

#### March 2022

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 have all weathered the cold temperatures and snow. I guess the groundhog was correct this year! Weather aside, I wanted to share some 2022-23 updates with you here:

- October Safe Schools Summit: SAVE the DATE & CALL FOR PROPOSALS
  - Please save the dates of *October 20th & 21st*. The annual Safe Schools Summit will be in-person and streamed for those not able to come to Adams 12 Five Star School District Conference Center. We are working on a very creative strategy for this year. Please watch for more information here.
  - Our plenary sessions:
    - Ben Cort Marijuana and Youth
    - Anna Mueller Results of Suicide Prevention Research
    - Devorah Heitner Raising Digital Natives
    - John Nicoletti De-escalation
  - Everyone will have the opportunity to attend four additional workshops. Workshops will be designed for school staff, mental health professionals and/or emergency responders.
  - Registration will open with the May E-Update.
  - Call for Proposals: If you or someone you know has a school safety workshop that would be appreciated by the participants, please complete the <u>quick form in Word</u> or <u>PDF</u> and submit it to the CSSRC
    - Program Assistant, Melissa Rubeo: Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us
- November Youth Suicide Prevention Symposium: SAVE the DATE
  - The CSSRC is in the process of lining up the keynoters for this event in collaboration with our colleagues in the Department of Public Health & Environment's Office of Suicide Prevention.
  - The Symposium will take place on Tuesday, November 15th at the Lowry Conference Center and will be streamed.
  - Please watch for more details in the April E-Update.

Kindest regards,

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## **COLORADO SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING**

#### **CSSRC Virtual Trainings Updated Schedule**

- The Center staff continue these workshops periodically on Monday afternoons. This is an opportunity for school staff to preview new workshops available at your schools.
- You can sign up for the March workshops <u>here!</u>

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

- PREPaRE Workshop 2 will be held virtually on Thursday Friday, March 17 18, 2022
- The PREPaRE curriculum has been developed by the <u>National Association of School Psychologists</u> (<u>NASP</u>) 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 <u>here</u>.

#### Registration is Open! Institutions of Higher Education Summer Safety Symposium

- Although designed for Institutions of Higher Education, the workshops are applicable to K-12 school personnel as well. Feel free to join us!
- Thursday, June 2, 2020
- Virtual
- Cost: No fee but you must be registered to receive the Zoom link.
- Five plenary sessions:
  - Dealing with Difficult People Lt. John Weinstein, Commander, Strategic Planning and Outreach Northern Virginia Community College
  - Title IX Shiwali Patel, Director of Justice for Student Survivors & Senior Counsel, National Women's Law Center
  - Tech Abuse Adam Dodge, CEO, EndTAB, End Technology-Enabled Abuse
  - Radical Ideologies Jenny Presswalla, Deputy Director for Field Operations, Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3), US Department of Homeland Security
  - Crisis Response Guidelines CSSRC Staff
- Registration link is <u>here</u>.

#### Registration is Open! Colorado School Safety Academy

- The Academy will be held **VIRTUALLY** from **Monday until Friday the week of June 6, 2022**, for five hours each day from 7:30 AM until 12:30 PM.
- After the success of the Inaugural School Safety Academy in 2021, the 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 foundational school safety knowledge we believe every district should have, utilizing the five preparedness missions of the U.S. Department of Education.
- 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 <u>margaret.ochoa@state.co.us</u> with any questions.
- Here is the <u>link for the application</u>.

## **NEW CSSRC Youth Engaged in School Safety (YES<sup>2</sup>)**

- The Center is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year for the Youth Engaged in School Safety Council (YES<sup>2</sup>).
- Applicants must be high school students for the 2022-2023 school year to participate.
- View the application <a href="here">here</a> to view the pdf, then download for completion.

#### 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! The summer will be the final opportunity to pay staff stipends for the training.
- Staff can be paid stipends for the training and data collection under the grant if training is conducted outside of regular working hours.
- o 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
  - o MOU
- Please complete the application and return it to <u>Christine.harms@state.co.us</u> 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:

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 <a href="Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us">Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us</a>. We would be happy to add you to the list.

#### **I Matter**

The <u>Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) Office of Behavioral Health (OBH)</u> has launched "a program to promote youth emotional and mental health."



