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*E-UPDATE FROM THE COLORADO OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY ~ You are receiving this email as a subscriber of the Office of School Safety listserv. E-Updates from the OSS contain the most current information about the Office'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 <https://oss.colorado.gov>.***

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Colleagues: The Office of School Safety (OSS) is busy hiring and are pleased to announce the following positions have been filled:

- **Congratulations to Margaret Ochoa, J.D.** - Margaret has been selected as the new Manager of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC). Margaret has been with the Center since April of 2016 serving as the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist. She had taken on a number of other duties including co-facilitating the youth council, organizing the annual School Safety Specialist Academy and assisting with the annual Institutions of Higher Education Summer Safety Symposia. We are excited to have Margaret leading the CSSRC.
- The **Office of School Safety** also welcomed **Benjamin Cosso** as the new Program Assistant. Ben had been in a temporary position at CDPS doing web accessibility work. He comes with a background in management as well as web design and is a welcome addition to the team.
- Our newest **Regional Training Consultant** is on the Eastern plains. **Mike Vagher** joined us in July and you can see him on [this video](#). His background made him a wonderful candidate for this position as a former superintendent, building administrator and safety director among other roles. We are so happy to have Mike on board!
- While some of the other positions at the OSS and CSSRC are in the final stages of hiring, the CSSRC must now fill the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist position left vacant by the promotion of Margaret Ochoa. The [link for that posting is here](#). The position will close on 9/21/23 at 5:00 PM.

Please also see the information for the new **Youth Violence Prevention Grant** being offered by the Office of School Safety. You can find the [information here](#).

While attending a recent meeting of the Colorado School Security and Law Enforcement Officers, they were reminded of the fire drill compliance requirements. [Please see the white paper linked here](#).

Three additional bills from the last legislative session that I wanted to bring to your attention:

- [SB23-170](#) - Extending the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) petitioners to some school staff; See the ["One Thing You Can Do" flyer](#)
- [SB23-299](#) - Concerning the Requirement to Acquire Epinephrine Auto-Injectors for Placement at Institutions of Higher Education. These websites may be helpful:

- epipen4schools.com
- More stock epinephrine information can be found on the [CDE website](#).
- [SB23-296](#) - Concerning the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination in Schools; see the [OSS Summary](#).

All fall regional training events hosted by the CSSRC are listed below. Please be sure to sign-up for these no-cost events. See you there!

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COLORADO SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER TRAINING

CSSRC Virtual Trainings Updated Schedule

- These will resume shortly.

Student/Staff Summits will be in September this year! Registration has begun!

- Three sites have been scheduled and registration is open. Just click the links below:
 - Monte Vista (Ski Hi Complex) - September 12th Register here for the [2023 Student-Staff Summit in Monte Vista](#).
 - Grand Junction (Mesa University)- September 14th Register here for the [2023 Student-Staff Summit in Grand Junction](#).
 - Ft. Morgan (Morgan Community College) - September 20th Register here for the [2023 Student-Staff Summit in Fort Morgan](#).
- Teams of middle and high school students (six students for every one staff member) are invited.
- A plenary by Rise Above Colorado will be followed by three workshops that each student and staff member will attend.
- Each day runs from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM so that buses can make their usual runs.
- Lunch and snacks are provided.
- Cost: Free
- It's a wonderful opportunity to hear student perspectives on school safety.
- **Please use the link after the date and location above to register your teams.** Student names aren't necessary, just a staff name and confirmation that you will bring a group of up to six students. Contact us if you would like to bring multiple groups.
- [Agenda is here](#).

Annual Colorado Safe Schools Summit Registration is OPEN!

- **Thursday and Friday, October 19th and 20th.** Once again we will have live plenary sessions on Thursday and virtual workshops on Friday. We will NOT be streaming Thursday's presentations. You must join us in-person on Thursday.
- **Location:** Adams 12 Five Star School District Conference Center on the first day and virtual workshops on the second day.
- All the plenary presenters are confirmed and they include:
 - **Cynthia Miller-Idriss, Ph.D.** an expert on youth and violent extremism. Dr. Idriss'

presentation is being supported by [The CELL](#), Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab. We welcome their partnership in making her presentation possible.



