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Department of Public Safety

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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: As we go into this holiday season I am sure we all have heavy hearts after the recent shootings in both Colorado Springs and Chesapeake, Virginia. We mourn the loss of those that died and grieve for their families, friends and communities.

I also realize what a hectic time of year this is as the semester winds down for most schools and everyone prepares for the much-needed holiday breaks. We are very grateful that many of you brought teams of students to our Student/Staff Summits in Colorado Springs and La Junta. We will also be in Grand Junction for a one-day School Safety Summit on December 7th followed by our final Student/Staff Summit in Hayden on December 8th. There is still time to join us if you are in either of those regions.

We have a number of regional workshops scheduled for the coming year so please mark your calendars after reading the information below.



REMINDER: HB22-1052 requires each student identification card issued to a public-school student to contain the phone number, website, and text talk number for the 24-hour telephone crisis service center (Colorado Crisis Services) and Safe2Tell. If the school does not issue identification cards, the school shall request and display outreach materials from Colorado crisis services and send that information to parents and guardians at the beginning of each school year.

We appreciate the hard work you all do keeping students safe while educating them. We are grateful that many of you allow the staff of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center to help you in your work.

We wish you, your students, your families and communities the opportunity for time with your loved ones over the holidays and the chance to relax and prepare for the new year.

Happy Holidays,

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COLORADO SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING

CSSRC Virtual Trainings Updated Schedule

- No workshops will be held in December and then the CSSRC staff will make a decision as to whether or not to continue them into 2023.

Western Colorado School Safety Symposium **REGISTRATION IS OPEN until Friday, December 2nd at noon.**

- **Please know that if registration does not pick up, we will need to cancel this outstanding opportunity.**
- We will be heading out to the Western slope to bring a one-day event of school safety experts.
- **Wednesday, December 7th**
- Location: Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction
- Speakers:
 - Melissa Reeves, Past President of NASP, SIGMA Associates, Comprehensive School Safety
 - Kara Napalitano, Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking
 - Paula Riggs, MD, Anschutz Medical Center, Substance Abuse Intervention
 - Jen Gallegos, Consultant on Restorative Practices
 - CDPHE Staff, Fentanyl Resources
- Find registration information [here](#).

January Speakers' Series - SAVE THE DATES

- 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](#).

San Luis Valley School Safety Symposium - SAVE THE DATE

- We will be heading down to the San Luis Valley to bring a one-day event with school safety experts.
- **Thursday, January 26th**
- **Location:** Adams State College
- Speakers:
 - Paula Riggs, MD, Anschutz Medical Center, Substance Abuse Intervention
 - Camerron Resener - Division of Criminal Justice, Human Trafficking
 - Jen Gallegos, Consultant on Restorative Practices
 - Sam Bourdon, Fentanyl Resources
 - Hannah Fageeh, Suicide Intervention & Prevention(CDPHE)
- Find registration information [here](#)

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Symposium - SAVE THE DATE

- 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**
 - Presenters to be announced shortly.
- Find registration information [here](#)

Two-Day Threat Assessment Symposium - SAVE THE DATE

- 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**
 - Presenters to be announced soon.

- Find registration information [here](#)

CSSRC STOP Grant: Threat Assessment Training & Implementation

- We have concluded our STOP grant training sessions. **However, we are still available to train any school staff on threat assessment using the Colorado Threat Assessment Management Protocol (CTAMP).**
- **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.

NEW Bring Mental Health First Aid 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. Through the [Office of Suicide Prevention](#), the [Colorado chapter of Mental Health First Aid \(MHFACO\)](#) receives grant funding to help pay for courses for specialty populations. 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 today!”**

NEW 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 Virtual CAMS Training

- [The Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention \(OSP\)](#) is pleased to offer Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) trainings to health care professionals who provide ongoing mental health treatment and support.”
- **When: December 8, 2022, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**
- “CAMS is designed to help providers and people participating in services who are at risk of suicide to engage in collaborative problem-solving and the creation of effective safety plans.”
- View more and register [here](#).

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW 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

Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education Grant Funding - RFA #40989

- [The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) released this funding opportunity
- “The purpose of these funds is to support schools and school districts to implement comprehensive human sexuality education content that is medically accurate, culturally sensitive, inclusive of a positive youth development approach, and aligned with content requirements. “
- **Applications are due by December 2, 2022 at 5:00 PM.**
- This will be a three-year grant period beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. The Comprehensive Health Education Sexuality program anticipates funding approximately 9-18 schools/districts.
- View more information and apply [here](#).

SFY 24-26 Request for Application

- The [Tony Grampas Youth Services \(TGYS\)](#) team is happy to announce the SFY 24-26 Request for Application (RFA) is now available.
- **Applications are due December 9, 2022.**
- View all information [here](#).

School Security Disbursement Grant

- HB22-1120 earmarked \$6M to restart the **School Security Disbursement Grant** originally available in 2018.
- This grant is for security items needed in schools and eligible non-profit organizations.
- If you have any questions, please direct them to Austin.Geddis@state.co.us (720.519.5818) or Michele.James@state.co.us (720.656.4360) at the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- The RFP is out and applications are due by **January 6, 2023**. [Grant information can be found here](#).

NEW 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 The Ultimate School Administrators Guide to Social Media

- [Safer Schools Together](#) has released a new resource titled “The Ultimate School Administrators Guide to Social Media”
- “This guide is full of tips, how-to’s and definitions for the most widely used apps – including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram.”
- View the guide [here](#).

NEW Physical Security Resources

- [SchoolSafety.Gov](#) has released a new one pager on Physical Security Resources that “ features a sampling of resources, guidance, and tools to help schools and districts with their physical security planning and enhancement efforts.”
- View the document [here](#).

Guidance for Post Crisis Family Reunification

- [The National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#) has created and shared this document that “addresses key considerations to this process in the event that a school has been evacuated.”
- View the document [here](#).

Cybersecurity Action Steps for the K-12 Community

- [SchoolSafety.com](#) has put together an infographic that share how to “support basic cyber hygiene practices through four key action steps:
 - 1) Enabling Multi-Factor Authentication
 - 2) Using Strong Passwords
 - 3) Recognizing and Reporting Phishing
 - 4) Updating Your Software”
- View the infographic [here](#).

SBIRT Guidance Documents for working with LGBTQ+ Populations

- [The Center of Excellence LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity \(CoE LGBTQ+ BHE\)](#) released two new guidance documents:
 - [Language Guidance When Serving LGBTQ+ Populations](#)
 - [Practice Considerations: Use of the SBIRT Model Among Transgender & Nonbinary Populations](#)
- View each document by clicking their title above.

Suicide Prevention Resource for Action

- The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) released this resource that “details the strategies with the best available evidence to reduce suicide.”
- View the information [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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