



## August 2024

**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](https://oss.colorado.gov).**

### THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

- ★ **Welcome Back!** We are wishing everyone a safe and successful new school year. Please reach out if we can be of any assistance!
- ★ The work of the interagency School Safety Working Group (SSWG) continues. We are excited that the first edition of **recommendations for school site and building safety** is [available here](#). We are aware that many of these recommendations may be beyond the resources for some of our schools. We offer this as a list of suggestions to help in future planning.
- ★ The Office of School Safety (OSS) has an exciting training opportunity for school safety teams in the metro Denver area. On **August 27th and 28th** the OSS will be partnering with the [National Association of School Resource Officers](#) and [Aurora Public Schools](#) to provide **Project Unite** training.
  - **When:** Tuesday and Wednesday, August 27th and 28th
  - **Where:** Pickens Technical College, 500 Airport Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80011. Building B, Crested Butte Conference Room
  - **Cost:** Grant funding covers all costs
  - **Registration:** [Please use this link to register with NASRO](#)
  - For additional information please see the [attached flyer](#).
- ★ The 2023 **Healthy Kids Colorado Survey** data has been released. Please see the [survey results here](#).
- ★ Rebekah Ottenbreit at CDE has great resources for the new **Title IX regulations**. [Please find links to those resources in this slide show](#).



*Kindest regards,*

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### UPDATES FROM THE GRANTS UNIT

#### **SSD Grant-Congratulations are in Order!**

- The Office of School Safety (OSS) received an additional \$ 2,000,000.00 of funding from the Colorado General Assembly to support the School Security Disbursement Grant Program for fiscal year 2025.

- Since the OSS had conducted a very thorough selection process, it was determined to award from the applications submitted during the most recent request for proposals (RFP). Continuing to award from this application pool ensures that the funding is reaching as far as possible, while addressing the school safety needs across the state.
- For the FY 2025 for this round of the School Security Disbursement grant 13 applicants were selected to receive funding as directed by HB24-1430. Congratulations!

| <u>Applicant</u>                           | <u>Amount Funded</u> |
|--|----------------------|
| Clear Creek School District                | \$ 1,970.58          |
| Mapleton Public Schools                    | \$ 95,588.00         |
| DeBeque School District                    | \$ 33,149.00         |
| Douglas County Schools                     | \$ 801,700.00        |
| East Otero School District                 | \$ 302,058.75        |
| Lewis Palmer School District               | \$ 33,060.60         |
| Liberty Common School                      | \$ 59,596.15         |
| Eagle County School District               | \$ 360,000.00        |
| Bennett School District 29J                | \$ 8,500.00          |
| Ricardo Flores Morgan Academy              | \$ 12,500.00         |
| Weld County School District RE10J          | \$ 97,773.00         |
| The Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind | \$ 182,856.00        |
| Kim School District                        | \$ 11,247.92         |

### **SAFER Grant**

- Partially executed agreements, acceptance letters, alongside financial packages have been sent, please be sure to get this information ASAP.
- Check out our website for the [grant management guidebook](#)

## The Grants Corner

### **Feedback from the Staff at YESS Institute:**

Because of the support provided by the 2023-24 OSS YVP grant, YESS Institute was successful in their project aim to connect youth and families - who can become disengaged from school systems for various reasons - to supportive adults and activities, while teaching social-emotional learning skills and family relationship-building approaches.

They hosted monthly community engagement and educational events with parents and families of YESS students, totaling an incredible 431 engagements across the schools they serve in the Denver Public Schools district. Alongside educational sessions, they also organized community events like a car show and performances by local groups such as the Colorado Youth Mariachi Program, promoting community interests and cultural responsiveness in our outreach efforts. Research shows that culturally relevant engagement strategies foster active

participation and trust, strengthen community connection, and increase positive behavioral outcomes. They are grateful to OSS YVP for ensuring they had the necessary resources to make long-term, meaningful impacts on their YESS Families, and to connect youth to their culture and interests.