- Johnnie Williams, Executive Director DenverYouth Program: GRASP and Metro Denver Partners
- Anna Mueller, Ph.D. will discuss the suicide prevention research she has conducted.
- A team from the Boulder Valley School District with community partners will 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. [Here is a link to the workshops.](#)
- Registration here for the [2023 Safe Schools Summit](#)

Annual Colorado Youth Suicide Prevention Symposium **Register Now!**

- Thursday, November 16, 2023
- Location: [Lowry Conference Center](#) and Zoom
- This event is in collaboration with our colleagues in the [Department of Public Health & Environment's Office of Suicide Prevention](#).
- Presenters:
 - Janel Cabbage, Johns Hopkins University - Suicide and Racism
 - Kristen Santel, Santel & Kerr - Supporting Adoptees
 - April Smith, Auburn University - Eating Disorders and Suicide
 - Kathryn Fox, University of Denver - Understanding & Treating Self-Injurious Thoughts and Behaviors
- Register here for [the Youth Suicide Prevention Symposium](#).

CSSRC STOP Grants: Ongoing Threat Assessment Training & Implementation

- Grantees who were trained in the first STOP grant, have been notified of a two-hour virtual training on the new online case management system for the Colorado Threat Assessment Management Protocol (CTAMP).
- We are conducting the STOP grant training sessions under the second STOP grant. Therefore, stipends are available for any teams that want training outside of contract time. Please complete the paperwork below and return it to 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 either Brad Stiles or Chris Harms at (303-912-6915) or christine.harms@state.co.us.
- We will also train any teams with or without grant participation. We are now scheduling threat assessment training into the 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 [the CSSRC website](#).

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW Make Your Voice Heard: Join the Youth Council on Mental Health

- [Partners for Children's Mental Health](#) is recruiting Colorado youth (ages 13-19) to join the

[Youth Council on Mental Health \(YCMH\)](#), a youth-led council with a mission to positively shape the future of youth mental health in Colorado. YCMH members will participate in two virtual meetings each month and receive \$15/hour for their time.

- [Apply by September 10.](#)
- [Find the flyer here.](#)

NEW Upcoming Webinar: Preventing and Addressing Teen Dating Violence

- [The Children's Safety Network \(CSN\)](#) is hosting a new webinar on **Wednesday, September 6, 2023**, from 2-3pm ET. The theme is: **Preventing and Addressing Teen Dating Violence: Dating Matters Prevention Model and Rape Prevention Education.**
- Featured speakers include: Dr. Sarah DeGue, Senior Scientist at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Kelly Premo, Director of Prevention for the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
- [Register for the webinar](#)

NEW Complimentary Tickets Available to National Security Forum and 9/11 Tribute

- The [Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab \(CELL\)](#) is extending complimentary tickets to their upcoming national security forum and 9/11 tribute, featuring 66th Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, NATO's 16th Supreme Allied Commander Europe Admiral James Stavridis, and CNN National Security Analyst Peter Bergen.
- The event takes place at Ellie Caulkins Opera House, Denver CO on September 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM.
- Themes discussed will include: **Threats to U.S. Security: Russia, China, Iran & Beyond**
- **Availability is limited, so we encourage you to [RSVP before tickets sell out.](#)**

Eagle County School District Job Postings

- [Eagle County School District](#) currently has three job postings available:
 - Battle Mountain High School- eagle.tedk12.com
 - Eagle Valley High School- eagle.tedk12.com
 - School Level Counselor Position eagle.tedk12.com
- View more information on the position and apply by clicking the specific links above.

Positions Available Within Adams 12 Five Star Schools

- Adams 12 Five Star Schools currently has a position available:
 - Threat Assessment Coordinator
- You can view the specific requirements and apply on the [career page](#).

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 on this [Ambassador Program flyer](#).

