



## July 2020

**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

**Greetings:** We hope this issue finds you relaxing and enjoying the summer. The CSSRC staff are happy to report that we successfully launched Phase Two of our **BJA STOP Grant on threat assessment** by starting the pilot site trainings in Lake County, Regis High School and Windsor RE4. One addition we are especially excited about is a **module in the training on conducting the threat assessment interviews**. This has been a much-requested addition and was very well received.



We will continue the training in August at two additional locations. **However, come September, we will be recruiting 30 more pilot sites.** We need pilot 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 pilot sites is minimal – just a few additional evaluations to complete along with the training. Staff can be paid stipends for the training under the grant. 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 pilot sites.** Schools will be able to store their assessments and track the at-risk student with their Response Management Plan with automatic notifications for review meetings among other features. Districts will have the option to continue to implement and store their password protected threat assessments within this no-cost system at the conclusion of the project.



**If your school is interested in being one of the 30 new pilot sites, below is more information.** Please complete the application and return it to me:

[Christine.harms@state.co.us](mailto:Christine.harms@state.co.us)

- [Application](#)
- [Application Letter](#)
- [MOU](#)

CSSRC staff continue their **virtual trainings with a reduced schedule through July and the beginning of August.** Added to the offerings are workshops designed for parents so please share the training calendar on your school's website. [Access the calendar here.](#)

Continue to enjoy your time away and we hope to see many of you in August.

Kindest regards,

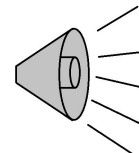
*Chris Harms*

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

### **CSSRC Virtual Trainings**

- We are releasing [July](#) and [August](#) virtual training dates on the training calendar can be accessed [here](#).
- These courses are no-cost and, once you complete the anonymous evaluation at the end, you will receive 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 [schoolsafetycenter@cdps-m.state.co.us](mailto:schoolsafetycenter@cdps-m.state.co.us).
- **NEW** We have developed a three-part series for **parents** as they navigate the Covid 19 crisis. The 30-minute sessions include topics such as self-care, staying safe, maintaining awareness of children's mental health, and tips to face the 2020-2021 school year. Please share with your networks! Register [here](#).

### **Colorado Safe Schools Summit - **CONVERTED TO A SPEAKERS' SERIES****



- Open to EVERYONE!
- Speakers confirmed to date:
  - **Friday, October 2, 2020 at 2:00: Marc Schoen, Ph.D., UCLA - Author of "Your Survival Instinct is Killing You"**
  - **Friday, October 9, 2020 at 2:00: Jason Kilmer, Ph.D. - Professor and Marijuana Researcher from the University of Washington**
  - **Friday, October 16, 2020 at 2:00: Nick Thompson, LCSW- Host of a podcast for parents of adolescents called "Perspective for Parents"**
  - **Friday, October 23, 2020 at 2:00: Madelyn Gould, Ph.D., Columbia University, International Expert on Suicide Contagion Among Adolescents**
- **Where:** From the comfort of your own office, classroom, or home.
- **Fee:** NO-COST to celebrate Colorado and National Safe Schools Month!
- **Registration is now open. Register [here](#)**

### **Colorado Youth Advisory Council (YES<sup>2</sup>) **APPLICATION DATE EXTENDED** Please apply ASAP!**

- The Center is now accepting applications for our youth advisory council, Youth Engaged for School Safety (YES<sup>2</sup>), for the 2020-2021 school year.
- YES<sup>2</sup> consists of a group of students from across the state who are entering grades 9-12 in 2020-2021. Those applicants who are accepted will attend a (possibly virtual) orientation over the summer and meet three to four times throughout the year to discuss school safety topics and provide a youth voice to the work of the CSSRC.
- Meetings can be attended either in-person or electronically for participants who live outside of the Denver Metro area.
- Students will be reimbursed for expenses and paid a stipend (\$15/hour) for their participation.
- Students dedicated to improving school safety and school culture in the state of Colorado, please click [here](#) for more information and to apply.
  - [APPLICATION](#)
  - [PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION LETTER](#)
  - [REFERENCE FORM](#)
- You can view more information on YES<sup>2</sup> and the application process [here](#).
- Please contact Dustin Hunter at the Center with questions: [dustin.hunter@state.co.us](mailto:dustin.hunter@state.co.us) or 720.607.1027.

## **CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

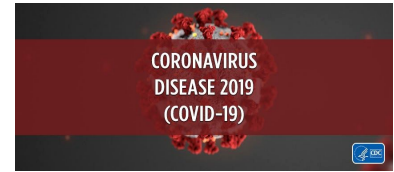
### **NEW REFLECTING ON GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH AND POLICE VIOLENCE TOWARDS BLACK AMERICANS**

- This information comes from [FacingHistory.org](http://FacingHistory.org)

- “This is a guide for teachers to begin conversations with their students about George Floyd’s death and the events that surround it.”
- You can access the teaching ideas [here](#).

