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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 oss.colorado.gov.**

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Colleagues:

I hope everyone had a relaxing and refreshing spring break.

We made a change to our **two-day Threat Assessment Symposium on May 6th and 7th**. After feedback from our rural colleagues, **we have decided to LiveStream the event also**.

Unfortunately, to safeguard our budget, we will have to charge whether you participate virtually or in-person. Please see the article below for all the details and the [registration link](#).



Our **Crisis Response Unit** has prepared a memo to further explain their resources now available to all schools. [Please read the memo here](#) and reach out to Kati.garner@state.co.us if you have any further questions.

The first meeting of the **Physical Safety & Security Committee** occurred on March 19th. I want to thank the five school professionals who volunteered to assist in this work! The committee is identifying the components of building safety that will be explored in more detail to create a list of best practices. If anyone would still like to join the committee, please email me at christine.harms@state.co.us.

We acknowledge that with the Spring weather and the anniversary of the tragedy at Columbine, most teams will be increasing the number of threat assessments completed. Although we don't conduct threat assessments for any schools, we are happy to consult if necessary. Just send me an email or give me a call. We remind you to practice good self-care.

Kindest regards,

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UPDATES FROM THE GRANTS UNIT

Exciting News - SAFER is Here!

The Office of School Safety has launched the RFP for this year's School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program.

- [SB23-241](#) has made \$4,850,000 available to schools for interoperable communication hardware, software, equipment maintenance and training to allow for seamless communications between existing school communications systems and first responder communications systems. Please visit the [OSS website](#) for the application and application guidance.
- **Applications are due by 5:00 PM/MT on Monday, May 6, 2024.**
- Please direct any questions to cdps_oss_safer@state.co.us

SSD Grant- Congratulations are in Order!

The State of Colorado's legislature allocated \$16,000,000 for the [Fiscal Year 2024 School Security Disbursement \(SSD\) Grant Program](#). Please use the previous link to see the complete list of awardees. The Colorado Office of School Safety received 125 grant applications for a total requested amount of just over \$43,000,000. For this round of the School Security Disbursement grant 66 applicants were selected to receive funding as directed by [SB23-241](#). Thank you to all of those who applied for the FY2024 SSD.

The Grants Corner

This month, we would like to highlight Denver Public Schools (DPS), a recipient of the Youth Violence Prevention (YVP) grant. DPS is excited to announce that they have completed a PREPaRE Workshop 2 with members of their school's mental health providers. DPS had 16 attendees who reported that the training was valuable and greatly appreciated. Below is a picture of the group and a picture of their notes on why the training is important. "Much appreciation to the grant provider for supporting the growth and professional development in the area of crisis response and recovery!"- DPS Staff.



Share Your Success - Be Featured in The Grants E-Update!

We want to celebrate your achievements! If you've had success with any of our grants, share

your story with us. Submit a short narrative detailing your project's impact, and you could be featured in our upcoming E-update. Photos welcome. Your success inspires others—let's showcase the incredible work happening in our schools!

Upcoming Events: Save the Dates

- School Security Disbursement Grant Program FY24 Kick Off Meeting- April 24, 2024, at 10:30AM-12:00PM (Email invitation sent to FY24 awardees)
- Join us for the FY25 School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program Webinar and Q & A Session- April 11, 2024, at 10:30AM Register [Online!](#)

We're Here for You!

- Remember, our team is here to support you. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to our dedicated grant support team.
 - General Grant Inquiries: cdps_oss_grants@state.co.us
 - The School Access for Emergency Response Grant Program (SAFER): cdps_oss_safer@state.co.us
 - The School Security Disbursement Grant Program (SSD): cdps_oss_ssd@state.co.us
 - Youth Violence Prevention Grant Program (YVP): cdps_oss_yvp@state.co.us
 - Stay Connected: oss.colorado.gov/grants-overview

Thank you,
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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Together, let's build a hopeful future for every child in Colorado because every child deserves a loving and nurturing childhood.

