



## April 2025

**E-UPDATE FROM THE COLORADO OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY** ~ You are receiving this email as a subscriber of the Office of School(OSS) 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/communications](https://oss.colorado.gov/communications).**

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## THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Colleagues:

**We Need Your Help! *Last Call (Really)***

- The OSS needs information on which school safety areas your district needs further assistance. We have heard from 62 districts so we need more input.
- [This brief survey](#) should not take more than 20 minutes to complete. We ask that one person from each district complete it - preferably the person responsible for school safety.
- Thank you for your assistance. We will post an aggregate of the data collected on our website. **Information on specific districts will NOT be shared beyond our office. Thank you!**



### **Educator Safety Task Force:**

- I want to thank EVERYONE who completed the Educator Safety Task Force Survey. We had over 1,100 surveys completed in just one month. Results of the survey will be released later this month and posted here in the May E-Update.
- Updates on the work of the Educator Safety Task Force can be found [on this webpage](#) including a newsletter with information on all subcommittees.
- The task force meetings are winding down as the report and a compilation of recommendations into a guidebook or other form of communication are being created. Watch for more [information here](#).

### **CSSRC Advisory Board:**

- The next Advisory Board meeting is Tuesday, April 1st at 1:30 PM virtually.
- These are always open meetings and the [link can be found here](#).

### **Chris Harms**

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## COLORADO OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING & NETWORKING

### **NEW Digital Threat Assessment - Registration is Open**

- The Office of School Safety is pleased to be able to offer the *Digital Threat Assessment* virtual training presented by the experts, [Safer Schools Together](#).
- This NO-Cost to your school workshop will be held **virtually on Friday, May 2nd**.
- We must have at least 20 participants to proceed so please register as soon as possible.
- This basic workshop gives your threat assessment team the skills to review social media when assessing a student's behavior.
- For more information on the workshop, [please check out this flyer](#).
- [Please use this link to register.](#)

### **I Love You Guys (ILUG) Reunification Workshop - Registration is Open until April 29**

- Tuesday, May 27th from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM
- Northeastern Junior College, 100 College Avenue, Sterling, CO
- Capacity - 100 participants (but please come with your team)
- Cost - **No cost** as the OSS has a partnership arrangement with ILUG
- This workshop will be a brief overview of the **Standard Responses Protocol** followed by an in-depth discussion and practice of reunification after a critical incident as outlined by the I Love You Guys Foundation.
- [Please use this link to register.](#)

### **Project Unite - Registration is Open**

- This is a workshop designed by NASRO and the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence. Designed for school safety teams to review “positive school culture and climate, bystander reporting and response, information sharing and behavioral and suicide threat assessment and management” together.
- “*Project Unite* provides step-by-step guidance for implementing each component using a comprehensive approach informed by federal recommendations, research, and community policing principles. Schools can adapt the implementation of these components to address their unique needs, resources, and students’ age and developmental levels.”
- Where - **Northeastern Junior College**, 100 College Avenue, Sterling, CO
- When - **May 28, 2025** (pending final confirmation from NASRO)
- Trainers: Brad Stiles and Mike Vagher, OSS Staff with a NASRO SRO trainer
- Cost - **No-cost** as OSS has grant funding to cover the costs
- [Registration will be open shortly on the OSS website.](#)

### **School Safety Academy—IN PERSON! Registration is Open.**

- The Academy is a 20-hour training for anyone tasked to be the school safety lead at your school or district. Applicants must have completed FEMA courses IS-100.C and 362.A. **Mileage, lodging (as necessary), and meals not offered at the Academy will be covered by the Office of School Safety.** We are excited to offer the Academy in person for the first time and look forward to representation from across Colorado!
- The Academy will be held at the Colorado Department of Public Safety (690 Kipling Street) over 2 ½ days on **Tuesday, June 3rd through Thursday, June 5th**.
- **Registration will be capped at 25, so start the prerequisites now!**
- The first application received from each school/district will be given preference. Please submit [applications](#) to [Mike.Vagher@state.co.us](mailto:Mike.Vagher@state.co.us).

