



July 2021

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

❖ Thank you to our departing CSSRC Advisory Board members

- Both Melanie Voegeli-Morris of Poudre School District and Jamie Haukeness from Montezuma Cortez Schools were valuable members of the CSSRC Advisory Board for a number of consecutive terms. Both have just retired and we wish them all the best in their next adventures! Thank you for your service to Colorado schools and students.
- We welcome Sheriff Kevin Armstrong from Gilpin County who will replace Sheriff Matt Lewis who has also been a valued member of our Board. Thank you, Sheriff Lewis for your support!
- Sarah Brummett, Director of the Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP) at CDPHE will be replaced by Lena Heilmann, the Suicide Strategies Prevention Manager from OSP. Thank you, Sarah, for your assistance and collaboration!



❖ Changes at CSSRC

- Dustin Hunter, our School Outreach Consultant for four years, has moved from Colorado to be closer to family back east. We thank him for his service to the Center and Colorado schools.
- We are currently in the hiring phase for Dustin's replacement. We hope to have an announcement in the August E-Update.

❖ CSSRC STOP Grant: Threat Assessment Training & Implementation

- The CSSRC is recruiting more sites for threat assessment training and implementation.
- We need 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 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.
- Staff can be paid stipends for the training and data collection under the grant if training is conducted outside of regular working hours. Train this summer and staff receive stipends!
- **Don't miss this opportunity:** CSSRC staff have been working with the Governor's Office of Information Technology and will be piloting a secure, on-line protocol with the sites. Schools will be able to store their assessments and track the at-risk students' Response Management Support Plans with automatic notifications for review meetings, among other features. This will be available free of charge to districts even when the grant work is completed.
- If your school is interested in being one of the 30 sites, below is more information.
 - [Application](#)
 - [Application Letter](#)
 - [MOU](#)

- ❖ Please complete the application and return it to Christine.harms@state.co.us or call Chris if you have any

questions. (303.912.6915). We are now scheduling for the Spring, 2021.

Kindest regards,
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COLORADO SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING

CSSRC Virtual Trainings will Resume in August

- We have discontinued virtual training in June and July.
- We will see you again in August!
- You can begin signing up for the workshops [here](#)!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN: 2021 Colorado Safe Schools Summit

- The annual Colorado Safe Schools Summit will be held **virtually** on **October 21 & 22, 2021**.
- This is co-sponsored by the CSSRC, [the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at CU, Boulder](#) and [Safe2Tell](#).
- There will be no charge and since it is virtual, everyone across the state can attend!
- Keynote speakers will be:
 - **Dr. David Schonfeld**, Executive Director of the National School Crisis & Bereavement Center who will speak on helping students with grief and loss.
 - **Kent MacLennan**, Executive Director of Rise Above Colorado who will speak on using social norming for substance abuse prevention.
- Twenty-four workshops have been chosen and can be seen on the agenda.
- **The agenda is [here](#).**
- Register to attend the event [here](#).

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SAVE THE DATE - Suicide Prevention Symposium

- The annual Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium will be held virtually on **Thursday, November 4, 2021**.
- This is co-sponsored by the CSSRC, the [Office of Suicide Prevention](#) and [CDE](#).
- Keynote speakers will be **Brandon Johnson** from SAMHSA who will address minority youth mental health issues and **John Ackerman** who is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Center for Suicide Prevention and Research at Nationwide Children's Hospital who will discuss postvention in schools.
- The afternoon will be devoted to creating a suicide strategy in your district and the CSSRC Youth Suicide Assessment and Intervention Toolkit for mental health providers who want to be trained to use the new instruments.
- The day's agenda is [here](#).

CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

CSSRC online course links:

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

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW Decision Regarding 2021 School Access For Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program

- The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) has shared the decision for the SAFER Grant Program.
- View the award decision [here](#).

NEW Letter to Educators on Title IX's 49th Anniversary

- [President Biden's administration](#) has released the below letter to educators on the anniversary of Title IX.
- You can view the letter [here](#).



