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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

I would like to update you on some of the projects on which the CSSRC is busy working:

- **Statewide School Crisis Response Working Group** - this group was formed after a discussion that I had with John McDonald (JeffCo Schools) as to how districts can be better prepared for any crises. The Working Group has now formed two committees - one to review psychological crisis response models and another to take the lessons learned from previous crises. Both committees will create recommendations for schools and hopefully lead to a cadre of similarly trained school and community professionals that can assist any school that has a crisis. If anyone is interested in joining either of these committees, please contact me.
- **School Mental Health Professionals Networking** - the networking group members that have suicide prevention responsibilities within their district met on September 14th. The discussion was unsettling as many participants expressed concern about the mental wellness not only of students but of staff and parents. The shortage of all staff, including mental health professionals in the schools, was also a universal concern. Some helpful resources that were shared include a video produced by the Cherry Creek School District [linked here](#) and a reminder that the Colorado Crisis Services, [Below the Surface Campaign](#) materials, are still available to all schools at no cost.
- The CSSRC National Institute of Justice **threat assessment grant work** continues. This grant runs through September 30, 2022 with room for more districts to be trained. We have run into a slight snag with the online threat assessment protocol. We are hoping to work through the issues and provide an online document with a secure portal but the work has been extremely slow. However, we are still providing training with stipends for staff trained outside of their contract time. Please give me a call if you are interested.
- Finally, October is [Colorado School Safety Month!](#) We will celebrate with our Summit on October 21st and 22nd. It will be free, virtual and open to the public. Two wonderful morning keynotes will be followed by 24 fabulous workshops. We hope you will join us. Registration information is below.

Kindest regards,

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To view the full proclamation, please click [here](#).

COLORADO SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING

CSSRC Virtual Trainings are back!

- Virtual training on Mondays and Fridays resumed in August.
- The Center staff have decided to continue these workshops periodically on Monday and Friday afternoons. This will also be an opportunity for school staff to preview new workshops available at your schools.
- **Please see the October offerings on the training calendar.**
- You can sign up for the workshops [here!](#)

2021 Colorado Safe Schools Summit REGISTRATION IS OPEN:

- 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 Center for School Crisis & Bereavement will speak on helping students with grief and loss.
 - **Kent MacLennan**, Executive Director of Rise Above Colorado will speak on using social norms for substance abuse prevention.
- Twenty-four workshops have been chosen and can be seen on the agenda.
- **The program for the event is [here](#).**
- Register to attend the event [here](#).
- **Even though there is no cost, you still need to register to receive the link.**



Suicide Prevention Symposium REGISTRATION IS OPEN

- 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](#).
- Register [here](#). **There is no cost but you must be registered to receive the link.**

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 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. **We are already scheduling workshops into February!**
- Staff can be paid stipends for the training and data collection under the grant if training is conducted outside of regular working hours.
- 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 Fall and Winter.

Upcoming CSSRC Statewide Workshops - SAVE THE DATES:

- **Student/Staff Safety Summit will be held virtually on Tuesday, December 7th.** We invite groups of middle and high school students with faculty members to attend. Last year’s Summit was a huge success and we look forward to our youth council planning this one too. Watch for more information.
 - Dorothy Espelage, PhD. will be the plenary speaker.
 - Dr. Espelage will discuss youth bullying and harassment and the link to domestic violence later in life.
 - Stay tuned for workshop announcements. They are currently under review by our youth council.
- **Cybersafety/Bullying and Substance Abuse Prevention Speakers’ Series January 11th, 19th and 26th virtually.**
 - Alex Rodrigues, PhD. - **Cyber Safety** on Tuesday, **January 11th at 11:30 AM**
 - Lynn Riemer, ACT on Drugs - **Substances in the Community**, Tuesday **January 18th at 11:30 AM**
 - Sameer Hinduja, PhD. - **Cyberbullying** on Tuesday, **January 25th at 11:30 AM**

The presentations will be live at 11:30 AM. However, we will record them for school professionals and parents to review when convenient.
- **Positive School Discipline Symposium will be held on Wednesday, February 16th.** We are working on making this a hybrid event (in-person and virtual). More information will follow as presenters are confirmed.

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 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:

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 was sent for the Threat Assessment meetings. If you did not receive an invite and you would like to attend, please send an email to Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us. We would be happy to add you to the list.