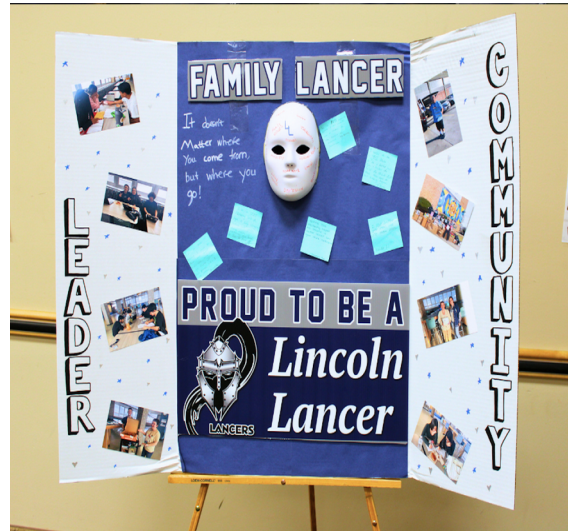
(Performance at Community Event)



(Performance at Community Event)



(Hosted Community building event)



(Highlighting studies on community-building )

### 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 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](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)

Don't miss the other federal and state grant opportunities beginning on Page 10.

Thank you,  
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## COLORADO OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY NETWORKING & TRAINING

### 2024 NASRO Advanced SRO Training - A few spaces remain in the Grand Junction training.

- The [Office of School Safety](#) will hold two Advanced SRO trainings this summer. The second and final one is listed here:
  - Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - August 5, 6, and 7 at Mesa State University in Grand Junction
  - 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 for no-shows.**
- Use the [online registration form](#) to register for the following:
  - Grand Junction training - August 5 - 7, 2024, Colorado Mesa University

### SAVE THE DATES! School Based Professionals Networking Groups for 2024 - 2025:

- Suicide Prevention
  - Threat Assessment
  - Problematic Sexual Behaviors, and
  - **NEW THIS YEAR** Crisis Response
  - **Please see the calendar below**
- For the last few years, we have facilitated informal meetings for any school staff who oversee either suicide prevention and intervention or threat assessments. In 2022, we added a group for 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) training**, 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 new networking group.
  - 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. Here is the calendar:



- September 17, 2024      Statewide Crisis Response Group
- October 8, 2024      Problematic Sexual Behaviors Group
- October 29, 2024      SRA Toolkit Online Platform Group
- November 5, 2024      Statewide Crisis Response Group
- November 19, 2024      CTAMP Online Platform Group
- December 10, 2024      Threat Assessment Advisory Group
- December 17, 2024      SRA Advisory Group
- January 14, 2025      Problematic Sexual Behaviors Group
- February 18, 2025      Statewide Crisis Response Group
- March 11, 2025      SRA Toolkit Online Platform Group
- April 1, 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

**NEW Reunification Training with the I Love You Guys Foundation - REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

- The [Office of School Safety](#) is pleased to announce that we have a new partnership with the [“I Love U Guys” Foundation](#). This means that the OSS will work with ILUG for a series of workshops over the next few years. The first is listed below:
- **Reunification training**
  - When: **September 24th and 25th**
  - Where: Ski Hi Event Center, Monte Vista, CO
  - Cost: No fee as it is part of our partnership
  - Limited space: This is limited to the first 90 participants so get your team registered!
  - [Registration](#)

**October Safe Schools Summit - REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

- The annual Colorado Safe Schools Summit will be **COMPLETELY** virtual on **Thursday and Friday, October 17th and 18th, 2024**.
- Plenary sessions include:
  - Preventing staff burnout
  - Supporting students involved in the juvenile justice system, Joseph Silva, Ph.D.
  - Restorative Practices in Schools
  - Transforming Conflict
- The 30 workshops to be held on Friday have been confirmed. [Please see the schedule here.](#)
- There is no fee for this but you must be registered to receive the Zoom links.
- [You can register online](#)

**November Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium - REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

- The annual Youth Suicide Prevention Symposium hosted by the [Office of School Safety](#) and the [Office of Suicide Prevention at CDPHE](#) will be IN-PERSON on
- **Thursday, November 14th at the Lowry Conference Center in Denver.**
- We will also be live-streaming it on Zoom.
- This year’s plenaries will include:

- Thomas Joiner, Ph.D. researcher and author. Dr. Joiner will conduct two sessions, one on his latest research and book, *The Perversion of Virtue: Understanding Murder - Suicide*.
- His second workshop will be on sudden-onset Acute Suicidal Affective Disturbance.
- Anna Mueller, Ph.D., will discuss her recent suicide research in Colorado.
- Susie Reece has lived experience as a survivor of her father's suicide and will discuss ways to assist other survivors.
- Cost: \$50 for virtual or in-person
- [Registration](#)

