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## December 2023

***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

Dear Colleagues:

- **New Grant Opportunity:** The Office of School Safety/Grants Unit has launched the RFP for this year's School Security Disbursement Grant (SSD).
  - SB23-241 has made \$16Million available to schools for various safety and security measures. Please [visit the OSS website for information on how to apply](#).
  - Applications are due by 5:00 PM/MT on Monday, January 8, 2024.
  - Please direct any questions to [cdps\\_oss\\_ssd@state.co.us](mailto:cdps_oss_ssd@state.co.us)
- The Office of School Safety (OSS) is pleased to announce hiring of the following staff:
  - **Jenny Mills** has been hired as a Crisis Unit Staff member. Jenny comes to us from Golden View Classical Academy. She is a licensed LPC and has a passion for helping and learning.
  - **Kathleen Keelan**, recently retired from Mapleton School District with over 30 years experience in education, mental health and school leadership. She is passionate about helping students and staff grow and succeed. She too will serve in the Crisis Response Unit.
  - **Chamone Jones** will start with the Office of School Safety on Monday, December 4th as a Grants Specialist in the OSS Grants Unit. Chamone brings a wealth of knowledge in program compliance and pre and post awards. She enjoys giving back to the community and is looking forward to helping local schools and youth organizations through the administration of grants.
  - **Chelsey Lehmkuhl** will represent Northeast Colorado as the Regional Training Consultant for the CSSRC. Based in Sterling, she has worked for RE-1 Valley Schools for the last several years as their Social-Emotional Learning Specialist. Before that, she served as the School-based Mental Health Coordinator for the Northeast Colorado Board of Cooperative Educational Services.
- Positions still open include:
  - One spot for a **Crisis Response Specialist**. This position will work with school personnel to assist in preparing for critical incidents and will respond to these incidents when requested. This staff will be trained in the PREPaRE Model of crisis response as well as other crisis models. This position will also be on-call to respond to crisis situations around the state when additional assistance is requested. Apply for the [Crisis Response Specialist position](#).

- Hiring is underway for Regional Training Consultants in the Northwest and Southwest.
- The **Youth Violence Prevention Grant**, established with [SB23-241](#), allocated one million dollars for school or community violence prevention and intervention projects. The OSS received 42 grant applications with a request for close to \$4.5 million. Thanks to everyone who applied. The twelve recipients are in the chart below:

APPLICANT	AWARDED AMOUNT
Eureka	\$100,000.00
Colorado Youth Detention Continuum Juvenile Services	\$99,487.00
Denver Public Schools	\$18,670.00
Riverside Education Center	\$100,000.00
Boys & Girls Club Metro Denver	\$100,000.00
Mosaic Unlimited	\$100,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of the San Luis Valley	\$100,000.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County	\$99,657.00
YESS Institute	\$69,692.00
Colorado Dream Foundation	\$47,110.77
NXT Chapter	\$82,656.34
South Central BOCES	\$82,726.89

- **Reminder:** When the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) believes that an **emergency in the community needs to be shared with a school district**, they must have current contact information in order to do so. If you haven't registered with the CIAC, [please do so via this link.](#)

*Wishing everyone a wonderful, restful holiday season!*

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## COLORADO SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER NETWORKING & TRAINING

### Registration is Open! January Speakers' Series

- On Tuesdays in January, over the lunch hour, we will be hosting experts on several different topics. These presentations will be of interest to school staff, parents and guardians so feel free to add them to your community announcements using [this flyer](#).
- Scheduled:
  - **Tuesday, January 9th** - Sextortion presented by Sgt. Sean Pierce, San Jose Police Department
  - **Tuesday, January 16th** - Porn Isn't Going Away: So What Do We Do About It? by Margaret Ochoa and Kati Garner, OSS
  - **Tuesday, January 23rd** - Scammers Use of Artificial Intelligence presented by Colton Easton, Safer Schools Together
  - **Tuesday, January 30th** - Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D., cofounder of the Cyberbullying Research Center will present on Cyberbullying.
- Additional information
  - **No charge but you must be registered to get the Zoom link**
  - 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM
  - [Register for the Speakers Series here.](#)