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 will 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:

September 14, 2021 from 2:00 - 3:30	Suicide Prevention Professionals/Suicide Prevention Discussion
October 12, 2021 from 2:00 - 3:30	Threat Assessment Professionals/Threat Assessment Discussion
November 9, 2021 from 2:00 - 3:30	Suicide Prevention Professionals/Suicide Prevention Discussion
January 11, 2022 from 2:00 - 3:30	Threat Assessment Professionals/Threat Assessment Discussion
February 8, 2022 from 2:00 - 3:30	Suicide Prevention Professionals/Suicide Prevention Discussion
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

A calendar invite will be sent to all those currently on the list to participate. Others are welcome to join the groups by sending an email to Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us. Please specify which group you are interested in attending although you are welcome to join both.

Thank you!

Teacher Programming Assessment Form

- Members at the [University of Colorado Anschutz](#) campus were given a grant through the Office of Behavioral Management to focus on helping support teachers this upcoming academic year. We know it is the busiest time of year, and humbly ask that you take 5 to 10 minutes of your time during the next couple of weeks to fill out this survey.
- [Survey](#): This [survey](#) will be anonymous, and all data collected will be used in aggregate. In the survey, you will be able to provide an email to be entered in the gift card sweepstakes.

9-8-8 Listening Sessions in June

- Colorado's 9-8-8 Implementation Planning Committee hosted two virtual listening sessions in June. The Committee is responsible for submitting a report to OBH in September advising on key capacity, funding, and communication issues as it prepares for 9-8-8's launch. Last year, the FCC adopted rules to establish 9-8-8 as the new, nationwide, 3-digit phone number for Americans in crisis to connect with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors by July 16, 2022.
- Visit the [Committee's webpage](#) for more information.
- Send questions to christopherx.miller@state.co.us

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

NEW Trauma-Informed Care Interventions

- The [Denver Children's Advocacy Center](#) is hosting the webinar Developing a Resilient Community.
- **When: July 13, 2021, 10:00 am - 11:00 am**
- "Participants will explore specific trauma informed interventions they can use with individuals and families to promote safety, build resilience and minimize the impact of trauma. Objectives include revisiting the basics of Trauma Informed Care while developing a new understanding of the Five "R's" of trauma informed interventions."
- View more information and register [here](#).

Teaching for Equity and Justice Summit

- [Facing History and Ourselves](#) is offering multiple webinars "focused on supporting educators as they interrogate 'standard' perspectives and materials and seek to incorporate more culturally inclusive and equitable practices in their teaching."
- **What and when:**
 - [Teaching for Equity and Justice Summit, July 13 - 15, 2021](#)
 - "Through interactive and critically conscious pedagogy, educators will examine the history of American education, current systems of inequity, and gain the tools necessary to address these barriers to equity."
 - [Identity, Membership and Belonging: A Summit on Teaching Immigration, July 27 - 29, 2021](#)
 - "We will consider how the choices and actions of immigrants have shaped ideas about freedom and democracy and influenced what it means to be American."
- Click on the webinar above to register.

NEW Athletes As Leaders: Engaging Athletes in Prevention

- [Athletes as Leaders](#) is hosting this webinar that "will provide an overview of Athletes As Leaders, a program for athletes on high school girls' sports teams."
- **When: July 21, 2021, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**
- View more and register [here](#).

Still Available at No-Cost LivingWorks Start Program - One-hour gatekeeper training

- The [Office of Suicide Prevention](#) of [CDPHE](#) is pleased to provide our partners across Colorado FREE access to the LivingWorks Start **suicide prevention gatekeeper training**. 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, click [here](#).
- To access the training, click [here](#) and enter access code: OSP Gen. Please note that we have a limited number of licenses available for use available on a first come, first served basis. Please do not share the URL and access code outside of Colorado.
- LivingWorks Start works best with Google Chrome, Firefox, or Microsoft Edge browsers.
- It is not Internet Explorer compatible. If you have any questions or issues accessing the training, please contact Dymond Ruybal at Dymond.Ruybal@state.co.us.



OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW Business Training for Child Care Providers

- Interested in starting your own child care business? Then this course is for you! [This six-week LEADING EDGE™ program](#) is designed to help entrepreneurs in the child care industry gain an understanding of business fundamentals to build a strong foundation for their business. No prior business training is required, all are welcome! The class will meet online via Zoom. Participants are also invited to meet online one-on-one with an SBDC business consultant during and after the course for continued training and support specific to your business.
- Target Audience: Anyone interested in starting a child care business or anyone who just recently started a child care business. This course is open state-wide.
- **When: June 22 – July 27 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (6 sessions on Tuesdays)**
- [Click here to register](#)

NEW Sources of Strength Train-the-Trainer 4 Day Skills Session

- The [Office of Suicide Prevention](#) is holding a four day training that may be in person (information available at registration) for Sources of Strength Train-the-Trainer.
- **When: July 20 - 23, 2021**
- View more information and register [here](#).

The Summer BRIEFING- Still Virtual

- [The I Love U Guys Foundation](#) will be hosting this event virtually, and their primary audience is “Law enforcement, school personnel, victim advocates, mental health professionals, emergency and risk managers, school safety teams and all first responders.”
- You can view more information and register for the July 11th event [here](#).



NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

2021-2022 No Place for Hate Registration

- The [Anti-Defamation League \(ADL\)](#) has opened their 2021-2022 No Place for Hate Registration site.
- Useful information:
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#) - which contains the fee structure
 - [How to Become a No Place for Hate School](#) contains the required steps a school must complete within a school year
 - [Questions to Consider](#) provides a chance for school administrators to consider if their school staff is ready, consider other programs in their buildings, etc., prior to registering
 - [Training and Workshops](#) describes training and workshops are optional and discounted for NPFH schools
- View more information on the registration [here](#).

2021 Youth Summit

- The [Coalition for Juvenile Justice \(CJJ\)](#) is offering their annual Youth Summit in person and online.
- **When: August 9 - 10, 2021**
- **What:** “The Summit aims to cultivate and empower the next generation of leaders by providing them with the tools they need to leverage their passion and lived expertise.”
- View more information and register [here](#).

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW FY 2021 Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program

- The [Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\)](#) is seeking applications for funding under the Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Grant Program to prevent violence in a K-12 school setting.
- **Closing Date - August 16, 2021**
- View more 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 Free Resources for Distance Learning During COVID-19

- The team at [Study.com](#) recently developed several comprehensive guides for students, parents, and teachers providing useful info on strategies to navigate distance learning during COVID-19. These four guides can be incredibly beneficial for students, parents, and teachers looking to make distance learning more manageable:
 - [Homeschool Resources for Special Needs Students during COVID-19](#)
 - [Grads Guide to Getting Hired during COVID-19](#)
 - [Dealing with Stress in College during COVID-19](#)
 - [Success Tips for Online College during COVID-19](#)

NEW Threat Assessment and Reporting Resources to Prevent School Violence

- [SchoolSafety.gov](#) has released information on a set of key strategies to consider, as well as specific resources to aid in the implementation of threat assessment and suspicious activity reporting initiatives at K-12 schools.
- You can view the information specifically on threat assessment [here](#).

NEW School Safety: Research on Gathering Tips and Addressing Threats

- The [National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\)](#) shared an article on research on gathering tips and addressing threats.
- "New research suggests that schools should have a systematic and coordinated approach in place to gather and process information on threats, respond appropriately, and document the response."
- View the article [here](#).

Revisions to Best Practice Recommendations for Drills

- In December of 2014 [National Association of School Psychologists](#) (NASP) and the [National Association of School Resource Officers](#) (NASRO) released their document Best Practice Considerations for Armed Assailant Drills in Schools. **They have now released a 2021 revision.**
- You can view the revised document [here](#).

Safe2Tell Summer Campaign

- [Safe2Tell](#) has shared their summer campaign titled "Summer Vibes Stayin Alive" to help spread the word about Safe2tell being available over the summer.
- Here is the letter regarding the campaign in [Spanish](#) and [English](#).

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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 (www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. Call us at: 303-239-4435.



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Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!

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