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW 2023 National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security

- "[The National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security](#), hosted by the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#), brings federal, state, and local school leaders together to share actionable recommendations that enhance safe and supportive learning environments in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools."
- **When: November 1 - 2, 2023, Virtually**

- Registration for the Summit will open in mid-September.
- You can view more information on the [Summit's webpage](#)

NEW The Regional Briefings

- [The I Love U Guys Foundation](#) is holding their two-day “symposium that 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.”
- **When: November 2 - 3, 2023**
- **Where: Cafe Escadrille Grand Ballroom, 26 Cambridge Street, Burlington, MA 01803**
- You can view more information on both days and register on [their website](#)

NEW Campus Safety Online Conference

- The Campus Safety Online Conference “ is a 2-day virtual event, hosted by the organizers of Campus Safety Conference and supported by [Campus Safety magazine](#).”
- **When: December 6 - 7, 2023**
- **What:** “ Topics include active shooter response, threat assessments, reunification, crisis communication, leading in times of change, safety & security technology, and more.”
- You can view more information on the conference on [their website](#)
- [Register](#) by August 4th for a discounted rate - Use code CSSRC20 when registering to receive the lowest rate available.

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW Protection of Individuals from Restraint and Seclusion Act Online Moodle Course

- The Colorado State Board of Education has adopted the PPRA, which outlines the procedures to be followed:
 - In the administration of restraint and seclusion
 - Staff training
 - Documentation requirements
 - The review of the use of restraint and seclusion.
- The Colorado Department of Education has available a self-guided, self-paced Moodle course on PPRA Regulations. This course covers the Restraint and Seclusion regulations (PPRA) and will also share the changes to PPRA from [House Bill 22-1376](#).
- [Register for the course here](#)

NEW Colorado School Mental Health Community of Practice (CoP) - New School Year Program

- The Colorado School Mental Health Community of Practice released their 2023-2024 program aimed at advancing school mental health.
 - The CoP will host a Virtual CoP Sessions series with featured presenters, Q&A, and discussions on the **3rd Wednesday of the month in September, October, February and May**.
 - Open Community Events on selected topics will be open to all interested parties on the **3rd Wednesday of the month in November, January and April**.
- [Use this form to register for upcoming events by September 8, 2023](#).

NEW Colorado Safe Routes to School - Free Materials for Walk and Roll Day

- This year, Walk and Roll Day will again be held on the first Wednesday of October, which falls on the 4th.
- [The Colorado Department of Transportation](#) will be offering free Walk and Roll bookmarks, printed double-sided with English and Spanish sides, on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last.

- Bookmarks do not have dates on them and can be used for any Walk and Roll events throughout the year.
- To request materials, email wendy.mcmillan@state.co.us with your contact name, number of bookmarks desired, your school and/or district, and your physical address.
- More information on the [CDOT website](#)

NEW 2023 Queer Youth Summit - Save the Date

- [One Colorado](#) is hosting their one day Summit which “is a 1-day forum welcoming LGBTQ+ youth and young adults, parents, and educators for speakers and workshops to learn, share, dialogue, and connect in support of LGBTQ+ students.”
- **When: October 21, 2023**
- If you are interested in presenting a workshop you can submit your proposal on their [website](#)
- You can apply to be a vendor at the event on their [website](#)
- You can watch for additional information including a registration link on their [website](#)

Safe2Tell Presentations - Request Now

- [Safe2Tell](#) is accepting presentation requests for the upcoming school year.
- Training requests are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis so get your request submitted as soon as possible.
- You can submit your request on this [Presentation/Training Request Form](#).

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

Miniseries on Supporting Students’ Social, Emotional, Behavioral, and Academic Well-Being and Success

- The [U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Safe and Supportive Schools](#), and [the National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments \(NCSSLE\)](#) are holding this miniseries from **August through October 2023**.
- You can register for each session on the [NCSSLE website](#)

NEW Watch: New Video Highlights SchoolSafety.gov Resources and Tools

- [This brief video](#) provides an overview of [SchoolSafety.gov](#), its school safety topic areas and related resources, and the various ways you can use the site to create safe, positive, and supportive school environments.
- This new video is part of the [SchoolSafety.gov Back-to-School Campaign](#), a public awareness effort launched by the Federal School Safety Clearinghouse to ensure schools have the tools they need to create and sustain welcoming, safe, and supportive environments for students and educators.

