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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 all had a restful holiday season. The School Safety Resource Center is excited for a number of new presentations that will be offered in 2023. Please see the list below.

REMINDER: School Security Disbursement Grant

- HB22-1120 earmarked \$6M to restart the **School Security Disbursement Grant** originally available in 2018.
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We conducted our **Student/Staff Summits** in Colorado Springs, La Junta and Hayden last November and December. A summary of the student feedback from the three workshops can be found [here](#).

Staff news from the CSSRC:

- The CSSRC has reposted the position for the NorthEast Regional Training Consultant. The link is [here](#).
- Our wonderful Resource Specialist, Isaac Baah, left us in December as he was selected to train for the U.S. Secret Service. We are in the process of hiring for his position. The link to the position posting is [here](#).
- Both positions close on January 18th.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy new year,

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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](#).

January Speakers' Series - **Registration is OPEN**

- Back by popular demand, we will be hosting three Tuesday lunchtime speakers from 11:30 - 12:30
- We will also be recording their presentations for later viewing
- **The dates are Tuesdays on January 10th, 17th and 24th.**

- Speakers:
 - **January 10th** - Devorah Heitner - Digital Citizenship
 - **January 17th** - Paul Poteat - LGBTQ+ Support in Schools
 - **January 24th** - Amber Morczek - Pornography & Youth
- More information will be available in future E-Updates.
- Find registration information [here](#).

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**
 - **Location: Douglas County Legacy Center**
 - **We will also be live-streaming. Please register for either in-person or online.**
 - Presenters:
 - Michael Gomez, PhD; Psychologist, Bradley Hospital Outpatient Services; Trainer in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Treatment of Adolescents with Problematic Sexual Behaviors.
 - Hon. Robert Lung, 18th Judicial District (Colorado); Expert in Human Trafficking, Childhood Trauma and Resiliency. Served on the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the U.S. and chaired the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. Consults for the Dept of Justice, Administration for Children and Families, the State Department, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).
 - Jenny Coleman, LMHC, Director of Stop it Now!, trains globally in primary prevention; Co-chairs the prevention committee for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers; member of the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse, co-chairing the National Plan to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse sub-committee. Contributes in national discussions on sexual abuse prevention advocacy with organizations such as NCMEC, the Centers for Disease Control, and the US Department of Justice.
 - Melissa Stroebel, MFS, Head of Research and Insights at Thorn, a non-profit organization developing technology to defend children from sexual exploitation. Combats the online sexual exploitation of children as a victim identification analyst, product manager, and researcher; serves as a subject matter expert driving strategic research examining emerging threats and trends in online exploitation.
- Find registration information [here](#)

Two-Day Threat Assessment Symposium - Registration is OPEN

- We plan to bring national experts and hold workshops on threat assessment topics. The agenda is being finalized but the dates and venue have been set.
 - **Thursday and Friday, March 9th and 10th**
 - **Location: Douglas County Legacy Center**
 - **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. That information will be on our website and the February E-Update.**
 - Presenters to be announced soon.
- Find registration information [here](#)

CSSRC STOP Grant: Threat Assessment Training & Implementation

- 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.

- **We will be training the grantee teams in the online version of CTAMP over the next few months.**
- Then the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV) will complete their evaluation of the work during this academic year to submit a report to NIJ no later than June 2023.
- 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 fall and winter. Please contact 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

2022 School Bus Survey Key Findings

- The [Busing on the Lookout \(BOTL\)](#) team had a very busy summer at conferences and in-service training, they also took time to get feedback from school bus drivers, supervisors and trainers regarding what they have seen and materials they can create on anti-trafficking to assist them.
- They shared the key findings of their survey which is attached [here](#).

Bring Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) to your community!

