



**COLORADO**

School Safety Resource Center

Department of Public Safety

## April 2023

**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

Dear Colleagues: I hope everyone has enjoyed a lovely spring break. As I write this I am still awaiting the warm spring weather but I know it will be here soon.

I want to thank those of you who participated in the Threat Assessment Symposium. Evaluations told us that most participants found the two days extremely helpful. A link to the resources from the presenters is [here](#). We still have the IHE Summer Safety Symposium on June 1st and the School Safety Specialist Academy the week of June 12th.

Finally this summer there will be the SRO workshops, first in metro Denver the week of July 17th and then in Grand Junction the week of August 7th. More information is below.

**Reminder:** The last opportunity to apply for the School Access for Emergency Response Grant (SAFER) is May 12th. [The link is here.](#)

**Call for Proposals for the October Safe Schools Summit:** If you or someone you know has a school safety workshop that would be appreciated by the participants, **please complete the [quick form in Word](#) or [PDF](#)** and submit it to the CSSRC Program Assistant, Melissa Rubeo: [Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us](mailto:Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us)

Please find a very interesting article on exclusionary discipline for [children with disabilities](#) and another article on how little it can cost to [purify the air in classrooms](#). Please see the grant opportunities from CDPHE for air filters on page 7.

Happy Spring,

*Chris Harms*

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## COLORADO SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING

### **NEW** CSSRC is Hiring!

- The Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC) is hiring for two positions:
  - [School Outreach Consultant \(Psychological Safety\)](#)
  - [School Safety Resource Specialist](#)
- View more information and apply by clicking on the position above.
- **Applications are due by 5:00 PM on Monday, April 10th.**



### CSSRC Virtual Trainings Updated Schedule

- Since participation has been low, we will offer these only periodically. Please check the [training calendar](#).

### Institutions of Higher Education Summer Safety Symposium - **REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

- The Center is hosting the annual Institutions of Higher Education Summer Safety Symposium on **June 1, 2023, at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley**
- This will be a one-day event held both virtually and in-person. Although designed for IHE personnel, K-12 staff will find value in attending.
- Presenters Confirmed:
  - Craig Zablocki - Former educator and motivational speaker
  - Jennifer Hirsch, Ph.D. - Researcher at Columbia University and co-author of *Sexual Citizens*
  - Aurora Police Department Crisis Response Team
  - Rachel King - Responding to Sexual Misconduct with Restorative Practices
- There will be no-cost to attend.
- Register [here](#).

### CSSRC's School Safety Specialist Academy - **SAVE THE DATE**

- The Center is excited to host a third Academy cohort in 2023. 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.
- Held **virtually June 12 - 15th**, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM each day
- We were fortunate to have state and national school safety experts join us the last two years, and look forward to similar partnerships in 2023. 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.ocha@state.co.us](mailto:margaret.ocha@state.co.us) with any questions.
- You can access the application [here](#).

### NASRO Basic SRO Training - **NASRO has a minimum and if we don't achieve it, we will need to cancel.**

- The [Colorado School Safety Resource Center \(CSSRC\)](#) is partnering with the [National Association of School Resource Officers \(NASRO\)](#) to host two training opportunities to complete the NASRO Basic SRO course. This is being made possible through CSSRC's NIJ STOP Grant.
- **When and Where :**
  - [July 17 - 21, 2023, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Adams 12 Five Star School District 1500 E. 128th Ave., Thornton, CO 80241](#)
  - [August 7 - 11, 2023, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Colorado Mesa University 1100 North Avenue, University Center Room 213, Grand Junction, CO 81501](#)
- **Cost: FREE** - Paid by the CSSRC's STOP Grant for Colorado Law Enforcement Officers
- **Seats available:** 50 per training
- Information for those needing a hotel will be coming soon.
- **What:** "The NASRO Basic School Resource Officer Course is a forty-hour (40) training designed to prepare school resource officers, other law enforcement officers, and school safety professionals to fulfill their roles in the school setting effectively."
- **Register by clicking on the date and location above.**

## Annual Colorado Safe Schools Summit **SAVE the DATE & CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

- **Thursday and Friday, October 19th and 20th.**
- **Location:** Adams 12 Five Star School District Conference Center on the first day and virtual workshops on the second day.
- Once again we will have live plenary sessions on Thursday and virtual workshops on Friday. Thursday's plenaries will also be viewable online for those registered.
- All the plenary presenters are being confirmed but so far they include:
  - **Johnnie Williams**, Executive Director DenverYouth Program: GRASP and Metro Denver Partners
  - **Anna Mueller, Ph.D.** will discuss the suicide prevention research she has done in Colorado
  - A team from the **Boulder Valley School District** with community partners to discuss lessons learned for school staff in recovering from the Marshall fire.
- Workshops on the second day 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 [quick form in Word](#) or [PDF](#)** and submit it to the CSSRC Program Assistant, Melissa Rubeo: [Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us](mailto:Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us)

## Annual Colorado Youth Suicide Prevention Symposium **SAVE the DATE**

- **Thursday, November 16, 2023**
- Location: **Lowry Conference Center and Zoom**
- 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.
- Please watch for more details in the May E-Update.