### **Crisis Response Symposium- REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

- [The Colorado Office of School Safety's Crisis Response Unit](#) is holding this virtual symposium on crisis response that is designed for K-12 and Higher Education.
- **When: December 3, 2024**
- **Where: Virtual**
- Plenaries will include:
  - Dr. David J. Schonfeld, MD. FAAP, will be addressing supporting grieving students and staff in the aftermath of a crisis.
  - Dr. Marleen Wong will be addressing trauma skills to support students and staff after a crisis.
  - Devin Cramer will discuss death notifications and messaging for higher education.
  - Lisa Wobbe-Veit, MSW, will discuss how to support impacted students and communities after a critical incident.
- There is no fee for this but you must be registered to get the Zoom links.
- [Registration is available](#)

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

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

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

### **CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **NEW 2024 - 25 Colorado School Mental Health Community of Practice Registration Form**

- [Finding Hope Counseling and Consulting, LLC](#) is partnering with the [Colorado Office of School Safety \(OSS\)](#), the [Colorado Behavioral Health Administration \(BHA\)](#), [Children's Hospital Colorado](#), [CU Anschutz Medical Campus](#), and [Mental Health Colorado](#) to host this Community of Practice to “bring together school professionals and community members from all regions of Colorado to engage in shared learning, conversation, and collaboration as we advance school mental health best practices that are known to work in our local communities.”
- **When: Second Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am - 11:30 am from September 2024 - May 2025.**
- You can [view more information and register to participate online](#)

#### **NEW Colorado's Queer Youth Network Seeking New Participants**

- [Colorado's Queer Youth Network with the Colorado School of Public Health](#) is seeking rural queer youth between the ages of 14 - 18 years old wanting to create art and advocate for unmet queer youth wellbeing needs.
- Individuals that participate can earn \$40 for each session they attend
- You can obtain more information on how to register and participate by emailing [Noah.Jansen@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Noah.Jansen@cuanschutz.edu)

## Healthy Kids Colorado 2023 Survey Results Released

- [CDPHE releases the latest Healthy Kids Colorado Survey data: Responses offer signs of resilience among Colorado students](#)
- The [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#) released the latest statewide and regional results from the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey, the state's most comprehensive survey on the health and well-being of young people. More than 120,000 youth responded to the voluntary survey in the fall of 2023, and the results are promising.
- "We're very happy to see overall improvements in many areas. There have been dramatic changes in the right direction around indicators of mental health, suicide risk, and substance use," said Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive director, CDPHE. "We're hopeful this is an indication of state and community investments in prevention programming and protective factors paying off."
- Between 2021 and 2023 high schoolers experiencing persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness dropped by 14 percentage points. While these are the lowest rates in Colorado since the survey's inception, we remain committed to connecting youth with the help and support they need to further decrease the rate of youth who have suicidal thoughts, planning, and attempts.

Significant key findings from the 2023 statewide high school results include:

- Youth who seriously considered suicide in the last year decreased by 6 percentage points.
- Youth who planned a suicide attempt decreased by 4 percentage points.
- Youth who attempted suicide decreased by 1 percentage point.
- Similar to prior years, the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey results consistently illuminate disparities in health outcomes for LGBTQ+ youth in Colorado. Disaggregated 2023 high school data show:
  - Transgender youth seriously considered suicide in the past year at more than four times the rate of their cisgender peers (45% vs.10%).
  - Nonbinary youth seriously considered suicide in the past year at more than three times the rate of their female and male peers (37% vs. approx. 10%).
  - Bisexual, gay/lesbian, pansexual, and asexual youth seriously considered suicide in the past year at more than three times the rate of their heterosexual peers (approx. 29% vs.8%).
- "We hope to build on some of the positive trends coming out of the survey to close the gaps we see for LGBTQ+ youth in Colorado," said Lena Heilmann, director of the Office of Suicide Prevention. "Protective factors, such as supportive adults, clear family rules, and feeling safe and connected at school, help youth to thrive."
- The 2021 results highlighted sharp declines in youth substance use. This trend continued into 2023 with decreases in current use of most substances. Youth marijuana use and cigarette use remained stable between 2021 and 2023 at 13% and 3%, respectively.
- Youth who currently drink alcohol decreased by 3 percentage points.
- Youth who currently vape decreased by 7 percentage points.
- Youth who currently use prescription pain medications without a prescription or differently than prescribed decreased by 2 percentage points.
- The latest middle school results show similar improvements in mental health and suicide outcomes, but a concerning increase in youth alcohol use. In 2023, 24% of middle schoolers reported ever drinking alcohol, up from 11% in 2021. Early initiation of substance use is associated with future substance misuse. In 2023, 14% of middle schoolers reported having their first alcoholic drink before age 11, almost triple the rate from 2021 (5%).
- The Colorado School of Public Health Survey Team within the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus helps schools administer the survey in the fall of odd-numbered

years. In 2023, 120,239 students participated in 344 public middle and high schools in 46 Colorado counties. CDPHE and the Colorado Departments of Human Services, Education, and Public Safety support this survey. For more details—including results that are disaggregated by geography, age, grade, race & ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity—visit [healthykidscolo.org](https://healthykidscolo.org).