- CSSRC staff Jae Dee Wood joined Illuminate Colorado and partners around the state in advocating for family strengthening policies at the Colorado State Capitol on April 1st and planting pinwheels at our office.
- Together, we're not just raising awareness; we're sparking real change. The OSS and CSSRC work year-round to prevent child abuse. [Learn more](#) and stay involved throughout the month.
- On April 5th, our staff encourages you to join us by wearing blue and making a bold statement against child abuse. Each person wearing blue is not just part of a nationwide movement; they are active champions for the

safety and well-being of children. Thank you for turning [Wear Blue Day](#) into a beacon of hope and action.

- OSS is also proud to join Illuminate Colorado as a leader in the state by promoting awareness, championing prevention efforts, and inspiring action. Together, we can make every childhood a story of hope and safety. Join us at <https://copinwheelsforprevention.org/>
- In April, [teal ribbons](#) are worn to bring awareness to sexual assault.
- On April 24th, we will wear jeans to take a stand against victim-blaming in honor of Denim Day. Head over to [Colorado Denim Day](#) to learn more about the campaign.

- [CAPM Partner Toolkit](#) and [SAAM](#) are additional resources
- OSS and the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist are dedicated to preventing child sexual abuse in school with training on mandatory reporting, adult sexual misconduct, consent, health relationships, and cyber safety. If you would like a presentation in your school, please contact JaeDee.Wood@state.co.us.

April is
Sexual Assault
Awareness Month



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COLORADO SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER NETWORKING & TRAINING

NEW School Crisis Response Networking Group

- The Crisis Response Unit is pleased to offer our first ever statewide school crisis response networking group on **April 23rd from 2-3 pm**.
- We will come together as a group to introduce the Crisis Response Unit within the Office of School Safety. We want this group to be for you, about you, and about the good work you do throughout the state.
- Please use [Crisis Response Networking Group](#) to let us know if you plan to attend and to tell us what topics you are most interested in as we plan for the next school year.

Colorado Threat Assessment Symposium **This will also be live-streamed!**

- The [Office of School Safety](#) is excited to present a two-day, in-person symposium on threat assessment.
- Presenters:
 - **Day One:** Workshops on threat assessment interviewing, utilizing your TA data, considerations when conducting assessments with students in special education, and examination of student and property searches.
 - **Day Two:** Peter Langman, Ph.D., Researcher and author of a number of books on students who commit violence in schools including *Why Kids Kill: Inside the Minds of School Shooters*.
- **When:** Monday and Tuesday, May 6th and 7th.
- **Where:** Embassy Suites, 4705 Clydesdale Pkwy, Loveland, CO 80538
- **Cost:** \$25 for one day or \$40 for both days (non-refundable). This cost applied to both in-person and virtual attendance.
- If you plan to participate virtually, you still need to register to obtain the Zoom links.
- Registration fees **cannot** be refunded if you decide you cannot attend but you can transfer your registration to a colleague by calling Melissa.Rubeo@state.co.us at [303-253-0621](tel:303-253-0621).
- [Register for the Symposium](#)
- [See the Draft Agenda](#)

Networking Groups for Threat Assessment and Suicide Prevention Professionals

- 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 separated the meetings into two groups: Suicide Prevention Professionals and Threat Assessment Professionals.

- 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. Meetings will occasionally be opened to the mental health community at large. Those meetings will be announced in the Update.
- The **Threat Assessment Professionals group will only be for staff who have attended our Colorado Threat Assessment and Management Protocol (CTAMP) training and those trained under the STOP Grant** - We have set these professional meetings for the second Tuesday of the month. The meetings will be virtual to allow more of our rural colleagues to join us. The calendar is below.
- Others are welcome to join these groups based on the criteria described above. To join, contact Margaret Ochoa Margaret.Ochoa@state.co.us if you have not already been contacted. Please specify which group you are interested in attending although you are welcome to join both.

April 9, 2024, from 2PM - 3PM CANCELED	Suicide Prevention Professionals Discussion/CSSRC SRA Toolkit Users
May 14, 2024, from 2PM - 3PM	CTAMP Professionals Discussion

- The larger Threat Assessment Advisory Group is for *all* professionals working in schools that are involved with Threat Assessments. We would like you to come with ideas, speakers and topics you would like to see covered in future events and we will do our best to resource these. If you are interested in joining, please email Brad Stiles at brad.stiles@state.co.us.