## CSSRC STOP Grants: Ongoing Threat Assessment Training & Implementation

- **Grantees who were trained in the first STOP grant, will be notified shortly of a two-hour virtual training on the new online case management system for the CTAMP. It is finally ready for rollout!**
- 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. Please complete the paperwork below and return it to [Brad.stiles@state.co.us](mailto:Brad.stiles@state.co.us) if you would like to be part of STOP#2.
  - [Letter of agreement](#)
  - [MOU with the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence](#)
- If you have any questions about the grant please contact Chris Harms at (303.912.6915) or [christine.harms@state.co.us](mailto:christine.harms@state.co.us).
- We are now scheduling threat assessment training into the spring and summer. Please contact [Brad.stiles@state.co.us](mailto: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

### **NEW** Bike and Roll to School Day!

- [Colorado Safe Routes to School](#) have announced Bike and Roll to School Day on May 3, 2023.
- They have lots of stickers and resources available at no cost but orders must be placed **by April 7, 2023**.
- View more information and request items [here](#).

### **NEW Safe2Tell Student Ambassador Program**

- [Safe2Tell](#) is now accepting applications for their Student Ambassador Program.
- “The ambassador program is an excellent opportunity to engage in challenging conversations and be part of the solution to issues teens face.”
- View more information [here](#).

### **NEW U.S. Teen Girls Experiencing Increased Sadness and Violence**

- [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) has released a report “According to new CDC data released today, nearly 3 in 5 (57%) U.S. teen girls felt persistently sad or hopeless in 2021—double that of boys, representing a nearly 60% increase and the highest level reported over the past decade”
- You can view the report and all information [here](#).

### **NEW Colorado State Patrol Youth Academy Now Accepting Applications**

- The focus of the [Colorado State Patrol Youth Academy](#) will be on leadership development through team exercises and individual achievement.
- The Academy will be mentally and physically demanding and will challenge all participants.
- The Academy is limited to a select number of participants throughout the state.
- View more information and apply [here](#).

### **CISA and FBI Release ESXiArgs Ransomware Recovery Guidance**

- “[CISA](#) and the [Federal Bureau of Investigation \(FBI\)](#) released a joint Cybersecurity Advisory, [ESXiArgs Ransomware Virtual Machine Recovery Guidance](#). This advisory describes the ongoing ransomware campaign known as “ESXiArgs.” Malicious cyber actors may be exploiting known vulnerabilities in unpatched and out-of-service or out-of-date versions of VMware ESXi software to gain access to ESXi servers and deploy ESXiArgs ransomware.”
- Read more and access the guidance [here](#).

### **2023 School Security Disbursement (SSD) Grant Program Awards Announced**

- [The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management \(DHSEM\)](#) is pleased to announce that the State of Colorado’s Legislature allocated \$5,820,000.00 for the 2023 [School Safety Disbursement \(SSD\) Grant Program](#). 44 school districts and 18 individual schools have been selected to receive funding as directed by [HB22-1120](#). Thank you to all of those who applied for the 2023 SSD.
- You can view the full list [here](#).

### **2023 Colorado State of Education Report**

- [The Colorado Education Association \(CEA\)](#) released this report stating: “This report was compiled by the Colorado Education Association, the labor union and voice of 39,000 public educators in Colorado.”
- “This report is based on publicly available data, news articles, cited research, and proprietary surveys of CEA members conducted in fall 2022.”
- View the report [here](#).

### **SRO Model Policy**

- “This document is meant to provide school administration and staff, as well as law enforcement agencies a model policy for the selection, training and evaluation of a School Resource Officer (SRO). The recommendations outlined in this policy have been designed to guide the collaborative development of a school resource officer program, while acknowledging the importance of local circumstances and youth development. This policy is composed of recommendations and are not

mandatory changes imposed on any local entity.

- This model policy fulfills the mandate in CRS § 24-31-312.”
- View the model policy [here](#).