## **SRO BASIC Training by NASRO - Final Workshops Hosted This Summer**

- The OSS has enough grant funding remaining to hold two final SRO BASIC Trainings this summer. After this our grant funding will be gone.
- Both will be held the week of **August 4th through the 8th.**
  - Summit County School District, Frisco
  - Otero Junior College, La Junta
- All expenses will be covered for a total of 40 participants. This includes the NASRO fees, hotel room (if necessary), mileage to the training and per diems for meals not provided at the workshops.
- For any questions, please contact [Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us](mailto:Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us).
- **We are awaiting final confirmation for the dates/places from NASRO. Please check the homepage of our website the week of April 7th and/or reach out to [melissa.rubeo@state.co.us](mailto:melissa.rubeo@state.co.us) for registration information after April 7th. Thank you!**
- Please note: If you need to cancel you must do so at least one week prior to the start of the workshops. Otherwise, we will need to charge your agency for your spot. Thank you!

## **NEW Call for Proposals for the October Safe Schools Summit:**

- The Office of School Safety is hosting its annual Safe Schools Summit on **October 23, 2025**. Please **SAVE the DATE**.
- This year's Summit will be held at the **Adams 12 Five Star Schools Conference Center**.
- If you or someone you know has a school safety workshop you would like to offer for consideration, please complete the quick form in [Word](#) or [PDF](#). Because the event is in person, the selection committee will be limited in its ability to choose workshops, in comparison to the past few years in which the Summit was virtual.
- Submit your proposal to the Office of School Safety Program Assistant, [Melissa.Rubeo@state.co.us](mailto:Melissa.Rubeo@state.co.us)
- Submissions will be accepted through **May 9, 2025**.

## **CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS**

### **CSSRC online course links:**

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

## **FINAL MEETINGS OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR! School Based Professionals Networking Groups for 2025:**

- **Suicide Prevention**
- **Threat Assessment**
- **Problematic Sexual Behaviors, and**
- **NEW THIS YEAR Crisis Response**
- For the last few years, we have facilitated informal meetings for any school staff who oversee either suicide prevention and intervention, threat assessments, and/or the management of students with problematic sexual behaviors. This year, our Crisis Response Team will convene a networking opportunity as well.
- **Suicide prevention professionals** who have attended our Suicide Risk Assessment (SRA) Toolkit training are welcome to join the "Toolkit/Online Platform Group" listed below. Those who aren't trained in the use of our toolkit but would like some space to learn, discuss trends, and network are welcome to join the "Suicide Prevention Advisory Group." Please contact [Cary.Lynch@state.co.us](mailto:Cary.Lynch@state.co.us) if you are interested in attending either of these groups.
- Similarly, **Threat Assessment Professionals** will be divided between those who are using

the Colorado Threat Assessment and Management Protocol (CTAMP), the “CTAMP/Online Platform Group,” and others interested in the topic generally “Threat Assessment Advisory Group.” [Brad.Stiles@state.co.us](mailto:Brad.Stiles@state.co.us) is your contact to be included in these groups.

- Professionals working with youth with Problematic Sexual Behaviors should reach out to [JaeDee.Wood@state.co.us](mailto:JaeDee.Wood@state.co.us) to be included in this networking group.
- School professionals responsible for Crisis Preparation and Response should contact [Jennifer.Mills@state.co.us](mailto:Jennifer.Mills@state.co.us) to be included in this networking group for 2025 - 2026.
- We have set these professional meetings on **Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:00PM MT.** The meetings will be virtual to allow more of our rural colleagues to join us. Calendar:
  - April 8, 2025 CTAMP Online Platform Group
  - April 15, 2025 SRA Advisory Group
  - April 29, 2025 Threat Assessment Advisory Group
  - May 6, 2025 Problematic Sexual Behaviors Group