NEW Case Study Approach: Utilizing Digital Threat Assessment

- [Safer Schools Together \(SST\)](#) is offering their “Digital Threat Assessment® which teaches participants to establish a Digital Behavioral Baseline through a Safety / Threat Assessment lens.”
- **When: September 19, 2023; October 26, 2023; November 21, 2023**
- You can view more information and register for the date of your choice on [their website](#)

NEW The What, Why, and How of Early Childhood Mental Health: What it is, Why it Matters, and How to Proceed

- This training is being hosted by the [Colorado Department of Education](#).
- The training series will cover principles of early childhood mental health, common and

unusual presentations of mental health needs in early childhood, and strategies that educators can use to support mental health including students with disabilities.

- Intended Audience:
 - Early childhood educators (preschool-kindergarten)
 - Early Childhood Special educators (preschool-kindergarten)
 - School based mental health professionals working in preschool and/or kindergarten
 - Participants are highly encouraged to attend with their district/AU teams to benefit most from the content.
- Sessions:
 - Foundations of Early Childhood Mental Health - 9/21 (Content) & 9/28 (Coaching)
 - Mental Health Needs in Early Childhood- 10/10 (Content) & 10/24 (Coaching)
 - Strategies to Support Young Children’s Mental Health in the Classroom - 11/14 (Content) and 11/28 (Coaching)
- Contact Krista Klabo, klabo_k@cde.state.co.us or Melissa Taucher, taucher_m@cde.state.co.us with any questions.
- [Register for the session of your choice here.](#)

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW 2023-2024 Suicide Prevention and Crisis Response Training Grant

- [SB18-272](#) and [HB21-1119](#) established a grant program for schools to support the implementation of comprehensive suicide prevention and crisis response efforts across Colorado. Enacting this legislation, the Office of Suicide Prevention releases an annual [application](#) for schools to request grants.
- Awarded funds may be used for staff training related to suicide prevention and crisis response.
- Grants may be awarded up to \$10,000.
- The [application](#) deadline is **September 26, 2023**.
- Training activities must be completed and funds must be spent by June 30, 2024.
- [School Training Grant Application](#)

NEW Youth Violence Prevention Grant

- The new Colorado [Office of School Safety](#) is pleased to have funding from [SB23-241](#) for a Youth Violence Prevention grant.
- Schools, districts and community non-profit organizations with projects to reduce youth violence are invited to apply.
- Grants will be awarded up to \$100,000.
- The application deadline is **October 13, 2023**
- Grant activities must be completed and paid for by June 30, 2023.
- [Please see the application and other information here.](#)

NEW Grants Awarded to the Help Expand the Number of School Psychologists and School Social Workers in Colorado

- [University of Colorado Denver](#), [University of Northern Colorado](#), [University of Denver](#) school psychology programs, and [Poudre School District](#), in cooperation with Colorado State University’s school social work program, were awarded [federal grants](#) to help address the nation’s mental health crisis.
- [University of Colorado Denver’s Project ASPIRE](#) will support diverse school psychology students to serve high-need schools using equity-focused mental health practices, emphasizing serving bilingual, early childhood, and low-income children populations in partnership with Denver Public Schools.

- [University of Denver's SPIRIT program](#) will recruit and train school psychologists in Colorado's rural communities.
- [University of Northern Colorado's program](#) will focus on training school psychology graduates working within rural districts or Spanish-speaking populations.
- [Poudre School District](#), in cooperation with Colorado State University, will focus on supporting students with tuition support, paid internships, post-degree fellowship appointments, and clinical hours in PSD schools.
- If you would like more information or if you have a professional interested in applying to one of these programs, please contact Krista Klabo at klabo_k@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 [on their website](#).