### CASBHC Has a New Name and Brand

- The Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care or CASBHC has now become the [Youth Healthcare Alliance](#).
- “Youth Healthcare Alliance is a nonprofit membership association that provides legislative advocacy and community advancement to improve access to quality healthcare for youth.”
- View more information [here](#).

### 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.

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](mailto: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 meets on the **first Tuesday of the month**. The meetings will be virtual. The calendar is below.

May 2, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30	Topic TBA
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- Others are welcome to join the group. To join or inquire further, contact [Margaret.Ochoa@state.co.us](mailto:Margaret.Ochoa@state.co.us).

## OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

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- **Cost:** Paid by the CSSRC's STOP Grant for Colorado Law Enforcement Officers
- **Hotels:** We are awaiting links from the hotels so that you can register for a room if traveling a distance. The links will be posted on the CSSRC website as well as NASRO's registration page.
- **Seats available:** 50 per training
- **What:** "The NASRO Basic School Resource Officer Course is a forty-hour (40) training designed to prepare school resource officers, other law enforcement officers, and school safety professionals to fulfill their roles in the school setting effectively."
- **Register by clicking on the date and location above.**

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

### Colorado Preventing Targeted Violence (CO-PTV) Threat Evaluation and Reporting Training

- [The Colorado Information Analysis Center \(CIAC\)](#) is holding multiple trainings for this topic.
- "This training provided by the Colorado Information Analysis Center is designed and focused on community partners who may be involved in community threat assessment teams. Community threat assessment teams are different from school threat assessment teams, in that they are tasked with evaluating and supporting persons (primarily adults) in the community who are exhibiting threatening behaviors.
- These community teams do not replace school threat assessment teams, but may work side by side as students transition into adulthood and the local community."
- View more information about this and select a training date [here](#).

### NEW 2023 School Mental Health Virtual Learning Series

- "The [Central East MHTTC](#) in collaboration with the [National Center for School Mental Health](#) is pleased to offer a school mental health webinar series with a focus on advancing high quality, sustainable school mental health from a multi tiered system of support, trauma sensitive, and culturally responsive and equitable lens."
- The webinars will take place on select Tuesdays from January through May.
- View more information, register, and watch previous webinars [here](#).

### NEW Safe2Tell Train the Trainer

- [Safe2Tell](#) is excited to collaborate with local champions to provide high quality training on the Safe2Tell program to students across Colorado.
- Safe2Tell continues to grow at an incredible rate because of strong local partners such as yourself.
- **When: April 11, 2023, 8:30 am - 11:00 am**
- View more information and register [here](#).

### Utilizing DBT Skills With Youth (5-PART SERIES)

- [Partners for Children's Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#) is hosting this "5 part course that will help participants learn how to use skills from Dialectical Behavioral Therapy with youth and in their personal lives."
- **When:**
  - **April 17, 2023, 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm**
  - **April 24, 2023, 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm**
  - **May 1, 2023, 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm**
  - **May 8, 2023, 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm**

- **May 15, 2023, 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm**
- View more information and register [here](#).

### Introduction To Providing Gender Affirming Care To Transgender & Gender Diverse Youth

- [Partners for Children’s Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#) is “offering three upcoming training sessions to help youth-serving professionals create safe spaces for LGBTQ youth. Training dates/times (MT):
  - [Introduction To Providing Gender-Affirming Care to Gender-Diverse Youth: April 18, 2023, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm](#)
  - [Introduction To Providing LGBTQ+ Competent Care: May 18, 2023, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm](#)
  - [Working with Gender Diverse Youth for Advanced Practitioners: May 22, 2023, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm”](#)
- View more information and register by clicking on the events above.

### **NEW** AWARE Quarterly Lunch + Learn

- [The Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is hosting this lunch and learn session with a focus on Universal Mental Health Screening.
- **When: April 26, 2023, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**
- View more information and register [here](#).

## NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

### 2023 Campus Safety Conference with a **Colorado Discount and a new track!**

- The [2023 Campus Safety Conference](#) is returning this summer for the 10th Anniversary event!
- Taking place July 10-12<sup>th</sup> in Henderson, NV and July 31-August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dallas, TX, the conference brings together safety and security professionals in the K-12, Higher Education and Healthcare communities.
- A new track has been announced, the School Governance Mini Track - “These three sessions and 1 workshop will focus on the role of school governance in campus safety & security.”
- The agenda is packed with fantastic speakers and interactive content over 2.5 days and is available [here](#).
- [Registration is open now](#) and the early bird rate is available until March 31, 2023.
- **The Campus Safety team has shared with us a discount code for an additional 20% off the current rate. Use code **CSSRC20** when registering to receive the lowest rate available.**

## **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **NEW** Clean Air for Schools Program

- [The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) has shared this grant opportunity “to distribute the air filters to schools.”
- View more information and apply **BY MARCH 31** [here](#).