### **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) - Reach out to schedule**

- [Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training \(ASIST\)](#) is a 2-day, two-trainer workshop designed by [LivingWorks](#) for members of all caregiving groups. Family, friends, and other community members may be the first to talk with a person at risk of self-harm, but have little or no training. ASIST can also provide those in formal helping roles with professional development to ensure that they are prepared to provide suicide first aid help as part of the care they provide.
- **What You Will Learn:** Skills to provide a suicide first-aid intervention, work with someone to develop a personalized safety plan to keep safe-for-now, and connect with further help.
- **Who:** Open to professionals and the general public for participants aged 16 years and older.
- **Training format:** In-person skills-based workshop. Learn a 6-task suicide first-aid model through presentations, interactive discussion, and feature videos. Includes extensive opportunities for skills practice through trainer facilitated workgroups.
- Time commitment: 2 days (consecutive)
- **Cost: FREE** for the training, materials cost \$50 per person. Financial support opportunities may be available.
- [Reach out to the OSS](#) to schedule an ASIST training near you.

### **Educator Safety Task Force Work is Winding Down**

- The [Educator Safety Task Force](#), created by the state legislature in 2024, thanks the over 1,100 school personnel who completed the ESTF survey.
- All responses to this survey are being kept strictly confidential and no individually identifying information will be shared in any way. A summary of the findings of this survey will be shared with the Task Force members as they develop their report and recommendations. The survey is being managed by Confluence PSG who are facilitating the Task Force in partnership with the Colorado Office of School Safety.
- If you do have a personal story that you would like to share in written form, through video or recorded audio, we would welcome that sharing and are happy to work with you to share it with the ESTF anonymously or with attribution. To share your story, please contact [carrie@confluencepsg.com](mailto:carrie@confluencepsg.com).
- Thank you for time, participation and support sharing this survey with educators and school staff in Colorado and for all the committee members who donated their time and

expertise to this effort.

- [Please find updates to the ESTF work on this webpage.](#)

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## GRANTS CORNER - UPDATES FROM THE GRANTS UNIT

SAFER Grant

Exciting News - **SAFER is Here!**

- The Office of School Safety has launched the RFA 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/MST on Monday, May 13, 2025.**
  - **Ensure that you thoroughly review the [application guidebook](#) prior to completing the application! The application has numerous requirements that can take extra time to complete (i.e. MOU, EOP, detailed implementation plans, etc.).**
  - We are hosting a series of SAFER FY26 Potential Applicant Webinars and FAQ sessions. Utilize the Links to sign-up below
    - Potential Applicant Webinar Session 1 April 9, 2025 10:30AM. [Register here!](#)
    - Potential Applicant Webinar Session 2 April 14, 2025 11:30AM. [Register here!](#)
    - Potential Applicant Q&A Drop-In Session: Apr 23, 2025, Please utilize this link to [schedule your session](#) on April 23, 2025.
  - Please direct any questions to [cdps\\_oss\\_safer@state.co.us](mailto:cdps_oss_safer@state.co.us)

### Current SAFER Awardees

- Have you completed your project? [Schedule your closeout meeting with us here!](#)
- It's Check-in Meeting time, please utilize the link in the email previously sent to schedule your Quarter 1 check-In meeting!
- Were you a 2023 SAFER recipient? We are conducting an internal review. Please respond to email titled "2023 SAFER Grant Program Audit - Office of School Safety"
- **Reminder:** The end of the period of performance is quickly approaching for SAFER FY2025 awards, be sure that your entity is on track to complete your project by June 30, 2025, and that all reporting requirements have been met!

### School Security Disbursement (SSD) Grant

- Check out our website for the [SSD Grant Management Guide](#)
- Have you completed your project? [Schedule your closeout meeting with us here!](#)
- It's Check-in Meeting time, please utilize the link in the email sent to schedule your Quarter 1 check-In meeting!
- **Reminder:** The end of the period of performance is quickly approaching for SSD FY2025 awards, be sure that your entity is on track to complete your project by Jun 30, 2025, and that all reporting requirements have been met!
- **At this point, we have not been notified of any funds for the SSD grant for the 2026**



Fiscal Year. So sorry!