### NEW Safer Schools Together: VIRTUAL DIGITAL THREAT ASSESSMENT TRAINING

- When: **Thursday, February 29, 2024 | 8AM - 3PM**
  - BASIC DTA Training
  - [Register for BASIC DTA Training](#)
- When: **Thursday, March 7, 2024 | 8AM - 3PM**
  - ADVANCED DTA Training (You must have taken BASIC DTA to qualify for this workshop)
  - [Register for ADVANCED DTA Training](#)
- These workshops are being offered with funding provided by the Colorado legislature to the new Office of School Safety. Therefore, these workshops are being offered at no charge.
- Registration is limited so please sign up as soon as possible.
- [Check out the event flyer](#)

### SAVE THE DATE! Child Sexual Abuse Prevention & Intervention Symposium

- **Thursday, April 4, 2024**
- Location: **Virtual**
- Plenary Presentations:
  - **Implicit Bias:** How does it impact our child abuse and neglect reports?
  - Prosecution for **Failure to Report** Child Abuse
  - **Childhood Sexual Development**
  - **Questioning** a child to determine reasonable suspicion vs. **Interviewing** a child to collect evidence for an investigation: What are the best practices?
- Registration coming soon!

### NEW SRO Supervisors' Training

- 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](#).
- If you have any questions, please reach out to [Christine.harms@state.co.us](mailto:Christine.harms@state.co.us).
- We are also working on scheduling two NASRO SRO Advanced Trainings this summer. Watch the January E-Update for more information.

#### ● **New Opportunity - Project Unite**

- The staff of the CSSRC, along with partners from the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence and CDE, have been trained for a new NASRO course called ***Project Unite: The Four Integrated Systems of School Violence Prevention***.
- This training provides instruction on each key violence prevention system, and best practices for implementation.
- Modules include group discussion and team exercises to assist multidisciplinary school safety teams as they assess their current school safety systems and identify gaps and areas for improvement.
- Time is allotted for school safety teams to develop a violence prevention action plan in support of safety for their school.
- Upon completion of this course, multidisciplinary school safety teams will possess knowledge to implement violence prevention initiatives using a systems approach and be equipped with an actionable plan and next steps for strengthening their own school's safety. Participants will also receive a participant manual containing tools and resources to assist in planning and implementation efforts.
- The training is 16-hours or two days which could be split over a period of time.
- It is intended for school safety teams including an administrator, SRO or community law enforcement partner, school mental health professional and anyone else on the school's safety team.
- **We are in the process of recruiting sites to present this program under a BJA STOP Violence grant.**
- **If participants attend outside of their contract time, compensation at their normal rate is available.**
- **If you are interested in attending or hosting, please contact me directly. My information is below. Thank you!**

#### **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 Lea Bernstein Holmes at [Lea.Holmes@state.co.us](mailto:Lea.Holmes@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.

December 12, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30	Suicide Prevention Professionals Discussion/CSSRC SRA Toolkit Users
January 16, 2024 from 2:00 - 3:30	CTAMP Professionals Discussion
February 13, 2024 from 2:00 - 3:30	Suicide Prevention Professionals Discussion/CSSRC SRA Toolkit Users
March 12, 2024 from 2:00 - 3:30	CTAMP Professionals Discussion
April 9, 2024 from 2:00 - 3:30	Suicide Prevention Professionals Discussion/CSSRC SRA Toolkit Users
May 14, 2024 from 2:00 - 3:30	CTAMP Professionals Discussion

- The larger Threat Assessment Advisory Group will begin in January. This group is for *all* professionals working in schools that are involved with Threat Assessments. The first meeting, 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. Invites will be sent out for all three dates to those that may have already attended a TA meeting with us to include the CTAMP/STOP team leads. If you are interested in joining, please email Brad Stiles at [brad.stiles@state.co.us](mailto:brad.stiles@state.co.us).