- <u>Colorado House Bill 21-1258</u> 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. <a href="mailto:yoimportocolorado.org">yoimportocolorado.org</a>



- I Matter Colorado Now Offering At Least Three Free Mental Health Sessions for All Youth - view the information <u>here</u>.
- View the I Matter program information <u>here</u>.

#### **How to Advocate for Your School Resource Officers**

- The <u>National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO)</u> has released this new information on how to advocate for your School Resource Officers.
- View the information here.

## **NEW Safe Routes to School System Change**

- <u>The Safe Routes to School</u> "Data System is about to undergo transition, and will be closing down after this month."
- Here is what they have released for what is coming next:
  - "\*An announcement of the upcoming closure will be posted on the Safe Routes Data System website.
  - \*The entire database will be transferred to the Federal Highway Administration in April, 2022.
  - \*We are currently working on the next steps regarding evaluation within the Colorado Safe Routes to School Program due to the loss of this system. Please be assured that we will communicate new information as soon as it is determined."

# **NEW** Creation of School Shooting Open-Source Database Fuels Understanding

- "The Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice today published an article highlighting
  the creation of an NIJ-funded open-source database of school shootings that will help researchers
  and policymakers study the root causes of school shootings and identify possible intervention points."
- View the article <u>here</u>.

#### OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

# **Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference**

- The conference is being presented by the <u>Buell Foundation</u> and <u>Denver's Early Childhood Council</u> in person and virtually.
- When:
  - Virtual: March 3 4, 2022
  - o In Person: March 11 12, 2022
  - Individuals can register for both or only one option.
- View more information and register <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Current Behavioral Trends & Digital Updates with Safer Schools Together**

The <u>Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool (CSDSIP)</u> is partnering with <u>Safer Schools Together</u> (<u>SST</u>) to offer monthly training to allow you to "stay informed to keep students and staff safe."

- When:
  - March 31, 2022, 1:00 pm 3:00 pm
  - o April 28, 2022, 1:00 pm 3:00 pm
- View more information and register for the different sessions <u>here</u>.

## **NEW** Red Cross Youth Preparedness – Planning for Fall classes

- The American Red Cross is conducting in-class disaster preparedness programs for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade,
- They will be contacting all Colorado school districts this spring to discuss scheduling starting in the fall 2022
- If you'd like to get a jump on planning, please contact Paula Deegan, Red Cross Preparedness Manager, at paula.deegan@redcross.org or 303-957-6570
- View the information on these classes <u>here</u>.

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

Series on Secondary Trauma and Traumatic Stress: Overview, Signs and Symptoms, and Wellness Tools and Techniques to Mitigate the Effects

- The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP's) National Training and Technical
   <u>Assistance Center (NTTAC)</u>, in conjunction with the <u>Innocent Justice Foundation</u>, has shared this
   series of webinars that "will focus on secondary trauma and traumatic stress, the effect it has on
   professionals, and the different factors that can compound the response to trauma."
- When:
  - March 2, 2022, 2:00 pm Secondary Trauma and Traumatic Stress: Cognitive Signs and Symptoms and How To Mitigate
  - Mar 23, 2022, 2:00 pm Secondary Trauma & Traumatic Stress: Emotional Signs and Symptoms and How To Mitigate
  - April 13, 2022, 2:00 pm Secondary Trauma & Traumatic Stress: Behavioral Signs and Symptoms and How To Mitigate
  - April 20, 2022, 2:00 pm Secondary Trauma & Traumatic Stress: Worldview Signs and Symptoms and How To Mitigate
- View more information and register for a specific date here.

# **NEW** Teaching for Equity and Justice

- Facing History and Ourselves is hosting this two day webinar at no cost.
- When: March 3 4, 2022
- "A two-day online learning experience as we examine moments in the history of American education, current systems of inequity, and provide a professional development model to help address these troubling and historically rooted disparities."
- View more and register here.

#### **NEW Health Cabinet Policy Summit**

- The <u>Colorado Department of Health Care and Policy Financing (CDHSPC)</u> is hosting two webinars for "policy makers, advocates, payers, care providers, health care leaders and other industry stakeholders."
- When:
  - Session One: March 24, 2022, 3:00 pm 4:50 p.m.
  - Session Two: March 31, 2022, 3:00 pm 4:50 p.m.
- View the agenda <u>here.</u>
- Register <u>here.</u>

#### **NEW** Keeping Kids Safe in Automated Vehicles: Key Considerations

• The Children's Safety Network (CSN) previously held this webinar on January 26, 2022, and has now

- released the recording, slides, and resources.
- "Self-driving (autonomous) vehicles are no longer an abstract futuristic idea. While the expectation is that autonomous vehicles will lead to a decrease in traffic-related injuries, there are still a lot of unknowns."
- View the archived information here.