April 17, 2024, from 2PM - 3PM	Threat Assessment Advisory Group
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HURRY Institutions of Higher Education Summer Safety Symposium

- Although designed for Institutions of Higher Education, the workshops are applicable to K-12 school personnel as well. Please join us!
- **Registration for this has been slow and we don't want to have to cancel it!**
- **When: Friday, May 31, 2024**
- **Location: Regis University, Mountain View Conference Room**
- **Cost: \$50**
- [Registration for the Symposium](#)
- [See the Agenda](#)

Networking Group for Managing Problematic Sexual Behaviors (PSB)

- The working group for professionals managing problematic sexual behaviors (PSB) in students will be meeting on the following first **Tuesdays of the month which started in November 2023**. The meetings are virtual. Please contact Jae Dee Wood at jaedee.wood@state.co.us if you are interested and have not already been contacted.

<p>May 7, 2024, from 2PM - 3PM Rescheduled to May 9th from 2 to 3PM due to the Threat Assessment Symposium</p>
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CSSRC's School Safety Specialist Academy - REGISTER NOW!

- The [Center](#) is excited to host a fourth Academy cohort in 2024. The Academy was created to train School Safety Specialists in any Colorado district (or charter/private school) that would like to have a staff member in this position. This individual(s) will be trained in foundational school safety knowledge, utilizing the five preparedness missions of the U.S. Department of Education.
- **Held virtually June 3-7, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM each day**
- School safety partners from CDE, CDPHE, the Attorney General's Office, CU Boulder, the Jeffco DeAngelis Foundation, the I Love U Guys Foundation, CASRO and others will join us to discuss ongoing collaborations.
- There will be **NO CHARGE** for this Academy, but in order to receive a certificate as a School Safety Specialist, participants must be present for each live virtual workshop.
- The Academy will be **limited to 25 registrants**. Please contact margaret.ochoa@state.co.us with any questions.
- Here is a [link to the Application](#).

SRO Supervisors' Training ONLY A FEW SPOTS REMAIN

- The [Office of School Safety](#) will hold a **NASRO Supervisors' Training** in collaboration with the annual CASRO Summer Conference on **June 10th, 11th and 12th at Keystone**.
- This opportunity is provided by a Bureau of Justice grant secured by the OSS. This means that the grant funds will cover the cost of the NASRO training fee, hotels, per diems and mileage for SRO Supervisors.
- It is a contract with NASRO and not open to anyone outside of Colorado so it will NOT be listed on NASRO's website.
- Space is limited so please [register early](#).
- [See the event flyer](#)
- If you have any questions about registration, please reach out to Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us

2024 NASRO Advanced SRO Training

- The [Office of School Safety](#) will hold two **Advanced SRO trainings** this summer:
 - **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - July 24, 25 and 26** at the Lowry Conference Center in Denver
 - **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - August 5, 6 and 7** at Mesa State University in Grand Junction
 - The class sizes will be limited so you must register early.
 - The OSS has grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to pay NASRO fees and travel expenses for attendees.
 - **Please note: We will need to charge for cancellations within a week of the workshops or no shows.**
- Use the [online registration form](#) to register for one of the following:
 - **Denver training - July 24 - 26, 2024, Lowry Conference Center**
 - **Grand Junction training - August 5 - 7, 2024, Mesa State University**

NEW Call for Proposals for the October Safe Schools Summit:

- If you or someone you know has a school safety workshop that would be appreciated by the participants, please complete the quick form in [Word](#) or [PDF](#) and submit it to the Office of School Safety Program Assistant, Jason Chaousy Jason.Chaousy@state.co.us

CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

CSSRC online course links:

- Upcoming workshops are listed on [the OSS website](#).