January 10, 2024 from 2:00- 3:30	Threat Assessment Advisory Group
March 6, 2024 from 2:00- 3:30	Threat Assessment Advisory Group
April 17, 2024 from 2:00- 3:30	Threat Assessment Advisory Group

### 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 starting in November**. The meetings will be virtual. Please contact Margaret Ochoa at [Margaret.Ochoa@state.co.us](mailto:Margaret.Ochoa@state.co.us) if you are interested and have not already been contacted. The calendar is below.

December 5, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:30
March 5, 2024 from 2:00 - 3:30
May 7, 2024 from 2:00 - 3:30

### CSSRC Virtual Trainings Updated Schedule

- Watch for new courses from the OSS staff after the holidays.
- Please check the [Training Calendar](#)

## CSSRC STOP Grants: Ongoing Threat Assessment Training & Implementation

- Grantees who were trained in the first STOP grant, have been notified of a two-hour virtual training on the new online case management system for the Colorado Threat Assessment Management Protocol (CTAMP).
- We are conducting the STOP grant training sessions under the second STOP grant. Therefore, stipends are available for any teams that want training outside of contract time. Please complete the paperwork below and return it to [Brad.stiles@state.co.us](mailto:Brad.stiles@state.co.us) if you would like to be part of STOP #2.
  - [Letter of agreement](#)
  - [MOU with the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence](#)
- If you have any questions about the grant please contact either Brad Stiles or Chris Harms at (303-912-6915) or [christine.harms@state.co.us](mailto:christine.harms@state.co.us).
- We will also train any teams on the CTAMP with or without grant participation. We are now scheduling threat assessment training into the winter. Please contact [Brad.stiles@state.co.us](mailto:Brad.stiles@state.co.us) for scheduling.

## CSSRC ONLINE

### E COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

#### CSSRC online course links:

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

#### **REMINDER** New Course Available: Threat Assessment for Parents & Guardians

- The new course is available to all on [the OSS website](#), no sign-up required.
- Check out the [course flyer](#) and share it with your parents/guardians.

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **NEW** Experimental Program: Invent2Prevent(I2P)

- [Invent2Prevent \(I2P\)](#) is an experiential program that challenges high school and university students to create and implement peer-developed initiatives, products and tools to prevent targeted violence, hate crimes and terrorism. The program allows essential prevention work to happen at the state and local level with the goal using a public health-informed approach to reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors within youth.
- The program is free of charge and sponsored by the [DHS Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships](#). Invent2Prevent is managed by [EdVenture Partners](#) and [McCain Institute](#), who work with students throughout the entire project period in a guiding, mentoring, and coaching capacity.
- Five students, the faculty and a chaperone from each of the top three high school teams are awarded an all-expense trip to Washington, DC to present to DHS leadership and compete for \$9,000 in prize money. Graduating seniors are eligible to apply for scholarship money.
- **Thirty-five spots will be made available to high schools for the spring 2024 academic period on a first-come first-served basis.**
- For more information or if you are interested in participating, please contact Tony Sgro, CEO of EdVenture Partners, at [tony@edventurepartners.com](mailto:tony@edventurepartners.com) and [415-264-7666](tel:415-264-7666).
- [Read the I2P Fact Sheet](#)

## CDPS Launches a 24/7 Extreme Risk Protection Order Hotline



- The Colorado Department of Public Safety recently launched a new 24/7 Extreme Risk Protection Order Hotline to receive and refer calls from the public.
- The hotline provides information on the process to file for an order and relevant resources. Coloradans may call the hotline at [855-999-3776](tel:855-999-3776) (ERPO).
- The hotline does not provide legal advice or serve as an avenue for an individual to file a petition for a temporary order. It also does not advise callers on the consequences related to the filing or false filing of a petition for a temporary Extreme Risk Protection Order.
- The hotline may refer callers to the appropriate venue to file the order for further information concerning the results of filing the order.

#### Safe2Tell Student Ambassador Program

- [Safe2Tell](#) is now accepting applications for their Student Ambassador Program.
- “The ambassador program is an excellent opportunity to engage in challenging conversations and be part of the solution to issues teens face.”
- View more information on this [Ambassador Program flyer](#).

## NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

### **NEW** Webinar: Empowering People Working with Youth to Understand and Prevent Racism

- Held by the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(OJJDP\)](#), this webinar will help participants understand the intersection of hate, identity-based bullying, and racial bias, and how these negative behaviors affect African American youth.
- Presenters will discuss the history of racism in the United States and the drivers of racial bias, identity-based bullying, and hate crimes against African Americans. Participants will learn tools and strategies for lasting positive change to combat racist and hateful thoughts and behaviors leading to incidents of hate and bullying.
- **When: Thursday, December 7, 2023 - 2PM to 3PM ET**
- [Register for the webinar](#)

#### Campus Safety Online Conference

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

#### Series: Live Virtual Presentations on Targeted Violence Prevention

- The [U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center \(NTAC\)](#) is pleased to announce a new monthly series of live virtual events. In these presentations, expert researchers will share findings and implications from decades of research on targeted violence and offer strategies for preventing acts of violence impacting the places where we work, learn, worship, and otherwise live our daily lives.
- The list of available virtual training events will be regularly updated, and presentation topics may change from month to month.
- [Learn more about this series of live virtual presentations, or to register for one or more of these events](#)
- **Preventing Mass Attacks in Our Communities Webinar**
  - Join the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center for a virtual training event and hear from researchers as they discuss important findings from their research on mass attacks perpetrated in public spaces.
  - This training will provide guidance on how communities may develop or improve existing violence prevention programs utilizing a behavioral threat assessment

model.

- [Learn more and register](#) for your choice of webinar dates:
  - Wednesday December 6, 2023 | 10:00 - Noon MT
  - Monday February 5, 2024 | 10:00 - Noon MT
  - Thursday April 4, 2024 | 10:00 - Noon MT
- **Enhancing School Safety Using Behavioral Threat Assessment Webinar**
  - Join the [U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center](#) for a virtual training event where you will hear from researchers on key findings and implications from their research on school violence prevention.
  - This training will provide guidance on how schools may develop or improve existing violence prevention programs utilizing a behavioral threat assessment model.
  - [Learn more and register](#) for one of the following dates:
    - Tuesday January 9, 2024 | 10:00 AM - Noon MT
    - Friday March 8, 2024 | 10:00 AM - Noon MT
    - Wednesday May 8, 2024 | 10:00 AM - Noon MT

## OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

### **NEW** Recruiting Participants for Violence Prevention Project

- **Have you been impacted by a mass shooting? Would you be willing to share your story?** CU Boulder's [Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence \(CSPV\)](#) is seeking 10-15 community members who have been impacted by a mass shooting to participate in a community film project.
- The project is part of a [public awareness campaign to prevent violence in Colorado](#). Participants will be interviewed with the option to share their story through a videotaped interview or a still portrait.
- Each participant's videotaped interview and/or photo session will take approximately 30-60 minutes, and these sessions will take place on **Monday, Dec 4 or Tuesday, Dec 5, 2023 at CU Boulder**.
- Please email [avery.moje@colorado.edu](mailto:avery.moje@colorado.edu) for more information or complete this [brief questionnaire](#). Participants can select the time slot that is convenient to them; each participant will receive a gift card as a thank you for their time.
- Applications will be reviewed beginning **Monday, November 20, 2023**, and accepted until **Friday, December 1, 2023**.

### **NEW** Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA): 2024 Basic Victim Assistance Academy

- The purpose of this academy is to provide basic victim advocacy training to people working with victims of crime and to emphasize the importance of social networking and collaboration to enhance services provision in the victim services field. The curriculum embraces the entire scope of victim services, and has been enhanced to address unique and specific issues in Colorado.
- The Basic Academy is an intense experience, but one that will most definitely enhance your ability to work with victims of crime. The knowledge and skills you gain will increase your level of confidence. You will be with peers who share your challenges.
- **COST: this training is \$550**, which includes all written materials for classroom modules, coffee service, group prizes, and a graduation certificate. You are responsible for your own travel, lodging, and meals.
- **DEADLINES: Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on December 22nd, 2023**. Applicants will be notified of acceptance within 3-5 business days after [COVA](#) receives the application. Supervisors, if you are registering someone else, please make sure to include



the attendee's contact information, including their email address.