Your Feedback is Requested

- The [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\) Office of Suicide Prevention \(OSP\)](#) is seeking your assistance with creating a resource to support improved sleep for Colorado's young people as a suicide prevention strategy.
- If you would like to provide any feedback to Aimee Resnick about the content of these resources, please use [this form](#). They are so appreciative of your time and expertise. For any questions, please email Aimee at Aimee.Resnick@state.co.us.

NEW Meet the REMS TA Center Video

- The [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center \(REMSTA\)](#) has released a new video that you can share to help spread the word about the different resources and information they can provide.
- You can access the video [here](#).



NEW CEI Launches Future Ready Families Website

- The [Colorado Education Initiative \(CEI\)](#) launched a new website FutureReadyFamilies.org.
- “While CEI is dedicated to partnering with schools and districts in designing and building capacity for their work, many families seek guidance and a safe space to network about similar issues that CEI supports in schools.”
- View the new website [here](#).

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

NEW 18th Annual Cybersecurity Awareness Month Webinar

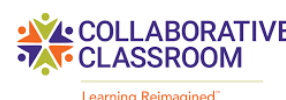
- The [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) is hosting their annual webinar that will cover “CISA’s Cybersecurity Awareness Month Resources to help your organization learn how to reduce its cybersecurity risks and protect your organization online.”
- **When: September 30, 2021, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**
- You can view more information and register [here](#).

NEW Expanding Supports for Student Health and Mental Health

- The [Department of Education’s Office of Elementary and Secondary Education Program and Grantee Support Services \(PGSS\)](#) and the [Student Engagement and Attendance Center \(SEAC\)](#) are offering a webinar on Expanding Supports for Student Health and Mental Health.
- **When: October 5, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**
- **What:** “The webinar will feature a presentation from two states that are doing innovative work in this area”
- View more information and register [here](#).

NEW Adult SEL: It Starts with Me (Virtual Workshop Series)

- The [Collaborative Classroom](#) is holding multiple webinars for Adult Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- **Which and When:**
 - [Self Management, October 7, 2021, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm](#)



- [Social Awareness, October 21, 2021, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm](#)
- [Relationship Skills, November 4, 2021, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm](#)
- [Responsible Decision Making, November 18, 2021, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm](#)
- View more information and register for the training by clicking on the title above.

NEW Addressing the Intersection of Substance Use and Suicide: Strategies for Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment

- The [Adolescent SBIRT \(Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment\)](#) by NORC at the [University of Chicago](#) is hosting and recording this webinar on **October 13, 2021, from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm.**
- **What:** “This webinar describes suicide risk among those who misuse substances and details multiple strategies for joint prevention, intervention, and treatment in the community and in various service settings.”
- View more information and register [here](#).

NEW Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Trainings

- [Partners for Children’s Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#) is hosting a virtual QPR training at no cost.
- **When: October 14, 2021**
- **What:** “Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) is a gatekeeper course focused on reducing suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training.”
- View more information and register [here](#).



NEW CDPHE COVID-19 School Testing

- The [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) is hosting two webinars “about its COVID-19 school screening testing program”
- **When:**
 - [October 14, 2021, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)
 - [October 28, 2021, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm](#)
- You can register to hear about the program by clicking on the date above.

NEW Introduction to Social Emotional Learning

- The Colorado Department of Education announced their 8-week course on the Introduction to Social Emotional Learning that will include up to 30 continuing education credits.
- **When: October 17 - December 19, 2021**
- **What:** “To support participants in the development of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) plans and instruction based on identified building-level and student - specific needs.”
- View more information [here](#).

NEW Integrating Suicide Prevention into the SBIRT Model

- The [Adolescent SBIRT \(Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment\)](#) by NORC at the [University of Chicago](#) is hosting and recording this webinar on **October 19, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.**
- **What:** “This webinar describes suicide as a public health problem and explains how suicide screening and intervention can be integrated into the SBIRT model.”
- View more information and register [here](#).

NEW Colorado Virtual School Mental Health Community of Practice

- [Centura Health](#), the [Colorado Office of Behavioral Health \(OBH\)](#), [Finding Hope Counseling and Consulting](#), [Colorado School Safety Resource Center \(CSSRC\)](#), [Mental Health Colorado](#), and [Partners for Children’s Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#) are coming together to host the Community of Practice on the third Wednesday of each month from October 2021 - May 2022.

- The sessions will last from 10:00 am - 11:30 am each time.
- **The first session is Wednesday, October 20, 2021.**
- You can view [this flyer](#) for more information.
- **Be sure to [register to participate](#) by October 6th.**

NEW Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

- The [Partners for Children’s Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#) is hosting a two-day virtual training on Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST).
- **When: October 27, 2021 - October 28, 2021**
- **What:** “A two-day, interactive training in suicide first-aid.”
- View more information and register [here](#).

