/Louisville area are mourning the loss of their homes and pets in the horrific Marshall Fire. Our hearts go out to everyone touched by this tragedy.

Once again we have adults and children who have experienced trauma. We invite parents and school staff to take advantage of the [trauma resources](#) found on the CSSRC website along with the links to other agencies' resources. The staff of the Center are available for any trauma related training at both public, charter and private schools in the impacted area. Please reach out, if we can help. Contact Ron.Lee@state.co.us to discuss and/or schedule training.

Next Tuesday starts our **January Speakers' Series**. Three workshops are scheduled over the lunch hour on cybersafety/cyberbullying and drug awareness for adults. If you can't join us live, please contact Isaac.Baah@state.co.us after the presentations as the recordings will be available for one month. Although offered at no charge, registration is necessary to receive the Zoom links. Please see the information below. Feel free to share the information with your parents.

Also, the Center has been working in collaboration with a number of stakeholders across the state to create **Guidelines for K-12 Schools & IHE Crisis Response**. We anticipate completing the Guidelines in early winter with training to rollout shortly thereafter. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting new project!

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy new year!

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COLORADO SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING

Cyber-Safety/Bullying and Substance Abuse Prevention Speakers' Series - Spots are still available!

- This speaker series will be virtual and will include the following presenters:
 - Alex Rodrigues, PhD. - **Cyber Safety** on Tuesday, **January 11th at 11:30 AM**
 - Lynn Riemer, ACT on Drugs - **Drug Awareness for Adults**, Tuesday **January 18th at 11:30 AM**
 - Sameer Hinduja, PhD. - **Cyberbullying** on Tuesday, **January 25th at 11:30 AM**
- The presentations will be live at 11:30 AM. However, we will record them for school professionals and parents to review when convenient. Please contact Isaac.Baah@state.co.us for the recording links.
- Register [here](#).

Positive School Discipline Symposium (A decision will be made later in January about whether this will be a hybrid or totally virtual.)

- This is planned to be a hybrid event (in-person and virtual).
- **When: February 16, 2022**
- NO COST and lunch will be provided (please have breakfast before you arrive and bring your own coffee/tea as common containers are not permitted at the site)
 - In-person: Lowry Center 1061 Akron Way Building 697, Denver, CO 80230
- Five plenary sessions will include:
 - Kim Bevill - How physical activity impacts student behavior
 - Kerri Quinn - Creating a restorative & trauma sensitive climate
 - Ashley Idress - How to use your discipline data
 - Two school panels sharing their successes, and more!
- View the agenda [here](#).
- Register [here](#).

NEW National School Psychologist PREPaRE Workshop 2 Training- Registration is Open

- **PREPaRE Workshop 2 will be held virtually on Wednesday-Thursday, February 23rd and 24th**
- The PREPaRE curriculum has been developed by the [National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#) as part of NASP's decade-long leadership in providing evidence-based resources and consultation related to school crisis prevention and response. PREPaRE training is ideal for schools committed to improving and strengthening their school safety and crisis management plans and emergency response.
- This training is **open to all mental health professionals, school administrators, teachers and school personnel** interested in learning about crisis prevention and response.
- There are no prior training requirements to attend this training but you must attend both days in their entirety.
- **Training is free to participants thanks to support from the DeAngelis/JeffCo Foundation!**
- Space is limited so register [here](#).

CSSRC Virtual Trainings will resume in January

- The Center staff have decided to continue these workshops periodically on Monday afternoons. This will also be an opportunity for school staff to preview new workshops available at your schools.
- You can sign up for the January and February workshops [here](#)!

NEW SAVE THE DATE! Colorado School Safety Academy

- After the success of the Inaugural School Safety Academy in 2021, the School Safety Resource Center is excited to facilitate a second cohort in 2022. 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 baseline school safety knowledge we believe every district should have, utilizing the five preparedness missions of the U.S. Department of Education.

- The Academy will be held VIRTUALLY from **Monday until Friday the week of June 6, 2022**, for four to five hours each day.
- We were fortunate to have state and national school safety experts join us in our inaugural year, and look forward to similar partnerships in 2022. 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 with any questions.

CSSRC STOP Grant: Threat Assessment Training & Implementation Still Recruiting

- The CSSRC is recruiting more schools for threat assessment training and implementation.
- We need sites where CSSRC staff has 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.
- If you believe you might be interested later in the process, please call to get your district/school on the list now. **We are already scheduling workshops into the summer!**
- Staff can be paid stipends for the training and data collection under the grant if training is conducted outside of regular working hours.
- If your school is interested in being one of the 30 sites, below is more information.
 - [Application](#) (clicking the link will create the download)
 - [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 Winter and Spring.

CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

CSSRC online course links:

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

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CSSRC’s School Mental Health & School Safety Professionals’ Groups

For the last few years, the CSSRC has facilitated informal meetings of 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**. We set these meetings for the second Tuesday of the month starting in September. The meetings will be virtual to allow more of our rural colleagues to join us. The calendar is below:

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| January 11, 2022 from 2:00 - 3:30 | Threat Assessment Professionals/Threat Assessment Discussion |
| February 8, 2022 from 2:00 - 3:30 | Suicide Prevention Professionals/Suicide Prevention Discussion |
| March 8, 2022 from 2:00 - 3:30 | Threat Assessment Professionals/Threat Assessment Discussion |
| April 12, 2022 from 2:00 - 3:30 | Suicide Prevention Professionals/Suicide Prevention Discussion |
| May 10, 2022 from 2:00 - 3:30 | Threat Assessment Professionals/Threat Assessment Discussion |

A calendar invite was sent for the meetings. If you did not receive an invite and you would like to attend, please send an email to Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us. We would be happy to add you to the list.

I Matter

- The [Colorado Department of Human Services \(CDHS\) Office of Behavioral Health \(OBH\)](#) has launched “a program to promote youth emotional and mental health.”
- [Colorado House Bill 21-1258](#) established this temporary behavioral health services program to provide access to mental health and substance use disorder services for youth, including addressing needs that may have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is open to youth 18 years of age or younger, or 21 years of age or younger if receiving special education services.
- The program provides up to 3 free behavioral health sessions for youth in Colorado and reimburses participating providers, which are licensed clinicians from agencies and independent contractors.
- In December, the OBH launched a Spanish version of the site to assist Spanish speaking Coloradans. yoimportocolorado.org
- View the I Matter program information [here](#).

I Matter.

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How to Advocate for Your School Resource Officers

- The [National Association of School Resource Officers \(NASRO\)](#) has released this new information on how to advocate for your School Resource Officers.
- View the information [here](#).

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

Basic SRO Course

- The [National Association of School Resource Officers \(NASRO\)](#) “Basic School Resource Officer Course is a forty-hour (40) block of instruction designed for law enforcement officers and school safety professionals working in an educational environment and with school administrators.”
- **When: January 24 - 28, 2022**
- **Where: Fossil Ridge Public Safety Facility 13150 Quebec St. Thornton, CO 80602**
- View more information and register [here](#).

Current Behavioral Trends & Digital Updates with Safer Schools Together

- The [Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool \(CSDSIP\)](#) is partnering with [Safer Schools Together \(SST\)](#) to offer monthly trainings to allow you to “stay informed to keep students and staff safe.”
- **When:**
 - **Jan. 27th, 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
 - **Feb. 24th, 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
 - **March 31st, 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
 - **April 28th, 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
- View more information and register for the different sessions [here](#).



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

NEW Cultural Responsiveness, Anti-Racism, and Equity (CARE) Best Practices in School Mental Health - Teaming

- The [National Center for School Mental Health \(NCSMH\)](#) is offering this webinar “ as a part of the School Mental Health Virtual Learning Series which runs from November 2021 - June 2022 in collaboration with partners at the [Danya Institute](#) and the [Mental Health Technology Transfer Center network](#).”
- **When: January 5, 2022, 1:00 pm**
- **What:** “Focus on advancing high quality, sustainable school mental health from a multi-tiered system of support, trauma sensitive, and culturally responsive and equitable lens.”
- View more and register [here](#).

NEW Encore Event: Averting Targeted School Violence

- The [United States Secret Service](#) announced this “replay of a previously broadcast live event from March 30, 2021.”
- **When: January 22, 2022, 10:00 am - 1:30 pm**
- View more information and register [here](#).

NEW Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Design Training

- The [Colorado Department of Transportation \(CDOT\)](#) is offering two different types of training.
- **When:**
 - **Bicycle Facility Design: January 24 & 25, 2022, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**
 - **Pedestrian Facility Design: January 26 & 27, 2022, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**
- “Training will include the latest treatments, standards and guidance, as well as other technical issues and judgement involved in the planning, design and construction of active transportation facilities.”
- View more information and register [here](#).

Online Course: Addressing and Preventing Adult Sexual Misconduct in the School Setting

- The [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center \(REMSTA\)](#) has shared their new online course.
- This online course is free and takes between 30 and 45 minutes to complete.
- View more information on the course and how to take it [here](#).

Still Available at No-Cost [LivingWorks Start Program - One-hour gatekeeper training](#)

- 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.

Podcast: What is School Safety?

- The [National Center for School Safety](#) has shared their recorded podcast where “guest speakers describe the importance of having a comprehensive school safety plan; explain different perspectives on school safety; and highlight the connections between school safety strategies.”
- You can access all recorded sessions [here](#).

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW ADL's 2021-2022 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 14, 2022**
- You can view more information on the contest [here](#).



CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW EXTENSION School-Based Health Center Program Fiscal Year 2023 – 2027

- The [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) announced that they are extending the deadline for “the School-Based Health Center Program FY23-27 Grant Funding Opportunity Request for Application #35594 to **5:00 PM January 13, 2022** to provide a few extra days to finalize application materials following the school break schedule and to address other concerns expressed by applicants about the timeline.”
- View the required documents/information and how to apply [here](#).