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Home Safe Pledge

- [The Colorado Department of Transportation's \(CDOT\)](#) Teen Driver Safety campaign has launched the Get Home Safe Pledge.
- “We're looking for young drivers aged 15-20 to sign our pledge, promising to keep it safe while driving. All teens who sign the pledge will be mailed a scented car freshener & postcard. Plus, they'll be entered to win a free Driver Safety Kit courtesy of our partners at [AAA Colorado](#) and the [Colorado State Patrol](#).”
- [You can view more information on CDOT's Get Home Safe Pledge page](#)

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

It's That Time! Youth Preparedness Council Application Promotional Toolkit

- The application period for [FEMA](#)'s National Youth Preparedness Council kicked off on **Monday, January 22, 2023!**
- Students in grades 8 through 11 are eligible to apply.
- Important dates:
 - **March - April 2024: application review period**
 - **May - June 2024: selection and notification**
 - **July 2024: national YPC kick-off (virtual event)**
- See the promotional materials:
 - [2024 YPC Application Flyer \(English\)](#)
 - [2024 YPC Application Promotional Toolkit \(English\)](#)
 - [2024 YPC Application Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)
 - [2024 YPC Application Promotional Toolkit \(Spanish\)](#)
- For more information and to get application materials, visit [the FEMA YPC web page](#)
- If you have any questions or need support with recruitment efforts, reach out to kirsten.maltese@fema.dhs.gov

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW Bridging The Divide 2024

- This two day training will be hosted in person by [Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado \(SPCC\)](#)
 - “The conference theme is **Suicide: So Many Facets, No Easy Answers**. Breakout and keynote sessions will focus on promising trauma-informed practices that address social environments and decrease the likelihood of suicide, assist those who struggle with suicidal thinking, and help survivors of suicide loss regain their equilibrium following a loved one's suicide attempt or death by suicide.”
 - “At the 2024 Summit, we will explore the challenges, complexities, growth, and hope in suicide prevention, intervention, and lived experience.”
 - “The summit will also feature keynote speakers:
 - Swil Kanim
 - April Smith, PhD
 - Marlon Rollins, PhD, LMHC, LPCC
 - Nina Gutin, PhD”
- **When: Wednesday April 3rd and Thursday April 4th, 2024 (8am to 4:30pm)**
- **Where: Embassy Suites by Hilton Boulder 2601 Canyon Blvd, Boulder, CO 80302**

- Cost: \$75-\$275
- [Registration for the Training](#)

NEW Bike and Roll to School Day Materials

- [Colorado Safe Routes to School](#) has rolled out their annual Bike and Roll to School Day!
- **When: May 8, 2024**
- View more information on [Bike and Roll to School Day](#) and [Register Your Event](#)

NEW Soccer City Aurora

- [Iron Sharp](#) is getting ready to host its Soccer City Aurora, to serve youth across Aurora Public Schools and Cherry Creek Schools in need with dynamic soccer activities, fun, essential resources, as well as healthy and safe summer and afterschool programs.
- **Saturday, May 25th from 9:30am to 1:30pm.**
- Their goal is to serve nearly 2,000 students and family members throughout the day with activities, games, food, resources, and information on safe summer programming for students in need, primarily Title 1 and McKinney-Vento students (experiencing homelessness). They are honored to be partnering again with the Colorado Soccer Foundation and this year American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) to help facilitate an impactful and life-changing event.
- If you would like to participate please signup using the link below and respond to this announcement to confirm your participation.
- RSVP to Provide Resources and Booth Station: [Here](#)
- They are also currently looking for sponsorships to help support the efforts in providing essential resources, food trucks, and sponsorships for some of the summer programming opportunities for these students at the event.
- If you have questions on sponsorship levels, please contact Jordan Clark, and he would be happy to discuss!
- Please direct additional questions to Jordan Clark at jclark@ironsharpcommunity.org.

The 2024 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) National Conference is coming to Fort Collins!

- The [Colorado Department of Transportation](#) is pleased to be the presenting sponsor for the 2024 SRTS National Conference! Hosted by [Safe Routes Partnership](#), Colorado has been chosen for the first in-person SRTS National Conference since 2019.
- The 2024 SRTS National Conference will be held at the Fort Collins Hilton from **October 22-24, 2024**. Save the date and prepare to connect with fellow active transportation, public health, and Safe Routes champions from across the country.
- [The Safe Routes Partnership is now accepting session proposals for the event](#), which will bring together hundreds of Safe Routes to School and active transportation professionals to exchange ideas and share knowledge. The Conference and the wider Safe Routes to School movement benefit from the innovative contributions, creative solutions, practical know-how, and community insights from people of different backgrounds.
- Contact Colorado SRTS Program Manager Melissa Trecoske Houghton at melissa.houghton@state.co.us.
- Selected submissions will receive \$100 toward conference registration. Submissions are due **Monday, March 4, 2024**. Learn more information as it becomes available at saferoutespartnership.org.