NEW Developing a Competitive SAMHSA Grant Application

- [The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) is holding this webinar to assist participants with utilizing their manual titled Developing a Competitive SAMHSA Grant Application.
- **When: October 28, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**
- View more information on the webinar and register [here](#).
- View the manual [here](#).

NEW Current Behavioral Trends & Digital Updates with Safer Schools Together



- The [Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool \(CSDSIP\)](#) is partnering with [Safer Schools Together \(SST\)](#) to offer monthly trainings to allow you to “stay informed to keep students and staff safe.”

- **When:**
 - Oct. 28th, 2021, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 - Nov. 18th, 2021, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 - Dec. 14th, 2021, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 - Jan. 27th, 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 - Feb. 24th, 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 - March 31st, 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 - April 28th, 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- View more information and register for the different sessions [here](#).

NEW Become a Safe2Tell Certified Trainer

- [Safe2Tell](#) is hosting a virtual training to become a certified trainer.
- **When: November 3, 2021, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm**
- **What:** “Participants will learn how to engage K-12 students in assemblies, the classroom and other avenues.”
- Contact Mark Lanning by email Mark.Lanning@coag.gov to apply or with any questions.



NEW Restorative Practices in Schools

- The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and The RJ Solution are offering a webinar that “will provide an introduction to the philosophy of restorative practices in schools, and the significant impact RP has on school culture and climate.”
- **When: November 18 & 19, 2021, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**
- View more and register [here](#).

Online Course: Addressing and Preventing Adult Sexual Misconduct in the School Setting

- The [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center \(REMSTA\)](#) has shared their new online course.

- This online course is free and takes between 30 and 45 minutes to complete.
- View more information on the course and how to take it [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.



NEW Podcast: What is School Safety?

- The [National Center for School Safety](#) has shared their recorded podcast where “guest speakers describe the importance of having a comprehensive school safety plan; explain different perspectives on school safety; and highlight the connections between school safety strategies.”
- You can access all recorded sessions [here](#).

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

Walk to School Day

- The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is sharing materials for the upcoming Walk to School Day.
- **When: October 6, 2021**
- **What:** “Walk and Bike to School Days are great opportunities to galvanize visibility for walking and bicycling to and from school. They are wonderful times to get kids out practicing their skills and safety rules and for parents and caregivers to experience how safe and fun it is for their child(ren) to walk and bike to and from school.”
- View more information and obtain promotional materials including free stickers and yard signs [here](#).



NEW School Climate Improvement Training Series

- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is hosting a three part series on “making school climate improvements in your school building.”
- **When:**
 - **October 20, 2021, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**
 - **December 1, 2021, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**
 - **January 12, 2021, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**
- View the flyer and register [here](#).

NEW Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

- [Partners for Children’s Mental Health \(PCMH\)](#) is hosting the upcoming ASIST Training.
- **When: October 27 - 28, 2021, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**
- **Where: 12801 E 17th Ave, Room L18-4107, Aurora, Colorado, USA**
- **What:** “ASIST is the world’s leading suicide intervention workshop. This two-day, in-person training features powerful audiovisuals, discussions, and simulations. Participants learn how to recognize signs of suicide risk, effectively intervene, and develop a safety plan to keep someone alive.”
- View more information and register [here](#).

2021 CSSP Annual Fall Conference

- The [Colorado Society of School Psychologists \(CSSP\)](#) is holding their annual fall conference in Vail for 2021.
- **When: November 11 - 13, 2021.**
- **What:** “This year’s conference theme was inspired by how much change has occurred (and is still occurring) in our lives and in our profession over the past year and a half.”
- View more information [here](#). Registration will open later in the year.



NEW Basic SRO Course

- The [National Association of School Resource Officers \(NASRO\)](#) “Basic School Resource Officer Course is a forty-hour (40) block of instruction designed for law enforcement officers and school safety professionals working in an educational environment and with school administrators.”
- **When: January 24 - 28, 2022**
- **Where:** Fossil Ridge Public Safety Facility 13150 Quebec St. Thornton, CO 80602
- View more information and register [here](#).

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW 4TH Annual National Cybersecurity Summit

- [The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) will be hosting four virtual events every Wednesday throughout the month of October.
- “Each day features a different theme that focuses on our mission to “Defend Today, Secure Tomorrow,” with presentations from targeted leaders across government, academia, and industry.”
- View more information and register [here](#).