## **NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS**

# 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 <u>here</u>.

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

- The <u>National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)</u> is inviting you to register your event for National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week, March 21–27, 2022, which is "a week-long national health observance highlighting the science-based facts about drugs, alcohol, and addiction."
- View information on why and how to get involved here.

# **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

## NEW 2022-25 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant

- <u>The Colorado Department of Education (CDE)</u> announced applications for the 2022-25
   McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant must be completed via the online application by Friday, April 22.
- "The purpose of this funding is to support children and youth experiencing homelessness, including
  the removal of educational barriers they face, with an emphasis on educational enrollment,
  attendance and success."
- View more information <u>here</u>.

#### **CDPHE Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education Program**

- The <u>Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

#### **NEW** Colorado-National Collaborative (CNC) Implementation Funding

- The <u>Office of Suicide Prevention</u> " is excited to announce a funding opportunity to support local coalition-building and infrastructure development for implementation of the <u>Colorado-National</u> <u>Collaborative (CNC)</u>."
- "The project supports local partners from priority counties/regions in developing and implementing
  a comprehensive array of strategies that support a public health approach to suicide prevention."
- Applications are due by Friday, March 25, 2022
- View more information and requirements to apply <u>here</u>

#### **NEW Study.com Scholarships**

- Study.com has released multiple scholarship opportunities including:
  - LGBTQ Student Scholarship
  - LGBTQ STEM Scholarship



- Scholarship for Transgender Students
- These scholarships have a deadline of May 1, 2022.
- There are many other opportunities, view all <u>here</u>.

# **NEW** The Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations

- The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) held a webinar on January 26, 2022, to "provide attendees with information about the registrations that are necessary to apply for funding, how to navigate Grants.gov and JustGrants, and what resources are available for applicants."
- The recorded webinar and PDF resource files are available for viewing and use <a href="here">here</a>.

## **NEW Child Care Stabilization Grant Now Open**

- The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) shared that "this funding is non-competitive and available to all licensed and CCCAP qualified exempt child care providers who are currently open, and were in operation as of March 11, 2021."
- Applications will be accepted until **September 30, 2022** and you may apply at any time.
- View all information <u>here</u>.

## **NEW SchoolSafety. gov's Grants Finder Tool**

- <u>Schoolsafety.gov</u> has released a tool that helps you find applicable funding opportunities to help keep your school community safe.
- "The tool features a variety of Federally available school safety-specific grants that you can navigate based on school safety topic, award amount, application level of effort, and more."
- View the tool <u>here</u>.

## **School Counselor Corps Grant RFA Releasing Soon**

- The <u>Colorado Department of Education (CDE)</u> announced that "the 2022-23 School Counselor Corps Grant Request for Application will be available in February for education providers."
- "This RFA will be released prior to the approval of a four-year grant cycle and is contingent upon any funding appropriated to the School Counselor Corps Grant program in May."
- View more information here.

#### **Nourish Colorado Grants Available**

 <u>Nourish Colorado</u> formerly LiveWell Colorado has changed quite a bit and we encourage you to view the new program and information <u>here</u>.



#### **RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 SCHOOLS**

# **NEW** "Crisis in Ukraine" Teaching Resource

- <u>The Choices Program</u> created this resource to "help you tackle the specifics of this crisis and present some of the historic context that has sparked these events."
- "Objectives Students will:
  - Explore the current situation in Ukraine and its historical origins;
  - Analyze political cartoons that depict the Ukrainian crisis;
  - Identify the techniques used by cartoonists to express political opinion;
  - Monitor the Ukrainian crisis and consider international responses."
- View the detailed information and access resources <u>here</u>.

#### **NEW** Updated School Tobacco Prevention Resource Materials

 The <u>Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Tobacco Program</u> created new resource materials with recommendations for how schools can participate in local and statewide efforts to prevent youth vaping and tobacco use, and how to implement Tobacco-Free Schools enforcement strategies.

- Here are the different resources:
  - School Partner Letter
  - o Guidance for Storage and Disposal
  - o **Enforcement Strategies**
- View additional information here.