- [Mental Health First Aid \(MHFA\)](#) is a course that teaches individuals how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.
- The training gives people the skills they need to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis.
- [The Colorado Chapter of Mental Health First Aid \(MHFACO\)](#) receives grant funding through the Office of SP to help pay for courses for specialty populations, including courses in Spanish. MHFACO can also help those who may not qualify for grant funding to set up courses.
- If you are interested in bringing MHFA to your community, please reach out to Betsy Molgano at bmolgano@cbhc.org.

Assistance Available

- Mr. Mark Pokorny, Environmental, Health, and Safety Manager for Metropolitan State University of Denver and a member of the CSSRC Advisory Board, has offered to consult with any school on the storage and disposal of hazardous materials or hazardous wastes.
- Please contact Mr. Pokorny directly if he can be of service: mpokorn1@msudenver.edu. Thank you, Mr. Pokorny!

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.

January 10, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30	Suicide Prevention Professionals Discussion/CSSRC SRA Toolkit Users
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. 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 will meet regularly in 2022-2023. Surveys indicated that the participants are interested in meeting for 90 minutes every other month with content experts in the field.
- We have set these meetings for the **first Tuesday of the month**. The meetings will be virtual. The calendar is below.

**January 17, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30
March 7, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30
May 7, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30

- **Note change of date due to the holiday break. Others are welcome to join the group. To join or inquire further, contact Margaret.Ochoa@state.co.us.

Bring Mental Health First Aid to your community

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New, Free Web-app Designed for and with LGBTQ+ Teens to Support Their Mental Health

- “Developed by [CenterLink](#), [Hopelab](#) and the [It Gets Better Project](#), imi includes activities, resources and content intentionally designed to affirm LGBTQ+ youth and help them better cope with stress.”
- “For more materials to help you share imi, go to www.imi.guide/spreadtheword.”

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

NEW Introduction To Providing LGBTQ+ Competent Care

- [Partners for Children’s Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#) is offering this new virtual training “LGBTQ+ youth experience extensive and severe discrimination across setting when seeking care. This training will

serve as an introduction to providing affirming and competent care to LGBTQ+ youth.”

- **When: January 11, 2023, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**
- View more and register [here](#).

NEW Introduction To Providing Gender Affirming Care To Gender Diverse Youth

- [Partners for Children’s Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#) is offering this new virtual training “This training introduces practical ways to provide gender-affirming and competent care for transgender and gender diverse (TGD) youth.”
- **When: January 17, 2023, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**
- View more and register [here](#).

NEW Working With Gender Diverse Youth For Advanced Practitioners

- [Partners for Children’s Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#) is offering this new virtual training “This training will provide a deeper examination of working with transgender and gender diverse (TGD) youth. We will review the history of gender diversity, review the Standards of Care developed by The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), and discuss evidenced-informed care rooted in a Gender-Affirmative Model of Care.”
- **When: January 24, 2023, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**
- View more and register [here](#).

NEW Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)

- [Partners for Children’s Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#) is offering this training virtually.
- **When: January 25, 2023, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**
- **What:** “This is a gatekeeper course focused on reducing suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. Participants will learn more about suicide risk and warning signs, prevention strategies, and how to support someone who is having thoughts of suicide.”
- View more and register [here](#).

NEW 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

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](#).



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](#).

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Applications for New Awards; Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant Program

- [The Federal Register](#) shared this webinar “was focusing on the Stronger Connection Grants that are available for schools across the country.”
- You can access the webinar [here](#).

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School Bullying Prevention and Education Grant (BPEG) program is now accepting applications

- [The School Bullying Prevention and Education Grant \(BPEG\) program](#) is now accepting applications! Funding is available to support schools in reducing bullying by engaging students and families, implementing prevention best practices, and improving school climate.
- A maximum of \$35,000 per school, per year is available. Results from past cohorts of BPEG program grantees have shown that students consistently report an over 30% reduction in bullying when their schools participate in the grant.
- For more information on the grant, please visit the BPEG program website at: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/mtss/bullying/bpeg> or contact Adam Collins at: Collins_A@cde.state.co.us

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 Infectious Diseases and Public Health Resources

- [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](#).

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



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