NEW LifeSkills Training High School Program Implementation Grant Opportunity

- The [University of Colorado Boulder Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence \(CSPV\)](#) is offering a grant to Colorado schools to implement the evidence-informed Botvin LifeSkills Training High School program to students in grade nine.
- “This funding opportunity is available to Colorado and Ohio schools including 9th grade and covers costs to implement the LST program for one year, including teacher training, teacher stipends or substitute-teacher reimbursement for trainings, teacher manuals, and consumable student workbooks.”
- **Applications are due January 31, 2022.**
- View more information and apply [here](#).



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The BEST Grant Process & Beyond

- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is sharing this Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant opportunity for the 2022-2023 period.
- **The deadline to submit your intent to apply using the Grant Manager registration has passed. If you were not able to complete the form, please email your [regional program manager](#) or bestschools@cde.state.co.us to request information on how to apply for this grant round.**
- **Applications are due by February 4, 2022.**
- They are sharing a large amount of information including steps to take before applying for a BEST Grant, the grant process, and more.
- You can view all requirements and additional information [here](#).

50 States. 50 Grants. 5000 Voices

- The [It Gets Better Project](#) announced this grant opportunity.
- **Applications are due February 10, 2022.**
- “Potential projects might include launching a school Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA), a mural highlighting heroes of the LGBTQ+ history movement, or a school float in a local Pride parade. We want to support a wide range of creative and exciting projects, so let your imaginations run wild.”
- View more information on the grant and requirements [here](#).

IT GETS BETTER PROJECT.

CDPHE Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education Program

- The [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) has released this grant opportunity for Colorado public schools, school districts, board of cooperative services, charter schools, or institute charter schools.
- **Applications are due March 15, 2022.**
- “The purpose of this funding is to support schools/districts in current or future comprehensive human sexuality education.”
- View more information and begin the application process [here](#).

NEW PAEMST 2021 Awards – Nominations and applications open

- The [Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching \(PAEMST\)](#) are “the highest honors bestowed by the U.S. government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics and/or computer science teaching.”
- “Principals, teachers, parents, students or members of the general public may nominate exceptional Colorado STEM teachers who are currently teaching grades K-6 for the 2019-20 award year. Eligible teachers may also apply directly on the PAEMST website.”
- View more information and apply or nominate an individual [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 4 Tips to Combat Student Safety Risks

- [Campus Safety Magazine](#) shared a new guide compiled by [Lightspeed Alert](#) “of the top four safety risks students are facing today and what districts can do to address them (no matter your district’s size, location, or the makeup of your student body).”
- The guide is free and can be downloaded [here](#).

NEW Safety Resources Year in Review

- [SchoolSafety.gov](#) has released their packet of “federal and state resources, guidance, and tools to create safer school environments.”
- View the free resources in one document [here](#).

NEW Extreme Measures: How to Help Young People Counter Extremist Recruitment

- The [Anti Defamation League \(ADL\)](#) has created this toolkit “of resources to help you and others take action against the effects of these domestic extremist recruitment efforts.”
- “The toolkit includes a list of warning signs for youths who are most at risk as well as for those who may have been radicalized already.”
- View the free toolkit [here](#).

NEW Juvenile Gun Safety

- [Larimer County](#) put out a powerful public service announcement in the form of a video that had teenagers talking about their mental health, access to guns, the temptation of suicide, and the importance of safe storage.
- “As of July 1st, Colorado law requires that gun owners store their firearms in a gun safe or with a lock to prevent juveniles from accessing them.”
- In Colorado, suicide is the leading cause of death among 10–24-year-olds. Access to a gun ensures that a suicide attempt is successful.
- The importance of our safe storage law cannot be overstated. Lives can be saved if people safely store their firearms.
- [AG Weiser](#) has helped distribute their safe storage campaign throughout the state.
- You can view more information and the video [here](#).

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Covid-19 Vaccine Resources for Youth Ages 5-17

- The [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) is releasing this information because children ages 5 to 17 are eligible for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.
- You can access a toolkit for promoting the COVID-19 vaccine with parents of 5-12 year olds, including parent/guardian consent forms, talking points, and promotion flyers [here](#).



Physical Security Resources

- [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov) has released this “one-pager to provide information on a variety of physical security resources to assist school administrators, safety personnel, and other members of the school community in preventing and preparing for potential threats.”
- View the one-pager [here](#).

Ventilation Guidance Available for Schools

- [The Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](https://www.cde.state.co.us) has shared their Toolkit and Resources for 2021 School Guidance with new information from the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](https://www.cdphe.state.co.us) on ventilation.
- “Improving ventilation and increasing air exchanges and filtration can assist with the dilution of any contaminants that may be in the airspace.”
- View the guidance [here](#).

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



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