## Training Opportunities **Save the Date!**

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## Current External Grant Opportunities

### Caring for Colorado Foundation Grant Opportunities

- Caring for Colorado Foundation has several open grant opportunities. Check out their [grant website](#) to see grants that may be of interest to your entity!

## Feedback from Manitou Springs School District 14:

“MSSD14 is very fortunate to receive the SSD grant funding to purchase and install new cameras at Manitou Springs Middle School. The previous camera system was very antiquated, not reliable and it was very hard to review video footage.

In addition to regular cameras we also purchased a License Plate reader camera for the campus. The new cameras also had audible capability which helped us particularly when investigating bullying complaints. The LPR cameras were instrumental in helping us protect children who were protected parties in court orders and restraining orders. We would enter the license plate of the restrained party and if that person drove onto campus we would get notifications immediately on our phones.

In general my security officers monitor cameras regularly to monitor our campus. As you know the cost of cameras is very expensive but the cameras are necessary to help us protect our staff and students. Without receiving this grant funding, we would not have been able to upgrade the camera system. ”



## Share Your Success - Be Featured in The Grants Corner of the OSS 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!

## We're Here for You!

- Remember, our grants team is here to support you. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to [schedule a meeting](#) or reach out to our dedicated grant support

team.

- General Grant Inquiries: [cdps\\_oss\\_grants@state.co.us](mailto:cdps_oss_grants@state.co.us)
- The School Access for Emergency Response Grant Program (SAFER): [cdps\\_oss\\_safer@state.co.us](mailto:cdps_oss_safer@state.co.us)
- The School Security Disbursement Grant Program (SSD): [cdps\\_oss\\_ssd@state.co.us](mailto:cdps_oss_ssd@state.co.us)
- Youth Violence Prevention Grant Program (YVP): [cdps\\_oss\\_yvp@state.co.us](mailto:cdps_oss_yvp@state.co.us)
- Stay Connected: [oss.colorado.gov/grants-overview](https://oss.colorado.gov/grants-overview)

Thank you,  
OSS Grants Unit  
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## UPDATES FROM THE CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT

Happy Spring from the Crisis Response Unit! We would like to remind you that we are available to assist, for a limited time per incident, in the initial recovery period following a critical incident when additional mental health resources are needed. If your school is experiencing a loss or incident do not hesitate to reach out directly to Kati Garner via email [kati.garner@state.co.us](mailto:kati.garner@state.co.us) or phone 303-909-3672. We are here to assist you and want to make sure you get connected with the services you need.

Check out our new Crisis Unit [website](#) where you can directly request services from the Crisis Response Unit, find available training and access crisis related resources. We will continue to update our website with new trainings and resources as they become available.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

- The 2025 Child Abuse Prevention Month theme, “Powered by Hope, Strengthened by Prevention,” reflects our belief in every child’s potential and the shared responsibility of building safe, nurturing communities. Prevention starts with all of us—because when families thrive, children flourish. Learn more and get involved at [COPinwheelsForPrevention.org](https://COPinwheelsForPrevention.org)
- Please contact Jae Dee Wood [Jaedee.wood@state.co.us](mailto:Jaedee.wood@state.co.us) for training on child sexual abuse prevention and mandatory reporting, or to join our networking group for staff managing both problematic sexual behaviors and the victims of harm.

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PARTNERS OF THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY

### **NEW** NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE BALANCING THE COMPONENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY FRAMEWORK

- The Office of School Safety’s partner [the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, University of Colorado Boulder](#) shared this report on Findings From NIJ’s Comprehensive School Safety Initiative Projects.
- “A comprehensive school safety framework requires a range of strategies, interventions, and effective ... [school safety] policies .... The goal for schools is to develop an integrated approach that spans the range of possible dangers, from minor misbehavior to life-threatening situations [while also] maintaining safety and order. (National Institute of Justice, 2020, p. ii)”
- [You can read the full report through this link](#)
- Congratulations to our partners at CSPV!