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 SCHOOLS

NEW SAMHSA National Recovery Month

- Each September, the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) recognizes [National Recovery Month](#) to increase awareness of recovery and celebrate the people who personify this year's tagline: **Hope is real. Recovery is real.**
- SAMHSA is providing a [National Recovery Awareness Month Toolkit](#) including key messages and weekly themes, social media shareables, hashtag recommendations, digital stickers, and many other resources.

REMINDER Emergency Drill White Paper for Public Schools, Charter Schools, and Junior Colleges Based on the 2021 International Fire Code

- The [Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control \(DFPC\)](#) and SSRC have partnered to share this white paper with the following intent: "Fire & Evacuation and Lockdown drills are a vital component in preparing our students, teachers, and staff for potential emergencies. With the recent adoption of the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC), the Division of Fire Prevention and Control is developing this paper to clarify any misunderstandings of the requirements for school fire safety plans, fire evacuation plans, and lockdown plans."
- [Please see the white paper linked here](#).

NEW What SEL Strategies Can Set The Tone for a Successful School Year?

- [The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning \(CASEL\)](#) has shared these tips to "start the school year strong"
- "Whether you're a teacher, school counselor, [social worker](#), or principal, here are [five SEL strategies](#) to build connections from day one:
 - Get to know students (and check out this [empathy map](#) strategy).
 - Create shared agreements.
 - Set goals.
 - Welcome families warmly at back-to-school night.
 - Check in with yourself and your colleagues."
- "Strategies for Families:
 - To get started, you can use or share these three SEL strategies for families ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)):
 - Stay connected to your child.
 - Help them make a plan and problem-solve.
 - Keep communication lines open with their school."

- “Strategies for SEL Champions:
 - As the new school year begins, you can share these [three key messages](#) with your communities:
 - SEL improves academic achievement.
 - SEL builds lifelong, future-ready skills that allow children to pursue their hopes and dreams.
 - SEL is a critical layer of prevention for children’s mental wellness.”

NEW **The Incredible Years® Early Intervention Programs: Exciting Updates!**

- [The Incredible Years®](#) has just launched a new website, online shop, and streaming platform.
- You can access the [new website](#) for “ a variety of evidence-based early intervention programs for parents, teachers, early childhood educators, counselors, and other professionals who work with children ages 0-12.”

REMINDER **Colorado Health and Safety Regulations for Schools**

- [The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) enforces health and safety standards for schools in Clear Creek, Jackson, Moffat, Ouray, Park, and Rio Blanco counties.
- In all other counties, the CDPHE delegates this authority to the local public health agency. Some counties inspect schools on a routine basis, while others respond to complaints only.
- More information can be found [here](#).

NEW **NEW Sample Annexes to Support Emergency Management Planning Before, During, and After an Incident**

- [The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center \(REMSTA\)](#) has created sample annexes to “support core planning teams in understanding what annexes are and how they can be formatted.”
- “Find each sample annex on our [Publications & Guidance Documents](#) page or access them by clicking on the titles below:
 - [Earthquake Sample Annex: A Fictional Example for Schools Before, During, and After an Earthquake](#)
 - [Evacuation Sample Annex: A Fictional Example for Schools Before, During, and After an Evacuation](#)
 - [Family Reunification Sample Annex: A Fictional Example for Schools Before, During, and After an Emergency](#)
 - [Lockdown Sample Annex: A Fictional Example for Schools Before, During, and After a Lockdown](#)
 - [Shelter-in-Place Sample Annex: A Fictional Example for Schools Before, During, and After an Emergency”](#)

NEW **Resources to Start Back-to-School Planning**

- [SchoolSafety.Gov](#) has created a variety of school safety resources and tools to help K-12 schools and districts in your state prepare for the upcoming school year.
 - “[SchoolSafety.gov Offers ‘Tools to Get Started’ to Create a Comprehensive School Safety Program](#) K-12 leaders, school staff, and safety and security professionals can utilize a variety of tools on SchoolSafety.gov to help prepare for the upcoming school year and create a comprehensive school safety program that fits the needs of their community. Through the site, school and district personnel can connect with specific resources and guidance, locate state and regional school safety programs, and prioritize school safety actions. School staff can also learn about and

access federal school safety funding opportunities and grant programs through the SchoolSafety.gov [Grants Finder Tool](#), which includes an option to sign up for email alerts and notifications on newly released school safety funding opportunities throughout the year.