### SURVEY FOR SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS - Please help!

- Researchers in the [School of Social Work at Colorado State University](#) and are asking for feedback from school mental health professionals and school/district administrators who oversee student support/mental health services on the impact that COVID-19 is having on students and families.
- **They are particularly interested in understanding how the COVID-19 pandemic may be disproportionately impacting students of color and low-income students.**
- Their goal is to collect rapid cycle data that can be used by schools, school districts, policymakers, and funders to target support where needed as students transition back to school in the fall and over the course of the next academic year.
- This survey will be the first of three surveys that we will conduct over the next 12 months to see how students’ needs shift over time and how schools are responding to support them. In order to link your survey data across time, they will create a unique identifier for you so that your survey responses can be linked, but will also protect your confidentiality.
- They will work to make sure that no one sees your survey responses.
- Results will only be reported in their aggregate; no one’s individual responses will be identifiable.
- To complete the survey, please click on the following link or copy & paste it into your internet browser. We thank you in advance for your participation!
- The link to the survey can be found [here](#).
- Thank you! For further information please contact either:
  - Anne Williford ([anne.williford@colostate.edu](mailto:anne.williford@colostate.edu)/303-250-8192) or
  - Tiffany Jones ([tiffany.jones@colostate.edu](mailto:tiffany.jones@colostate.edu)/970-491-3646)



### CDE Toolkit including State and Federal Guidance Available For Reopening Schools Safely in the Fall

- This guidance is provided by the [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#)
- “[Planning the 2020-21 School Year: Framework and Toolkit for School and District Leaders](#) covers health screenings, passing periods, cafeteria operations, and student transportation.”

### CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

#### CSSRC online course links:

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

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

#### NEW Promoting Safe2Tell in a Quarantine: Digital training and outreach resources



- This webinar is being hosted by [Safe2Tell](#).
- **When: July 16, 2020, 11:00 am**
- **What:** “After briefly reviewing Safe2Tell Core Messaging, participants will explore local examples of Safe2Tell outreach as well as receive plug and play resources from Safe2Tell.”
- Register [here](#).

#### NEW Online Suicide Prevention Training **AT NO COST**

- This training comes from [LivingWorks Start](#) and the Office of Suicide Prevention within the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#)
- “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, please see the attached information sheet.”

- For more information about the program, follow [this link](#).
- Use the Colorado link [here](#) and enter code SB272 for **free access**.

## Colorado Department of Education

- The [Colorado Department of Education](#) would like to share some new video content that has been posted to the CDE [SED/Behavior](#) web pages. Click on the titles below to visit the web pages – you can find the content under the What’s New section.



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- [Grief & Anxiety Webinar](#)

In this time of COVID19, the potential for anticipatory grief is high. This Webinar will explore anticipatory grief in the context of the Grief and Growth Cycle. The Grief Cycle's relationship to resilience and coping strategies will be explored, providing action steps that can be taken to support the journey through the grief cycle.

- [Remote Learning Instructional Strategies](#)

This video addresses instructional strategies and supports that can be implemented in the home setting for remote learning. Multiple options for both proactive and responsive strategies are shared as suggestions for application across grade levels. Examples of the challenges addressed include difficulty focusing or understanding assignment prompts and the impact of social isolation on functioning. Throughout the video, ideas for families to prevent or remedy these challenges are addressed.

- [Direct Behavior Rating](#)

This video will provide an overview of Direct Behavior Rating (DBR), specifically with a focus on the use of this process for behavioral data collection in remote learning. The process of DBR will be discussed in a step-by-step format and the applications for remote learning will be addressed. The video will also address goal setting and progress monitoring to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan in place. Viewers will be able to identify options for DBR as a behavioral data tracking tool across grade levels and school settings.

## Signs Matter

- This program comes from the [Americian Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#).
- It is a new program for K-12 educators and can be found [here](#).
- “*Signs Matter* was developed based on a combination of science and best practice. The program presents scientifically based information on a variety of topics related to youth suicide, alongside best practice recommendations drawn from experts in the mental health and education fields.”
- Single licenses can be purchased for \$35 per license. Bulk rates are available too.