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Applications requested for the Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Grant program

- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is requesting applications for the [Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Grant \(EARSS\)](#).
- The purpose is to “fund grants for which the purposes are to provide education services and support services to expelled students, students at risk of being expelled, enrolled truant students and/or students at risk of being declared, or already are, habitually truant.”
- The deadline to apply is November 3, 2021.
- View more information and apply [here](#).

NEW Virtual Q&A sessions with JustGrants

- [JustGrants](#) will be holding weekly Q&A sessions to provide technical assistance and support for using their system.
- “Sessions focus on Entity Management and Post-Award Management for DOJ award recipients.”
- View more information and sign up for future sessions [here](#).

NEW U.S. Senate Youth Program

- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) shared this scholarship opportunity “ The USSYP brings the highest-level officials from each branch of government to meet with this outstanding group of young leaders - two high school juniors or seniors from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity - for an intensive week-long education and leadership program.”
- **Applications are due October 8, 2021.**
- View more information and apply [here](#).

NEW Early Career Mini Grant Application

- The [Colorado Society of School Psychologists](#) has a mini-grant program designed to support new practitioners.
- **Applications are due by October 24, 2021.**
- “Mini-grant funds may be used for the following purposes: materials to support direct instruction in a classroom or virtually; education and training materials; relevant professional development activities/workshops; assessment materials; items which help meet the basic needs of children; therapeutic curricula; relevant apps and/or games; and books for children.”
- View more information and apply [here](#).

NEW Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant

- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) shared this grant opportunity “ that seeks to improve literacy in the state by using evidence-based practices, activities and interventions, including pre-literacy skills.”
- **Applications are due October 29, 2021.**
- View more information and apply [here](#).

Free "School Access For Emergency Response" (SAFER) Grant Application Assistance

- School Safety Network ([schoolsafety.net](#)) has released a new report, "**Federal Support for School Safety and Security**," published by the Congressional Research Service. The report is distributed for a Legislative Learning Lab entitled, "2022 Whole Community School Safety Law," hosted on **September 29, 2021**, by the Council of State Governments West for its Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs.
- The Lab will provide Western State legislators an exclusive inside look at Colorado's "School Access For Emergency Response" (SAFER) Grant Program. SAFER provides funding to schools for hardware, software, maintenance, and training for advanced emergency radio communications.
- Experts from the Colorado Department of Public Safety, the Partner Alliance for Safer Schools (PASS), and SCHOOLSAFE will show how new technology is used to provide seamless interoperable communication among traditional and non-traditional responders to rapidly resolve school emergencies.
- With mounting concern over the years, community partners and school early adopters have testified in Committee that communications interoperability is an essential tool for dealing with the widest range of safety situations. All the Colorado school safety bills addressing this need achieved overwhelming bipartisan support, and were among the most widely-supported public safety measures in the history of the State.
- This Legislative Learning Lab will show how continual use of online tools such as the free Whole Community 911 and RAND Corporation "Getting to Outcomes" programs can verify and validate SAFER as a sustainable legislative solution for multi-hazard emergency response in schools everywhere.
- Colorado school districts or charter schools interested in applying for a SAFER Grant are invited to contact **John Simmons at School Safety Network** (john@schoolsafety.net) for free day passes to the Legislative Learning Lab or for free assistance in submitting SAFER Grant applications.

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 Mental Health Support Services Available **WONDERFUL NEW RESOURCE**

- “The [University of Colorado’s Department of Psychiatry](#) has developed a cache of services for Colorado educators, administrators and support staff to help them navigate this school year, including a well-being support line, an online support program, an “ask a therapist phone line” and individual and group support services.”
- View more information [here](#).

NEW Back-to-School Supports for Providers

- The [Colorado Department of Human Services \(CDHS\)](#) is able to fund three great, no-cost resources that can offer immediate assistance to those feeling the pressure of a new school year:
 - [Early Childhood Mental Health Support \(ECMH\) Line](#)
 - [Educator Well-being Support Line](#)
 - [Colorado Crisis Services](#)
- Learn more about each resource by clicking on the title.

NEW Getting Back to School Together webpages

- The [Committee on Safe & Healthy Journeys to School During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond \(led by the National Center for Safe Routes to School\)](#) developed resources to “help support safe travel for students between home and school for in-person school in the fall.”
- You can access the central webpage for the resources [here](#).