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

NEW Facing History's US History Collection: Democracy and Freedom

- A webinar from [Facing History and Ourselves](#) invites students to investigate the question,

“What do democracy and freedom mean in US history and in our society today?”

- Students will get a chance to explore how our nation’s evolution for greater freedom, equality and justice was not assured.
- Cost: **FREE**
- **When: April 10, 2024**
- [Information and Registration can be found on their website](#)

NEW [Teaching for Equity and Justice Spring 2024 Online Workshop](#)

- An online workshop from [Facing History and Ourselves](#) explores the history of race, schooling and academic identity to have a better understanding of the root causes for present-day educational inequities.
- Real-time and interactive online classroom connecting participants together in whole and small group sessions.
- Cost: **\$25 NON REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE**
- **When: April 16-17, 2024**
- [Information and Registration can be found on their website](#)

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW [Young Futures - Lonely Hearts Club Funding Challenge](#)

- The Lonely Hearts Club Challenge from [Young Futures](#) is a \$1 million commitment and open funding call for early-state organizations and solutions focused on fostering meaningful social connection, teen belonging, and wellbeing in a tech-driven world. Galvanized by the work of the U.S. Surgeon General, and in partnership with the [Foundation for Social Connection](#), this is the first of several high-need thematic challenges that Young Futures will issue over the next few years.”
- “All challenges seek to help (pre)teens ages 10-19 thrive in a tech-driven world.”
- “The first cohort of up to 10 grantee partners will be deeply committed to a youth-centered and empathetic approach to transforming the culture and norms of social connection and wellbeing in a digital age.”
- **Applications open until April 5, 2024**
- [Overview and Application](#)

NEW [Vaping Prevention Education Grant \(2024-2027\)](#)

- This program from the [Colorado Department of Education](#) exists to provide funding to K-12 educators to address the immediate and long-lasting impact of vaping.
- **Deadline for Application: April, 24, 2024**
- View more and apply for the [Vaping Prevention Education Grant](#)

NEW [School-Based Mental Health Services \(SBMH\) Grant Program](#)

- This grant program from the [U.S. Department of Education](#) provides competitive grants to increase the credentialed school-based mental health service providers focusing on recruitment and retention efforts.
- [Overview of the grant](#)
- **Deadline for Application: April 30, 2024**
- View more and apply for the [School-Based Mental Health Services Grant](#)

NEW [Mental Health Service Professional \(MHSP\) Demonstration Grant Program](#)

- This grant program from the [U.S. Department of Education](#) provides competitive grants supporting partnerships with a focus on training school-based mental health services providers.
- [Overview of the grant](#)

- **Deadline for Application: May 15, 2024**
- View more and apply for the [Mental Health Service Professional Grant Application](#)

Community Policing Development (CPD) - Implementation of De-Escalation Training Act

- From the [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services](#): CPD is a competitive grant program designed to advance the practice of community policing by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.
- The goal of the CPD - Implementation of De-Escalation Training Act solicitation is to develop and support a training approval program as specified in the Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act of 2022.
- The project must focus on the development and pilot implementation of a standards-based approval process and promotion of its use and benefits to the law enforcement field.
- This solicitation is open to all for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit institutions, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. Funding for one award up to **\$750,000** is available for this program.
- Applications are due by **Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 4:59 PM ET**.
- [Please click here for more information on the 2024 CPD - Implementation of De-Escalation Training Act program.](#)

FY24 Colorado Preventing Identity-Based Violence Grant Program Application Released