## Colorado Career Conversations from CEI



- Are you looking for professional development to collect continuing education credits before the end of the school year? The [Colorado Education Initiative](#) can help!
- Participate in a live, virtual [Colorado Career Conversations](#) training to build your skills, expand your network, and explore resources so you can help others as they navigate career choices.
- Trainings are FREE, fun, and all participants receive continuing education credits.
- There are trainings scheduled on a variety of dates, times, and training lengths to fit any schedule.
- Explore the [NEW calendar](#) to easily find a date that works best for you (and your team)!
- Don't miss out.
- **Training workshops only run through the end of June!**

## OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

[NEW CPR/AED, First Aid, Remote/Online Training](#)

- These remote trainings for both groups and individuals are provided by [Heartsmart Inc.](#)
- Contact Heartsmart to arrange group training or to obtain your “student packet.”
- View the flyer [here](#) for more information.

### NEW Substance Abuse Prevention Training

Do you need more resources for substance abuse prevention training? [Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center \(RMPHTC\)](#) and [Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network \(PTTC\)](#) are ready to help. RMPHTC is part of [CU-Anschutz](#) and has local trainings. The PTTC is funded through [SAMHSA](#) and Colorado is part of the Mountain Plains PTTC, however, all of the PTTC's and trainings are available.

Use the link below to utilize the trainings:

- Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center (RMPHTC)  
<https://registrations.publichealthpractice.org/Training>
- Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network (PTTC)  
<https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-pttc/home>



### 2020 National School-Based Health Care Convention - Cancelled

### 2020 CASRO School Safety Conference - Cancelled

## NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

### 2020 Blueprints Conference - Cancelled

## CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### NEW Colorado Safe Routes to School Grant Funding Opening in August

- This grant is through the [Colorado Department of Transportation \(CDOT\)](#)
- “Colorado Safe Routes to School (SRTS) uses a comprehensive approach to make school routes safe for children when walking and bicycling to school.”
- View more information on the SRTS program [here](#).

### Education Stabilization Fund Discretionary Grants

- U.S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, announced more than \$300 million in discretionary grant funds will be available for states to use to create adaptable, innovative learning opportunities for K-12 and postsecondary learners in response to the COVID-19 national emergency.
- There are two types of model grants:
  - “The Education Stabilization Fund-Rethink K12 Education Models Grants (ESF-REM Grants) provide support to State educational agencies (SEAs) in States with the highest coronavirus burden to address specific educational needs of students, their parents, and teachers in public and non-public elementary and secondary schools in accordance with section 18001(a)(3) of the CARES Act.”
  - “The Education Stabilization Fund-Reimagining Workforce Preparation Grants (ESF-RWP Grants) provide support to help States leverage the power of entrepreneurship to create new educational opportunities and pathways that help citizens return to work, small businesses recover, and new entrepreneurs thrive. These programs also build new capacity within the state to offer short-term postsecondary programs that are responsive to the needs of individuals to more rapidly adapt and evolve to ever changing workplace and community needs. This funding opportunity is offered under section 18001(a)(3) of Division B of the CARES Act.”
- “Curious about your state’s allocation for the ESSER Fund? Download, view, and share [this ESSER Fund overview document](#) created by ED.”
- You can view more information on the grants and contact 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 Cyber Safety Quick Links for Protecting Youth: Empowering Students to Become Responsible Digital Citizens and Engage Online Safely

- This information comes from the [U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Supportive Schools \(OSSS\)](#) and its [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools and Technical Assistance Center \(REMS TA\)](#).
- In these days of digital learning and connection “this handout gives families, students, and school safety teams key practical steps and quick links to Websites offering free cyber safety resources, tools, and training.”
- Access the document [here](#).

### NEW 4 Ways Schools Can Avoid Coronavirus Liability Landmines This Fall

- This information comes from [Campus Safety Magazine](#)
- “The record following other disasters, the litigious nature of our society and the human need to assign blame when faced with an adverse outcome all but guarantees that litigation will follow.”
- You can view the full article [here](#).

## RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### NEW Hazing Webinar and Toolkit

- “Research indicates that student hazing occurs in a range of campus clubs, organizations, and teams. Hazing activities can include humiliating and degrading behavior, harassment, and physical abuse, and sometimes, hazing can be deadly.”
- “This webinar will provide participants with foundational information about hazing and its prevention with a particular emphasis on the intersections of hazing and alcohol misuse. Presenters will highlight research findings about campus hazing and its prevention, the Hazing Prevention Framework, and implications for the work of AOD professionals in higher education.”
- Find the link to the webinar [here](#) that took place the last week of June.
- You can also access the [Hazing Prevention Toolkit here](#).



## Follow the Colorado School Safety Resource Center on Twitter

- For the latest school safety information between monthly E-Updates, follow [@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](http://www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC)) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. **Call us at: 303-239-4435.**



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