## **NEW** Suicide Prevention Opportunity

- An important opportunity to help Colorado improve suicide prevention in our public schools.
- Dr. Anna Mueller, a leading expert in youth suicide prevention in schools, is launching a new research study here in Colorado: the [Connect to Care \(C2C\) in Schools Study](#). The study's goal is to help us identify new ways to improve youth suicide prevention in schools.
- The study is funded by the Humana Foundation and Indiana University.
- We strongly encourage you to reach out to Dr. Mueller to discuss the possible participation of your high school staff in a confidential online survey next Fall.
- Schools and staff who participate will not be named. Participation will only take about 12-15 minutes.
- I know that other Colorado school districts have found collaborating with Dr. Mueller a useful and positive experience. I expect her findings to matter to setting state suicide prevention policy.
- The email below provides more details about this opportunity. If you have any questions, you can also reach out to Dr. Mueller at [C2CStudy@iu.edu](mailto:C2CStudy@iu.edu).

## **NEW** Cyberbullying Solution:

### **Instagram School Partnership Program - Prioritized Reporting to Help Students**

- Schools are often the first to learn when bullying goes online. The impact is significant: students feel less safe at school. Online abuse can be even more fear-inducing than in-person. The result is skipped classes and lost opportunities to learn.
- Instagram is expanding a program for US middle and high schools to prioritize their reporting of safety concerns, including bullying. A pilot with 60 schools showed that the program increased the ability of schools to properly support students.
- Your school can partner with Instagram. [Learn more about the program](#). After verification, you will be given a suite of tools to support your students, including prioritized reporting, access to reports you have previously filed, and research-based resources to help you report problematic content and interactions.
- Students #1 concern in reporting is that nobody will do anything about it. This tool gives you more power. [Please sign up in Colorado using this form](#) to be fast-tracked into the program. Note: where you are asked who sent you the link - the Colorado Office of School Safety!

## **NEW** Free Suicide Prevention Assistance Technology

- R;pple is a UK-based suicide prevention charity founded in 2021 after their CEO Alice tragically lost her brother, Josh, to suicide. At just 21 years old, Josh's death was unexpected, and it was later discovered that he had been searching for harmful content related to suicide online before his passing. Sadly, instead of finding support, he encountered dangerous forums that encouraged him to take his own life.
- In response, R;pple developed an online tool that detects when someone is searching for harmful content related to self-harm or suicide. It then redirects them to messages of hope and available support services.
- To date, the R;pple tool has saved countless lives, reaching millions of users across the UK and internationally.
- The tool is available to educational institutions and charities free of charge and can be easily installed on laptops and PCs.



- As you know, suicide is a leading cause of death among students and many young people's path to suicide begins with online searches, where harmful content related to self-harm and suicide is disturbingly easy to access. This is why they offer their online safeguarding browser extension free to education providers.
- As a charity, they believe in supporting individuals worldwide, and they are eager to see the Ripple tool safeguarding lives across all 50 states in the US.
- The Ripple tool browser extension can be easily mass deployed across all managed devices (PCs/laptops). The Ripple tool browser extension is free for education providers and individuals to have. The tool can be accessed and deployed by any education provider via this link: [Install Ripple](#).
- Individuals are welcome to install the Ripple tool at home (for free) and can do so via this link: [Install at home - Ripple Suicide Prevention](#).
- Please also see a link to our FAQ'S: [FAQ - Ripple Suicide Prevention](#)
- If you would like more information, please reach out to Sam Smith, Education Advocate Development Manager at [sam.smith@ripplesuicideprevention.com](mailto:sam.smith@ripplesuicideprevention.com).

### **NEW Article: Sources of Strength Research Shows Positive Impact**

- A recent press release and social media push went out in CO and nationally that highlights findings published in the [American Journal of Preventive Medicine](#) that shows a 29% reduction in suicide attempts among students in schools implementing Sources of Strength.
- The study was funded by the CDC and was conducted in CO schools. "We are obviously stoked about the findings and believe they are important to the fields of suicide prevention, school wellness, mental health promotion, and school safety," said Jarrod Hindman, Chief Operating Officer of Sources of Strength.
- [You can read the article online on AJPM's website.](#)