- [HHS Awards \\$31.5 Million in Behavioral Health Grants for Children, Youth, and Young Adults](#) The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, recently announced the award of \$31.5 million in behavioral health grants for children, youth, and young adults. Funds will help to address social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and behavioral aspects of youth development; interventions for youth and young adults at high risk of psychosis; and treatment, early intervention, and recovery support services for adolescents and young adults with substance use disorders.
- [ED, HHS Take Additional Actions to Address Mental Health Needs of Students and Make Communities Safer](#) The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and HHS sent a joint letter to governors highlighting resources to help states, communities, and schools support students' mental health and well-being, particularly students impacted by gun violence. The letter highlights ED's and HHS's investments and efforts to expand and improve school-based mental health services and supports, prepare and train school personnel and others to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health impacts, and promote a safe and supportive school climate."

NEW What You Need to Know About Preventing Violent Extremism Through Education

- [UNESCO](#) has created this resource for teachers "a guide on how to talk about violent extremism and related contentious issues with learners. The tool helps teachers understand violent extremism and provides practical advice on when and how to discuss the issue of violent extremism with learners. It also helps teachers create a classroom climate that is inclusive and conducive to respectful dialogue, open discussion, and critical thinking."
- View the guide on [their website](#).

NEW Substance Misuse Prevention Program for Middle & High School Students

- [Vector Solutions formerly Safe Schools](#) is "expanding our Substance Misuse Prevention program in our Student Safety & Wellness library to help students develop knowledge, attitudes, and skills regarding alcohol, drug, and vaping misuse to make good decisions, understand consequences, and avoid risky behaviors."
- You can view more information and access the program on [their website](#)

NEW Living With Suicide Loss

- [The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention \(AFSP\)](#) created "a new series of videos, "Living with Suicide Loss," that spotlights survivors of suicide loss and their stories of hope and healing."
- You can access the videos on [their website](#)

Free Substance Use Resources From The DEA

- [The Drug Enforcement Agency \(DEA\)](#) has provided a number of resources for school staff and parents.
 - [OperationPrevention.com](#)
 - [GetSmartAboutDrugs.com](#)
 - [JustThinkTwice.com](#)
 - [CampusDrugPrevention.gov](#)

- dea.gov/redribbon
- dea.gov/OnePill
- deamuseum.org

2023 BIPOC Mental Health Toolkit

- [Mental Health America](#) has released its “2023 BIPOC Mental Health Toolkit in commemoration of Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month”
- View the [toolkit](#).

Practical Guide for Implementing a Trauma-Informed Approach

- [The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) has released this new guide that “specifically focuses on tools and strategies for implementing a TIA.”
- [View the guide](#) on SAMHSA’s site.

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

NEW Rural Disaster Behavioral Health - A Guide for Outreach Workers and Crisis Counselors

- [The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) has released a [new guide](#) that provides staff with knowledge and strategies to best support diverse rural communities.

Resources from the OSS

- Please remember that the OSS staff can provide services to any institution of higher education in the state.
- These might include:
 - Threat assessment training
 - Site assessments
 - Emergency planning for schools
 - Planning and conducting tabletop drills
 - Secondary traumatic stress
 - Adult Sexual Misconduct
 - Others by request
- [SB23-299](#) lays out the requirements to acquire EpiPens for placement at institutions of higher education. Additional resources for schools can be found at [EpiPen4schools.com](#) and [EpiPen.com](#).

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- For the latest school safety information between monthly E-Updates, follow [@CoSSRC](#) on Twitter.
- Featuring daily updates on new research, resources, upcoming trainings, and Center activities.

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THE OSS 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 (cssrc.colorado.gov) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. Call us at:

[303-239-4435](tel:303-239-4435).



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