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### **News Release on Colorado State Board of Education Approved Projects (BEST grants)**

- [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) shared this press release “Colorado State Board of Education approves 19 school construction projects funded through Building Excellent Schools Today grants.”
- You can [view the full press release online](#)
- Congratulations to all who received awards!

### **Title IX Regulations Released**

- [The U.S. Department of Education](#) has finally released its new Title IX regulation.
- The rule enforces the promise of Title IX that no person experiences sex discrimination in federally funded education.
- This will also help ensure that all persons, including students and employees, will receive the appropriate support if they were to experience sex discrimination in schools and that the procedures created by schools for investigating and resolving complaints involving sex discrimination are accurate and fair to all parties.
- Some of the final regulations include
  - Providing full protection from sex-based harassment.
  - Requiring schools to take prompt and effective action to end any sex discrimination in their education programs or activities as well preventing any recurrence and remedy the effects.
  - Requiring schools to provide supportive measures to those affected by conduct that may represent sex discrimination, including sexual violence and other forms of sexual harassment.
- More about the final update to Title IX
  - [Final Rule Unofficial Version](#)
  - [Summary of Revisions](#)
  - [Title IX Final Rule FACT SHEET](#)
  - [Resources for Drafting Nondiscrimination Policies](#)

### **Colorado Violence Prevention Shakespeare Festival**

- In the 2024-25 school year, the [Colorado Shakespeare Festival](#) will continue to reach schools across Colorado with the Shakespeare & Violence Prevention program (a collaboration with CU Boulder’s Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence). Since 2011, the program has reached over 130,000 Colorado schoolchildren.
- The program includes a pre-show study guide, an abridged Shakespeare play performed at your school, a brief talkback to discuss the violence and mistreatment in the play and post-show classroom workshops in which students practice their upstander strategies.
- Theatre is a powerful way for students to learn about teamwork, empathy, and their ability to make a difference in their communities.
- 2024-25 season offerings include a 30-minute Twelfth Night for grades 3-5 and a 45-minute Much Ado About Nothing for grades 6-12.
- Visit [CU Presents](#) for details and booking.

### **Safe2Tell now has a text code!**

- Safe to Tell, from the [Office of the Colorado Attorney General](#) has a new text code.



- Students who text **STCO** to **738477** will receive a link to the report form.
- Learn more at [Safe2Tell](#)

## NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

### PREPaRE Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshops

- The [National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#) with the [University of Colorado](#), Denver is hosting two ToT Workshops. Select the dates and workshops below to view more information:
  - [Workshop 1 Training of Trainers: Comprehensive School Safety Planning: Prevention Through Recovery - August 1, 2024, 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM and August 2, 2024, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM](#)

### The Briefings

- The [“I Love U Guys” Foundation](#) is holding its next Briefings Symposium in San Mateo, California.
- When: **September 5th and 6th, 2024.**
- They have teamed up with one of their incredible Mission Partners, Verkada, whose passion for school safety and bringing this program to California led them to offer their training facility in San Mateo, CA for The Briefings!
- As a proud Partner of The “I Love U Guys” Foundation we are looking forward to the upcoming Briefings Symposium on September 5-6, 2024 in San Mateo, CA. This event promises to be a unique and invaluable opportunity for you to engage with individuals from schools, districts, departments, agencies, and organizations worldwide.
- We invite you to attend and are excited to provide you with a discount code to register for the Briefings Symposium.
- Register now with the discount code **CA-SEP24**: <https://iloveguys.org/The-Briefings.html> The normal fee of \$375 will be reduced to \$225.
- Over the course of two dynamic days, you will delve into a diverse range of topics essential for preparedness, including insights into handling both small-scale incidents and large crises, valuable lessons gleaned from past experiences, strategies for effective recovery, and immersive training sessions on the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and Standard Reunification Method (SRM).
- Beyond the informative sessions, the Briefings Symposium offers a conducive environment for networking and fostering meaningful connections. It's not just about what you learn, but who you meet. By participating, you'll not only gain actionable knowledge but also forge enduring relationships that will help you achieve the goals you set.
- Learn more & register now using the code **CA-SEP24**: <https://iloveguys.org/The-Briefings.html>
- [The registration link is here.](#)