### **NEW** 2023 CDPHE Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education (CHSE) Program Capacity Building Mini-Grant

- [The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\) Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education \(CHSE\) Grant Program](#) has released a mini grant funding opportunity.
- “The purpose of this funding is to support schools/districts in current or future comprehensive human sexuality education.”
- **Applications are due April 15, 2023.**
- View more information and apply [here](#).

### **NEW SchoolSafety.Gov New Grants Available**

- [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov) has new grant opportunities available:
  - [Strategies to Support Children Exposed to Violence \(Deadline: April 24\)](#)
  - [Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program \(Deadline: April 25\)](#)
  - [Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\) Hiring Program \(Deadline: May 4\)](#)
  - [Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative \(Deadline: May 18\)](#)
- View the details for each and apply [here through SchoolSafety.gov's Grant Finders tool](#)

### **NEW 21st Century Community Learning Centers Cohort X Grant Competition Open**

- [The Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) has shared this grant opportunity “The purpose of this important program is to establish or expand community learning centers that:
  - Provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students (particularly students in high-poverty areas and those who attend low-performing schools) meet state and local student performance standards in core academic subjects such as reading, writing, and mathematics;
  - Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students; and
  - Offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children’s education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.”
- **Applications are due April 10, 2023.**
- View more information and apply [here](#).

### **NEW Summer Food Service Program Technology Mini Grant**

- [The Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) announced this funding opportunity “to purchase the technology necessary to run the Mobile Meal Counter App.”
- View more information and apply [here](#).

### **STILL FUNDING Sources of Strength from OSP**

- We are excited to announce that the [Office of Suicide Prevention](#) in [CDPHE](#), through generous support of the Attorney General’s Office, still has a few open funding slots for eligible Colorado middle and high schools to participate in [Sources of Strength's](#) Peer Leader and Adult Advisor trainings.
- If you are interested in receiving *Sources of Strength* training prior to May 2023 at **no cost** to your organization, please fill out the [application here](#).
- *Sources of Strength* provides upstream evidence-based prevention for suicide, violence, bullying and substance abuse by training, supporting, and empowering both peer leaders and caring adults to impact their world through the power of connection, hope, help and strength.
- If you have any questions please contact Hannah Fageeh at [hannah.fageeh@state.co.us](mailto:hannah.fageeh@state.co.us).

### **2023 TVTP Grant Forecast**

- The [U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s \(DHS\) Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships \(CP3\)](#) released a forecasted funding opportunity for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 [Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention \(TVTP\) Grant Program](#).
- “This forecast identifies:
  - Anticipated deadlines
  - Priorities
  - Objectives
  - Project types



- Required application contents and templates Eligibility, scoring, and selection criteria
- Background research
- Other resources that applicants need to prepare their applications”
- **Applications are due April 25, 2023.**
- View the information [here](#).

#### **NEW Human Trafficking Youth Prevention Education (HTYPE) Demonstration Program**

- [Youth.Gov](#) has released this funding opportunity “to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization by providing skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students.”
- **Applications are due April 27, 2023**
- View more information and apply [here](#).

#### **Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education)**

- [The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) has shared this funding opportunity “to develop a sustainable infrastructure for school-based mental health programs and services.”
- **Applications are due April 28, 2023**
- View more information and apply [here](#).

#### **NEW Mental Health Awareness Training Grants**

- [The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) has announced this funding opportunity “to: (1) train individuals (e.g., school personnel and emergency services personnel including fire department and law enforcement personnel, veterans, armed services members and their families, etc.) to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders and how to safely de-escalate crisis situations involving individuals with a mental illness and (2) provide education on resources available in the community for individuals with a mental illness and other relevant resources, including how to establish linkages with school and/or community-based mental health agencies.”
- **Applications are due May 1, 2023**
- There will be an informational webinar on April 6, 2023, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - register [here](#).

#### **NEW COPS Hiring Program (CHP)**

- “The [2023 COPS Hiring Program](#) is a competitive grant program designed to provide funds directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new or rehire existing career law enforcement officers to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.”
- “All local, state, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority are eligible to apply. Up to \$224.5 million is available for this program.”
- **Hiring SROs is possible with this grant.**
- **Application - Part 1 due May 4th and full applications are due May 11, 2023**
- View more information and apply [here](#).