### **NEW 2025 Bridging the Divide Conference**

- [The Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado \(SPCC\)](#) is hosting their annual suicide awareness and prevention summit at the Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs on April 16 - 17, 2025.
- The summit will feature keynote speakers:
  - Kristen Christy, America's Resilience Trainer - "The Power of YOU!"
  - Terry Chase, ND, MA, RN, CEIP-Ed - "A Wholehearted Life: One Step at a Time"
  - Candice Biernesser, PhD, LCSW - "Helping Teens to Flourish: Innovative Strategies for Suicide Prevention Among Underserved Youth"
- [You can view the full agenda and register on SPCC's website.](#)

### **NEW Colorado PTA 2025 Annual Convention**

- The [Colorado PTA](#) is holding their annual convention in April and registration is available.
- **When: April 26-27, 2025**
- **Where:** The Sheraton Hotel in Lakewood, CO (360 Union Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80228)
- **Why:** "Bringing together passionate parents, teachers, and advocates dedicated to shaping a brighter future for our students with inspiring keynotes, insightful workshops, and valuable networking opportunities designed to empower attendees with tools and ideas to support our schools and communities."
- [View more and register on PTA's Convention website](#)

### **NEW 2025 Annual Services for Teens at Risk (STAR) Suicide Prevention Conference "Creating Partnerships for Just and Inclusive Schools"**

- STAR Center is a suicide prevention program for teens and young children within the UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital, Department of Psychiatry. From its inception in 1986, the program has been primarily funded through an appropriation from the [Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the University of Pittsburgh](#).
- This will be held virtually on **May 9, 2025**
- [You can view the full agenda and register through this UPMC site.](#)

## The Colorado Suicide Prevention Commission is welcoming applications for K-12 Education Representation

- [The Suicide Prevention Commission](#) provides public and private leadership for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention in Colorado; sets statewide, data-driven, evidence-based, and clinically informed suicide prevention priorities; and serves as an advisory board to the [Office of Suicide Prevention \(OSP\)](#) at [the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#).
- “OSP is currently accepting applications for representatives to serve on the Commission. CDPHE’s Executive Director appoints up to twenty-two members to the Commission, and these Commissioners represent people from various lived experiences, organizations, and professional expertises.”
- [You can view more information any apply for this position on the Suicide Prevention Commission’s posting](#)

## Colorado Department of Education Receives \$1.6 Million Annual Grant to Strengthen School-based Mental Health Services

- Colorado Commissioner of Education Susana Córdova announced the [Colorado Department of Education](#) will receive a \$1.6 million grant each year for five years from the U.S. Department of Education to enhance mental health services for students across the state.
- “The School-Based Mental Health Services Grant will support schools to hire more counselors and mental health professionals. It will provide funding to hire new workers, keep existing ones in their jobs and help some switch careers to work in schools. The grant includes funding for stipends, training for graduate-level school-based mental health supervisors, and developing pathways for clinic-based mental health professionals to transition to school-based roles.”
- For more information about the grant, please contact [SBMHS@cde.state.co.us](mailto:SBMHS@cde.state.co.us).

## OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

### Bike and Roll Day

- [The Colorado Department of Transportation’s](#) 2025 Bike and Roll Day will be held on May 7!
- Promotional materials like stickers distribution information will be shared in March!
- [You can keep an eye on CDOT’s Bike and Roll Day page for more information.](#)

### **NEW** CSF in the Schools: Shakespeare & Violence Prevention Tour

- [The Colorado Shakespeare Festival’s](#) touring program uses live performance and the latest school violence research. Students improve their Shakespeare literacy AND learn safe and effective intervention strategies they can use when they see mistreatment happening around them.
- Workshop Guidelines
  - Limit of 30 students per classroom
  - Workshops are typically scheduled Tuesdays or Wednesdays during the school day.
  - Study Guides | Guías de Estudio for 2024-25

- "Twelfth Night" (English | Español)
- "Much Ado About Nothing" (English | Español)
- There is a fee to bring this program to your school, but partial subsidies are available to schools with funding challenges. In the 2025-26 school year, CSF also has limited funding available to provide free programming to Title 1 schools and rural communities. Please inquire for details.
- [See CSF's website](#) for details and booking. This is a project of the University of Colorado, Boulder.