- The [Colorado Preventing Targeted Violence \(CO-PTV\) Program](#) within the [Colorado Information Analysis Center \(CIAC\)](#) is excited to announce the release of the fiscal year 2024 Colorado Preventing Identity-based Violence Grant Program application!
- The grant program provides just under \$1 million in funding for projects run by county, municipality, city and county, American Indian Tribe, law enforcement agency, District Attorney's office, educational entity, or nonprofit.
- Completed application packets should be emailed to cdps_ptv_grants@state.co.us by **Friday, May 3, 2024, at 5PM MST**. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- CO-PTV is hosting three 30-minute webinars to provide an overview of the requirements, deadline, and application process, as well as answer any questions regarding the grant program. Please register for the virtual informational webinars below:
 - [March 4 2024, 2pm MST](#)
- For more information on the Colorado Preventing Identity-based Violence Grant Program and to download the application packet, please visit our [Grant Program Webpage](#). All questions can be directed to cdps_ptv_grants@state.co.us

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 SCHOOLS

NEW Resources for February K-12 Security Threats and Incidents

- A virtual training was held on February 20th, 2024
- Who: [Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#)
- Why: Schools and school districts are facing a dynamic set of security risks, ranging from acts of targeted violence to bomb threats to cyberattacks. School personnel can use the resources, training and tools to help address these security threats and develop or enhance school safety plans.
- What: Resources related to the reporting and management of bomb threats, social media threats, cybersecurity concerns and suspicious behaviors. Please feel free to explore these resources and share with others in your school community.
- You can contact [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov) with questions or to seek further information.

NEW Identifying and Responding to Anonymous Online Threats

- [Safer School Together](#) is hosting an educational session discussing anonymous online threats and how to identify them.
- Cost: FREE
- **When: April 23, 2024**
- [Registration](#)

NEW National Crime Victimization Survey: School Crime Supplement, 2022 dataset

- [The Bureau of Justice Statistics](#) have released their 2022 dataset for the National Crime Victimization Survey: [School Crime Supplement \(SCS\)](#) through National Archive of Criminal Justice Data.
- This was cosponsored by the Department of Education's [National Center for Education Statistics](#), which is administered every 2 years. It asks the respondents between the ages of 12 to 18 about crimes that have occurred at school and additional characteristics of school crime.
- You can view the [Dataset](#) online

NEW Elevating Rural Colorado

- Local efforts, state programs, and federal resources were combined to create conditions for success in rural education in addition to discussing ongoing barriers.
- [Colorado Education Initiative](#), [Colorado Succeeds](#), [Empower Schools](#), and [Lyra Colorado](#) have developed a [report](#) building knowledge about the work, impacts, and insights around rural Colorado education.

NEW New Social and Emotional Learning Resource

- In honor of [National Social Emotional Learning Week](#) [The Colorado Department of Education](#) launched their New Social and Emotional Learning Resource
- This new resource hub named [The Landscape of Wellbeing and Belonging](#) provides tools and resources for educators and community members
- Here's how to access the [new virtual hub online](#)

NEW New Data on School Bullying Rates

- The [National Center for Education Statistics](#) announced their new [report focusing on bullying victimization at school](#). This data was uncovered from the [School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey](#) where data was collected on bullying through a national sample that represents a sample of students aged 12-18 enrolled in grades 6-12 in public and private schools.
- [View the report](#) online

Resources for Schools Amidst Recent Threats

- In early January, hundreds of schools across the country reported receiving bomb threats.
- The safety and security of students, teachers, and staff are of utmost importance, and it is disheartening to witness the disruption and fear caused by these threats. The [National Center for School Safety](#) understands that such incidents not only pose immediate concerns for physical safety but can also have a lasting emotional effect on the communities involved and beyond.
- To support our communities and schools, the [Center](#) has compiled a list of resources that may be helpful. Please stay informed, follow guidance from local authorities, and reach out with any questions or concerns you may have.
 - [Crisis Navigation Resources](#)
 - [Social Media Threat Guidance for School Staff and Authorities Infographic](#)

- [Bombing Prevention Assistance for K-12 Schools](#)
- [Bomb Threat Guide](#)
- [How to Cope With Traumatic Events](#)

Newly launched Kahoot! helps teens ‘Know the Facts About Overdose’