#### **NEW 2023 Colorado Preventing Identity-based Violence Grant Program**

- [The Colorado Information Analysis Center \(CIAC\)](#) announced this “grant program provides just under \$1 million in funding for projects run by county, municipality, city and county, American Indian Tribe, law enforcement agency, District Attorney's office, educational entity, or nonprofit.
- Completed application packets should be emailed to [cdps\\_ptv\\_grants@state.co.us](mailto:cdps_ptv_grants@state.co.us) by **Friday, 5 May 2023.**”
- They will be holding informational webinars:
  - [April 3, 2023, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm](#)
  - [April 4, 2023, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)
- View more information and apply [here](#).

### **NEW School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Announcement Round 6**

- [The Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management \(DHSEM\)](#) has released this funding opportunity “The SAFER Program provides funding for interoperable communication hardware, software, equipment maintenance and training to allow for seamless communications between existing school communications systems and first responder communications systems.”
- **Applications are due May 12, 2023**
- View more information and apply [here](#).

### **NEW School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)**

- “The 2023 [COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program](#) is a competitive program that provides funding directly to States, units of local government, Indian tribes, and their public agencies to be used to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the jurisdiction of the grantee through evidence-based school safety programs. Up to \$73 million is available for this program.”
- **Applications are due May 17, 2023**
- View more information [here](#).

### **NEW Retail Marijuana Education Program - Funding Opportunity**

- “The state funds the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) to provide education, public awareness, and prevention messages for retail marijuana in order to ensure all Colorado residents and visitors understand the parameters of safe, legal, and responsible use.”
- “Opportunity for up to \$10,000 for activities completed by June 30, 2023. The purpose of this funding is to support schools/districts/community organizations/etc. in:
  - educating their community on the value of LGBTQ+ affirming policies and institutionalized practices in reducing LGBTQ+ youth marijuana use and;
  - taking foundational steps in adopting or enhancing school LGBTQ+ policies.”
- View more and apply [here](#).

### **Stronger Connections Grant (SCG) Coming Soon!**

- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) will be releasing a grant opportunity based on the [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act \(BSCA\)](#).
- Currently, they are accepting public comments for Colorado’s definition of a “high-need” LEA.
- View more information [here](#).

### **Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program- Competing Continuation (Year 6)**

- “[The Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy \(ONDCP\)](#), and the [Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#), [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), [National Center for Injury Prevention and Control \(NCIPC\)](#) are accepting applications for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program grants.”
- There are different steps if you are new to the program or not, so be sure to read the section that is appropriate for you.
- View information [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 Sleeping to Prevent Suicide**

- [The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\) Office of Suicide Prevention](#)

has released some new information on sleep and suicide.

- You can access the document [here](#).

### The Ultimate School Administrators Guide to Social Media

- [Safer Schools Together \(SST\)](#) created “this guide which is full of tips, how-to’s and definitions for the most widely used apps – including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram.”
- Access the guide [here](#).

### Classroom WISE

- “[Classroom WISE](#) is a FREE, self-paced online course, developed by the [Center for School Mental Health](#) and [SAMHSA's Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers](#), with themes and strategies similar to those taught in YMHA. The course contains 10 modules ranging from 30 minutes to an hour to complete each one (~10 hours total) and does not have to be completed all at once.”
- View the flyer [here](#).

### SAMHSA Advisory: Cannabidiol (CBD) – Potential Harms, Side Effects, and Unknowns

- [The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) has shared this new resource that “introduces readers to cannabidiol (CBD), how it is derived, and how it differs from delta-9 THC and other cannabinoids.”
- View it [here](#).

### Synthesizing Knowledge on Equity and Equity-Based School Safety Strategies

- The [National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\)](#) released this “white paper combining knowledge on school safety strategies that have a specific focus on creating a safe and equitable environment for all students. It also presents recommendations for equity in school safety.”
- View the paper [here](#).

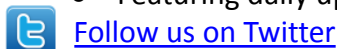
## RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### NEW Updated "National Risk Index"

- [The Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) has updated their National Risk Index and associated map.
- “This is a great tool for inclusion into your threat, hazard, incident risk analyses, hazard vulnerability assessments, et al.”
- View more information [here](#).

### Follow the Colorado School Safety Resource Center on Twitter

- For the latest school safety information between monthly E-Updates, follow [@CoSSRC](#) on Twitter.
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