### United States Secret Service Virtual Training Classes

- [The United States Secret Service](#) is offering multiple live virtual training events on violence prevention topics.
- The [National Threat Assessment Center](#) presents findings from its research on targeted violence and discusses strategies for prevention in our communities.
- Learn more about [Live Virtual Trainings Events](#) and [Register for a Virtual Training Class](#)

## OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

### Enhancing School Safety Regional Training: Integrating Prevention and School Climate Improvement Efforts

- [The Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is offering this training at three additional

times and locations.

- “The training will explore the fundamentals of preventing school violence by emphasizing the creation of systems and structures essential for positive school environments.”
- When and where, click to register for the specific event:
  - [August 2, 2024: Adams State University in San Luis Valley](#)
  - [August 21, 2024: R-5 High School, Grand Junction](#)
  - [September 20, 2024: Northeastern Junior College in Sterling](#)
- You can view more information on [this flyer](#).

### SOMB Informed Supervision

- [The Colorado Division of Criminal Justice \(DCJ\)](#) is offering this in-person training that “will review what Informed Supervision entails, and the qualifications and tools necessary to be an Informed Supervisor.”
- **When:** August 9, 2024, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- **Where:** Adams County Government Conference Center, 4430 S Adams County Pkwy, Brighton, CO 8061
- [View more information and register online](#).

### SOMB Approved Supervision & Child Contact

- [The Colorado Division of Criminal Justice \(DCJ\)](#) is offering this in person training that “will provide an overview of Section 5.7 of the Adult Standards, which guides professionals on best practices for contact with minor children. It will cover the specific pathways that allow supervised and unsupervised contact with a client's own and other minor children”
- **When:** August 9, 2024, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- **Where:** Adams County Government Conference Center 4430 S Adams County Pkwy, Brighton, CO 8061
- [View more information and register online](#).

### Colorado 2024 Fall CDE Conference

- The [Colorado Department of Education](#) is hosting the [Landscape of Wellbeing and Belonging](#) Conference, supporting various school programs from leadership support of wellbeing and belonging to educator wellness.
- The conference is aiming to promote collaboration as it addresses the growing social, emotional, and comprehensive wellness needs of students, staff and families.
- The event is being hosted in collaboration with specific offices within the department
- **When:** September 18 and 19, 2024
- **Where:** [DoubleTree Hilton, Colorado Springs](#)
- You can view more information, including when registration is available, on the CDE Conference [website](#).

### 2024 Colorado School Social Work Conference: Growing Connected Communities

- [The Colorado School Social Work Association \(CSSWA\)](#) conference is “for an audience of school social workers and other mental health professionals or educators who support the social, emotional and mental health needs of Colorado students and youth.”
- **When:** September 19, 2024, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- **Where:** Adams 12 Conference Center, 1500 E. 128th Ave, Thornton, CO 80241
- View more information and register [online](#)

### 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](mailto:melissa.houghton@state.co.us).

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

### **NEW** Foundations of Targeted Violence Prevention eLearning

- [“The Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\) Office of Intelligence and Analysis, National Threat Evaluation and Reporting \(NTER\) Office has partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Justice \(DOJ\) and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction \(DPI\) to release an eLearning module for the public titled, ‘Foundations of Targeted Violence Prevention.’”](#)
- You can access more information and the [online course through DHS’s website](#)

### **NEW** Office Hour for Special Education Leaders on School-Based Mental Health Licensure

- [The Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is hosting “an office hour session focused on recent legislative changes in school-based mental health licensure. This session is for special education leaders, hiring managers, directors, and coordinators.”
- When: September 6, 2024, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- You can view more information and register through [this link](#)

### **NEW** Fall Back to School Behavior 101 - 2024

- [The Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is hosting this webinar which is “an overview of evidence-based behavioral strategies essential for fostering student success.”
- When: September 9 and 10, 2024
- You can view more information and register through [this link](#).

### **NEW** Special Education Evaluation Webinar Series

- [The Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is hosting a “five-part webinar series on foundational concepts of special education evaluation.”
- Specific topic and when:
  - Comprehensiveness in Special Education Evaluation and Data-Based Decision Making - **September 24th**
  - Best Practices in Non-Discriminatory Assessment for Special Education - **October 29th**
  - Meaningful Family Participation and Collaboration in the Special Education Evaluation Process - **December 17th**
  - Best Practices in Tele Assessment: Leveraging Technology for Effective Evaluations - **January 28th**
  - Effective Psychoeducational Reports and Data Communication - **March 5th**
- You can view more information and register for any and all dates through [this link](#).