### Digital Well-Being Challenge

- [The Office of Educational Technology](#) “ invites students aged 13+ and the schools that serve them to address critical topics in digital citizenship and well-being, including healthy social media use, digital citizenship education, and responsible technology policies.”
- “The Challenge has one overarching goal: for school- or district-based teams to co-design, alongside students, innovative approaches and strategies for addressing a range of digital citizenship and well-being issues facing their school community.”
- You can view more information and apply to participate on [the Office of Educational Technology's website](#).

### 2025 Colorado Association of School Resource Officers Conference

- [The Colorado Association of School Resource Officers \(CASRO\)](#) announced the dates for their 2025 CASRO Conference.
- **When:** June 8, 2025, - June 12, 2025
- **Where:** Cheyenne Mountain Resort, 3225 Broadmoor Valley Rd, Colorado Springs, 80906
- You can view more information on [CASRO's 2025 Conference page](#)

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

### Stewards of Children Webinars

- The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is hosting two upcoming Stewards of Children webinars on “practical strategies to prevent child sexual abuse.”
- **When:**
  - [April 24, 2025](#)
  - [April 30, 2025](#)
- **Topics covered include:**
  - Practical strategies for protecting children from sexual abuse
  - How to talk about prevention with children, colleagues, and community members
  - Identifying situations where child sexual abuse can occur
  - Recognizing the signs of abuse and how to react appropriately
  - Facts about child sexual abuse in Colorado today
- You can register for the specific training date by clicking the date you wish to attend above.

## RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 SCHOOLS

### **NEW** Colorado Project AWARE Mental Health Screening Toolkit

- [This toolkit provides resources and guidance](#) on implementing universal mental health screening in schools.
- [Share feedback via this survey](#) and [sign up here for future training updates](#).
- Contact for questions: [coaware@cde.state.co.us](mailto:coaware@cde.state.co.us).

## Colorado Ceasefire Resources

- According to [Colorado Ceasefire](#): “Firearms are the leading cause of death for US children. Accidental injuries, suicides, community violence, and school shootings are having an unprecedented impact on the mental and physical safety of America’s students.”
- Colorado Ceasefire offers a variety of free resources for discussing gun violence prevention strategies with students, parents, educators, and school administrators. Ceasefire workshops and trainings are non-political and can be adapted to fit the needs of your community. Their curriculum is aligned with the [Centers for Disease Control Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool](#) and [Colorado Department of Education Comprehensive Health Standards](#).
- [You can access more information on Colorado Ceasefire’s Outreach page](#) or contact [info@coloradoceasefire.org](mailto:info@coloradoceasefire.org) to learn more.

## RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### **NEW** EdS in School Psychology Rural Hybrid

- [The DU Morgridge College of Education](#) is offering this program that “enables students to engage in virtual coursework during the school year and attend class on campus in the summers before and after the first year of the program.”
- “This program is designed for people living in rural Colorado communities who want to pursue a graduate degree in school psychology without relocating to a university campus. The program’s hybrid modality enables students to engage in virtual coursework during the school year and attend class on campus in the summers before and after the first year of the program. Practical experience and rigorous coursework will help prepare graduates to solve problems and make decisions to support diverse students, families, and schools within their community.”
- [You can view and request more information online](#)

### 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
  - Concurrent Enrollment considerations
  - Others by request
  - Please reach out to [Brad.stiles@state.co.us](mailto:Brad.stiles@state.co.us) or [Kelly.addington@state.co.us](mailto:Kelly.addington@state.co.us) for more information, or use [this form](#).

### Follow the Office of School Safety on LinkedIn

- For the latest school safety information between monthly E-Updates, connect with us on LinkedIn [oss.colorado.gov/linkedin](https://oss.colorado.gov/linkedin)
- Featuring weekly updates on new research, resources, upcoming trainings, and Center activities.

**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](http://oss.colorado.gov)) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. Call us at: 303-550-2737.



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