- [The National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#) “released its latest Kahoot! quiz: Know the Facts About Overdose, which aims to test players’ knowledge on what causes drug overdoses and how to save a life using naloxone.”
- [View the Kahoot! online](#)

REMINDER Naloxone (Narcan) Bulk Purchases

- Please remember that school districts are eligible for bulk purchases of Naloxone from the [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment \(CDPHE\)](#).
- This program allows eligible entities to purchase opiate antagonists, such as naloxone or Narcan, at low or no cost.
- For more information go to [CDPHE’s webpage on Naloxone](#)

Students Experimenting with Fire: A Message from the CO Division of Fire Prevention and Control

- The [Division of Fire Prevention and Control \(DFPC\)](#) wants to support you, your staff, and your students. Did you know that a student usually starts multiple fires before getting caught? Experimenting with fire without adult supervision requires professional intervention, as these fires could stem from curiosity, crisis, thrill-seeking, willful destruction/delinquency, or mental health needs.
- To maximize public safety, please remember the following:
 - Reporting fire-related incidents is a requirement and the responsibility of principals/administrators;
 - Reporting an unwanted fire on school grounds or under school control is required by law; and
 - In addition to the local fire jurisdiction, **ALL** fire incidents on school property (regardless of intent, magnitude of fire, or age of the person(s) involved) need to be reported to the Division of Fire Prevention and Control using this [Fire Reporting Form](#).
- [DFPC](#) can refer youth who demonstrate firesetting behaviors to Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialists (YFIS), who are specially trained members of the Fire Service. They do not use scare tactics, and youth who have gone through a YFIS program have very low recidivism rates.
- [DFPC](#) is happy to serve you to keep your community safe!

2023-2024 Colorado State of Education Report - Colorado Education Association

- [This report](#) was conducted by the [Colorado Education Association](#), which stands as the largest union in the state, representing nearly 40,000 teachers, counselors, school nurses, and other special service providers (SSPs), as well as education support professionals (ESPs), higher education staff, retired educators, and aspiring education professionals.
- [The report](#) touches on various topics including the state of investment, the state of educator respect, and the state of educators’ safety.

CISA Releases Social Media Threat Guidance for School Staff and Authorities Infographic

- The [Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) released [this guide](#) on December 14, 2023.
- [The Social Media Threat Guidance for School Staff and Authorities Infographic](#) is a new CISA product. It highlights social media threats affecting school districts in the United

States, provides mitigation and response measures for social media threats directed at school districts, and connects school safety stakeholders to the suite of tools and resources provided by [CISA](#) and its partners to promote a culture of readiness and preparedness.

Colorado Educator Support Resources from the University of Colorado

- The [Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus](#), is offering a [website](#) dedicated to helping Colorado's educational workforce.
- It provides free mental health resources to help the workforce make it through the school year.
- New learning modules include:
 - **Secondary Trauma Module:** Learn how to nurture your emotional health as you try to support others. This module will help you recognize and manage the emotions that come with your role, ensuring you can continue to make a positive impact.
 - **Work/Life Balance Module:** Discover ways to find harmony between your professional and personal life. We're here to support you in reducing stress, improving focus, and ensuring your overall well-being.
- Visit [ColoradoEducatorSupport.com](#) to access the resources

Employment of School Mental Health Professionals in School Guidance Document

- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) released the [Employment of School Mental Health Professionals in School Guidance Document \(SB23-004\)](#), designed to assist Administrative Units in implementing **Eligible School-Based Therapists**.
- This document aims to support Eligible School-Based Therapists to work in coordination with CDE Licensed Special Service Providers and other CDE Licensed Professionals to provide supplemental support to students' social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health (Employment of School Mental Health Professionals, 2023).
- This guidance document is available on the [CDE Mental Health website](#). For more information or questions, please contact Krista Klabo at klabo_k@cde.state.co.us.