## NEW K-12 School Security Guide Suite

- "The <u>Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) School Safety Task Force</u> released the
   <u>K-12 School Security Guide Suite</u>, a set of products designed to inform safety and physical security
   planning for the range of kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools across the United States."
- "Developed in partnership with the RAND Corporation, the K-12 School Security Guide Suite is comprised of the CISA K-12 School Security Guide (3rd Edition) and accompanying School Security Assessment Tool (SSAT)."
- View the suite here.

# NEW Social Connectedness, Sleep, and Physical Activity Associated with Better Mental Health Among Youth During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- The <u>National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)</u> published this study in the <u>Journal of Adolescent Health</u>.
- "Longitudinal survey data of more than 3,000 adolescents ages 11-14 recorded before and during
  the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 found that supportive relationships with family
  and friends and healthy behaviors, like engaging in physical activity and better sleep, appeared to
  shield against the harmful effects of the pandemic on adolescents' mental health."
- View the full article <u>here</u>.

# **NEW** Student Suspensions Have Negative Consequences, According to Study in NYC

- The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has released an article stating "Comprehensive study also found that schools can be safe places for students even if the surrounding neighborhood is relatively unsafe."
- View the article <u>here</u>.

## NEW 2022 Bullying Prevention Model Policy now available

- <u>The Colorado Department of Education (CDE)</u> has released the 2022 Colorado Bullying Prevention and Education Best Practices and Model Policy.
- "The purpose of the Model Policy is to provide guidance to school districts, charter schools, and the Charter School Institute when developing bullying prevention and education policies."
- View more information <u>here</u>.

#### **Teen Driving Safety 2022 Resource Guide**

- The <u>Children's Safety Network (CSN)</u> released this resource guide which provides information on proven strategies to increase young driver safety, as well as the safety of all road users.
- View it <u>here.</u>

#### **US Surgeon General's Advisory on Protecting Youth Mental Health**

- "The U.S. Surgeon General recently issued an advisory that calls for the American people's attention and immediate action to address the growing mental health crisis among children, adolescents, and young adults."
- "The advisory offers recommendations for schools, community organizations, health care systems, technology companies, media, funders and foundations, employers, and government on ways to protect and support the mental health of young people."
- View the information <u>here</u>.

#### **Be SMART**

- In 2021, the Colorado Legislature passed a safe storage law (CRS 18-12-114) which requires parents to lock or store their firearms to keep them out of the hands of children.
- We want to get that information out because we know it can save lives.
- As you are probably aware, in Colorado suicide is the leading cause of death among 10-24-year olds.
- Nationwide, firearms are the #1 cause of death in children 1-19 years old.
- And, last year nationally there were 187 incidents of gunfire on school grounds, resulting in 42 deaths and 113 injuries. \* EveryStat.org
- Please see <u>the attached flyer</u> from the BeSMART Campaign and share the word about safe storage of firearms. Thank you!

#### **Resources for Responding to the Colleyville Incident**

- The <u>Anti-Defamation League (ADL)</u> has put together a variety of resources to support those who may have been affected by the recent event in Colleyville, Texas.
- Here are some of the resources provided:
  - "Table Talk <u>Antisemitism Today</u> shares current information about the state of antisemitism in the U.S. today and has been updated to include information about Colleyville and updated discussion questions.
  - Empowering Young People in the Aftermath of Hate provides tools, tips and strategies for what educators and family members can do to help young people discuss and deal with the aftermath of hate-inspired events.
  - Helping Students Make Sense of News Stories about Bias and Injustice when young people want to be part of the conversation.
  - COE Blog <u>Six Facts About Threats to The Jewish Community</u> that faces a range of threats, from hate crimes to harassment to violent attacks."
- Please utilize and share the information as appropriate.

## **COVID-19 Resources**

- <u>SchoolSafety.gov</u> created this page with "resources, tools, and guidance related to COVID-19 prevention and support in K-12 schools."
- You can access the page <u>here</u>.

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## **NEW Summer is Coming: Are Youth Camps Part of Your Clery Compliance Program?**

- <u>The Campus Safety Magazine</u> has released information "that will help your youth summer camps comply with the Clery Act."
- View the information here.

# Follow the Colorado School Safety Resource Center on Twitter

- For the latest school safety information between monthly E-Updates, follow <u>@CoSSRC</u> on Twitter.
- Featuring daily updates on new research, resources, upcoming trainings, and Center activities.



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.



## Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!

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