## **NEW** Early Childhood Mental Health

- [The Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) has created this online course that will “cover principles of early childhood mental health, common and unusual presentations of early childhood mental health needs, and strategies educators can use to support mental health, including for students with disabilities.”
- When:
  - October 2, 2024
  - November 13, 2024
  - December 12, 2024
- You can view more information and register for the online course through [this link](#)

## **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Opportunity to support funding for Restorative Practices**

- [Justice Engaged Students Colorado](#) has released this funding opportunity:
- “In 2023, Generation Schools Network (GSN) was awarded a 5 year federal SAMHSA SPFPFS grant to serve Justice Engaged Students in Colorado.
- This funding will allow GSN to facilitate universal/prevention, targeted intervention, and intensive intervention programming for schools/school districts.
- The support GSN provides to schools comes at no monetary cost. Schools and school districts will invest time and energy towards the work of stopping the school to prison nexus, breaking down barriers for school reintegration, and allowing students to access therapeutic support for substance use and mental health.”
- You can [view more information and apply online](#)

### **Grant Funding Application Period with Safer Routes to School Coming Up!**

- [Safer Routes to School](#) will have a new grant period that will begin in August.
- They “have approximately \$7M to distribute for infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects supporting communities in providing students and families with safe, accessible means of active transportation to and from school.”
- You can view information as it becomes available on [their website](#)

## **RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 SCHOOLS**

### **NEW** BIPOC Mental Health Toolkit

- [Mental Health America \(MHA\)](#) has released their 2024 BIPOC Mental Health Toolkit which “provides free, practical resources to help navigate mental health stigma, bridge generational differences, dismantle mental health myths, and encourage meaningful conversations.”
- You can access more information and [the toolkit from MHA’s website](#)

### **NEW** Understanding Firearm-Related Injury and School Violence Series

- [The National Center for School Safety](#) has released “this podcast interview series, experts will discuss topics such as youth suicide prevention, anonymous reporting systems, and community engagement. Listeners will gain a broad understanding of the intersection of school safety strategies and firearm-related injury.”
- You can [access all five episodes of the podcast online.](#)

### **NEW** CASEL Program Guide

- The [Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning \(CASEL\)](#) has released the “CASEL Program Guide to filter programs based on your local priorities, compare program features, and determine opportunities for training and implementation support.”



- You can view the [program guide online](#).

### Chalkbeat Colorado Article on Bullying for Parents

- [Chalkbeat Colorado](#) has released this article for parents on things they believe parents should know about their child being bullied including what is and isn't bullying, signs, how to talk to your child about it and more.
- You can view the article on [Chalkbeat's website](#)

### Safe and Sound Student Clubs

- [Safe and Sound Schools](#) is a national nonprofit for the advocacy of school safety and resource center that provides research-based tools and gives support to help schools and students with crisis prevention, response and recovery.
- [Safe and Sound Student Club](#) is a student-led organization made up of high school students seeking to make a difference with school safety in their community.
- Learn more and [Download Your Kit and Start Your Club](#).

### StopBullying

- The federal website, [SchoolSafety.gov](#), has released new anti-bullying information from multiple federal agencies to include strategies and resources to help identify, address, and prevent bullying and create safe school environments.
- [View the resources online](#)
- View additional resources to [Prevent Cyberbullying](#) from [Stopbullying.gov](#)

### 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](#)

### 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

### 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](#)

## RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### NEW Clery Act State of the Field Survey - They need your input!

- [The Clery Center](#) has announced this field survey: "The goals of the survey are to identify what institutional resources and support are being dedicated to Clery Act implementation, trends in how institutions are interpreting and implementing Clery Act requirements, what

external resources and systems are being utilized for Clery Act implementation, and challenges or concerns institutions are navigating with Clery Act implementation.”

- You can access [more information and complete the survey online.](#)

## **NEW** Multi-Hazard Emergency Management for Higher Education

- “This [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) course is designed to be delivered to teams of campus personnel who are responsible for managing and supporting emergency plans.”
- Deadline for applying to host 2025 offerings is August 16, 2024.
- You can view more information on how to host and the details of the training course on [FEMAs training page](#)

## 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 X (formerly Twitter)

- 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](http://oss.colorado.gov)) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. Call us at: 303-239-4435.



***Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!***

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