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

National Association for Behavioral Intervention and Threat Assessment (NaBITA) Training

- **These workshops are being provided specifically for IHE partners. K-12 may attend, but please know that the NaBITA protocol is not researched for K-12 schools.**
- This one and one-half day training will be hosted in person
 - **Day One:** *The Violence Risk Assessment of the Written Word (VRAWW)* is an expert system designed to assess the risk level and potential for violence present in written content. Relying on research of past violent attacks and the written narratives accompanying them, VRAWW presents an objective approach to assessing risk and threat present in written content. This is a training certification course.
 - **Day Two:** *Addressing the Intersection of BIT, Conduct, and Disability Support Workshop* - Given the shared goals of student development, access, support, accountability, and community safety, it is not surprising that behavioral intervention teams (BITs), student conduct, and disability support often address overlapping concerns. This overlap emphasizes the need for discussion and planning on how these areas intersect, especially regarding student behavior and conduct, hospitalizations, and returning from a leave of absence. This workshop will assist institutions in developing approaches that align with best practices and provide adequate support to students.
- **When:** April 8th (8 to 4PM) and 9th (8 to 1:00 PM)
- **Where:** Denver Police Protective Association (PPA) Event Center 2105 Decatur Street, Denver, CO 80211

- Cost: There is **NO CHARGE** for this opportunity thanks to funding from the legislature to the Office of School Safety.
- [Register for NABITA Training](#)

NEW Identifying and Responding to Anonymous Online Threats

- [Safer School Together](#) is hosting an educational session discussing anonymous online threats and how to identify them.
- Cost: FREE
- **When: April 23, 2024**
- [Registration Form](#)

Resources for Schools Amidst Recent Threats

- In early January, hundreds of schools across the country reported receiving bomb threats.
- The safety and security of students, teachers, and staff are of utmost importance, and it is disheartening to witness the disruption and fear caused by these threats. The [National Center for School Safety](#) understands that such incidents not only pose immediate concerns for physical safety but can also have a lasting emotional effect on the communities involved and beyond.
- To support our communities and schools, the [Center](#) has compiled a list of resources that may be helpful. Please stay informed, follow guidance from local authorities, and reach out with any questions or concerns you may have.
 - [Crisis Navigation Resources](#)
 - [Social Media Threat Guidance for School Staff and Authorities Infographic](#)
 - [Bombing Prevention Assistance for K-12 Schools](#)
 - [Bomb Threat Guide](#)
 - [How to Cope With Traumatic Events](#)

Resilience Strategies for Institutions of Higher Education Hybrid Training

- The [REMS TA Center](#) has developed a NEW [resilience strategies training for institution of higher education \(IHE\)](#) administrators, faculty, staff, students, and their community partners. (The Center's website was down at the time of this publication.)
- This synchronous training is available through the [Live Trainings by Request](#) and [Virtual Trainings by Request](#) programs and presents approaches to resilience for college and university personnel who work directly with students, faculty, and staff during times of personal and community crises. It provides a comprehensive framework to support practitioners within the IHE community and is designed to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to work with peers, students, faculty, and staff impacted by stress, loss, and trauma brought on by emergency events, including, but not limited to, community or family violence and economic hardship.
- **Intended Audience:** this training is intended for the IHE community – including administrators, faculty, and staff; counselors, clinical staff, and mental/behavioral staff; and students – and their community partners, such as local mental/behavioral health practitioners.
- **Applying to Request and Schedule This Training:** interested in hosting this training? Check our requirements below to review your agency's eligibility:
 - Be a public or nonpublic IHE, state education agency, or partner with an education agency that will serve as the lead requestor.
 - Designate a local point of contact who will coordinate with REMS TA Center staff members and trainers regarding the logistics of the event.
 - Advertise the training to the targeted audience(s) and ensure that for in-person training attendance is at least 25 people and at most 40 people or for virtual training attendance is at least 25 people and at most 475 people.

- Complete and submit the [TBR Host Site Application Form](#) or [VTBR Host Site Application Form](#) to info@remstacenter.org. REMS TA Center staff will confirm the receipt of your application within 1 day. A REMS TA Center team member will contact you to discuss your training needs and to answer any questions you may have. Training dates will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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
 - Please reach out to Brad.stiles@state.co.us or Kelly.addington@state.co.us for more information, or use [this form](#).

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- For the latest school safety information between monthly E-Updates, follow [@CoSSRC](#) on X/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 (oss.colorado.gov) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. **Call us at: 303-239-4435.**



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