Updated CSSRC Resource Guides

- The [Colorado School Safety Resource Center \(CSSRC\)](#) has previously compiled five different resource guides for your use and updates them annually.
- This year we have added a new one on [Social Emotional Learning \(SEL\)](#).
- Please see the links to each guide below:
 - [Essentials of Threat Assessment](#)
 - [Child Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention](#)
 - [Positive School Climate: Bullying and Harassment Prevention and Education](#)
 - [Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention](#)
 - [Restorative Practices](#)

Stand Up Colorado and the Department of Public Safety release Best Practice Guidelines for Working with Youth Who Engage in Relationship Abuse

- Intervention in and prevention of intimate partner violence in youth is critical at the early stages of adolescent development. There is no mandate for someone to be approved through the [Colorado Domestic Violence Offender Management Board](#) to work with youth who commit abusive, harmful, and/or illegal acts toward a dating partner. Until last month, there were no guidelines for the treatment of this population.
- The work of generating [Best Practice Guidelines for Working with Youth Who Engage in Relationship Abuse](#) was initiated by [Stand Up Colorado](#), a project of [Violence Free Colorado](#), in partnership with the [Colorado Department of Public Safety](#), including the [Colorado Domestic Violence Offender and Sex Offender Management Boards](#). The Guidelines were developed by a multidisciplinary group of committed professionals from various state agencies, including the School Safety Resource Center, who recognized the gap in services for treatment of youth who use abusive, harmful, and/or illegal behaviors in the context of relationships.
- The Guidelines are designed to offer best practices and recommendations to Providers offering evaluation and treatment services to youth who engage in relationship abuse. They include guidance

for schools who encounter such youth. The goal of the Guidelines is to create capacity and resources for these youth to receive services at any point in time by a statewide network of qualified evaluation and treatment service Providers. With the support of these Guidelines, additional professionals will be able and willing to do the important work of providing treatment to these youth, thereby increasing the availability of services to this population and decreasing the occurrence of youth relationship violence.

CDC Back to School Guide

- The [CDC](#) has released updated guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K–12 Schools to align with the CDC’s existing guidance for fully vaccinated people and to assist K–12 schools in opening for in-person instruction and remaining open.
- View the information [here](#).



Toolkit and Resources for 2021 School Guidance

- [SchoolSafety.gov](#) recognizes that the new school year could bring new and even unprecedented safety challenges.
- This one-pager provides information on the range of school safety elements and topics – from school climate and mental health to physical security and threat assessment and reporting systems – that play a role in creating safe school communities. Integrating these various components and elements helps K-12 school communities better address the range of threats and hazards they may face, while maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment for students to thrive and grow.
- View the document [here](#).

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Extreme Heat Safety Preparedness

- The [Ready Campaign](#), the [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center \(REMSTA\)](#), and the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) have made new resources available on how to prepare for extreme heat which Ready defines as “a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least two to three days.”
- “School and IHE planning teams can help prepare for extreme heat by creating, revising, and continually enhancing an Extreme Heat Annex in their emergency operations plans (EOPs). Keep the following in mind as you consider the Extreme Heat Annex while reviewing the six-step planning process:
 - **Forming a Team:** Are athletic directors, sports coaches, and/or athletic trainers members of your team? Have you invited community partners, such as local health department officials and local public health officials, to join your team and engage in planning for extreme heat and other emergency events?
 - **Conducting a Site Assessment:** Have there been proper management and maintenance on facility air and cooling systems? Are there additional cooling equipment and fans if needed? Are there enough hydration stations to serve the facility’s population? Are hydration stations set up strategically in locations with a higher need to promote proper hydration (entrances of the building, heavily traveled hallways, gym, and sports facilities)?
 - **Conducting a Capacity Assessment:** Does your education agency collect information on who has been trained on preventing, identifying, and treating individuals with heat-related illnesses? Does your school or IHE inventory medical equipment and supplies that can support heat-related illness treatment?
 - **Developing an Annex:** It may be necessary to limit both outdoor and physical activities in the case of extreme heat in the summer months, especially between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (the hottest part of the day). Do you have a plan in place for relocating your outdoor

school activities/events if necessary? Do you have time limits/modifications for events that may be affected by the heat?

- **Hosting a Training:** Do members of your school/campus community understand the difference between heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke? Are they equipped with the knowledge and training to both recognize and respond to the warning signs of heat-related illness? Has your school/campus community been trained on the Extreme Heat Annex?”
- Resource Pages are:
 - [Ready Campaign](#)
 - [CDC](#) resources and [Virtual Training](#)
 - [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)

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