- For further information about the Academy please contact: Ami McCarthy at [ami@coloradocrimevictims.org](mailto:ami@coloradocrimevictims.org).
- [Apply now](#)

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

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

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

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

### Safe2Tell Presentations - Request Now

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

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

### **NEW** Digital4Good Webinar About Sextortion on Tuesday, December 5, 2023

- [#I Can Help \(Digital for Good\)](#) is offering a no cost webinar about Sextortion for parents, educators, and anyone interested in keeping teens safe online. Please share it widely.
- When: **Tuesday, December 5, 2023**
- [Sign up for the webinar](#)
- For additional resources from #I Can Help, [visit the I Can Help website](#).

### **NEW** Alternatives to Arrest: Improving School Safety Through Diversion Programming Knowledge College Webinar

- This upcoming webinar on **December 7, 2023**, hosted by the [Bureau of Justice Assistance's Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing \(STOP\) School Violence Specialized Training and Technical Assistance \(TTA\) for Law Enforcement Program](#), will focus on improving awareness around diversion strategies and their implementation in school settings.
- Participants will also learn about the impact of school discipline policies and practices and how they may impede youth success.
- [Register today](#).

### Free Digital Course: Prescription Drug Safety - Know the truth

- [This free course](#) sponsored by [Truth Initiative](#) guides teachers and educates youth and parents about the dangers associated with misusing prescription medications, including counterfeit drugs containing fentanyl. Through real-world scenarios, students can better understand the growing youth fentanyl crisis and how to support others in situations involving prescription drug misuse and overuse.

### American Heart Association Curriculum: Vaping - Know the truth

- To help schools address the vaping problem, [Truth Initiative](#) and [Kaiser Permanente](#) collaborated with the [American Heart Association](#) to produce a national youth vaping prevention curriculum [Vaping: Know the truth](#), a self-administered interactive course that takes students through four self-paced lessons to inform students about the harmful ingredients inside e-cigarettes, highlight how the tobacco industry has intentionally targeted young people, discuss the addictiveness of nicotine, the health risks associated with vaping, and provide resources to quit through [This is Quitting](#), a text message program.

### Watch: Video Highlights SchoolSafety.gov Resources and Tools

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

## CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**NEW:** Be sure to see the SSD grant from the Office of School Safety listed under the Director’s Corner on the first page of this newsletter.

### Fall 2023 CDE grant writing trainings

- The Student Pathways Unit of the [CO Department of Education](#) is offering a series of four regional grant development training sessions this fall. Led by grant-writing specialist Annette Sloan, participants will learn to organize grant applications, craft high-quality responses, use data, set SMART goals, communicate, and create well-thought-out budgets.
- The training sessions will be from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The dates and locations are as follows:
  - Thursday, December 14th, at
  - Lewis Palmer School District
- Space is limited, so [early registration](#) is recommended.
- Please contact Phyllis Reed if you have any questions or need further information: [Reed\\_P@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Reed_P@cde.state.co.us) or [720-498-2059](tel:720-498-2059)

### Apply for Safer Internet Day 2024 Grants for Teachers and Community Groups

- If you are or know an educator or are part of a community nonprofit, [ConnectSafely](#) is offering grants of up to \$1,000 to help educators and youth-serving community organizations implement a student program or classroom activity for [Safer Internet Day](#), an annual global celebration where everyone is empowered to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.
- ConnectSafely, the official host of U.S. Safer Internet Day, is offering grants to help teachers and organizations purchase supplies and other resources. Safer Internet Day is **February 6, 2024**, but applications are accepted now.
- While programs must serve young people, we are open to “family night” events where

parents and young people can meet together.

- **Eligibility:** K-12 educators and nonprofit youth-serving community organizations
- **Deadline to apply: December 15, 2023** (Grant awards are being made available on a rolling basis, so you are encouraged to apply early.)
- **How to apply:** [Submit an online application](#)
- Grantees will be expected to submit a short report no later than **March 1, 2024**, letting us know how their students or community participated in Safer Internet Day.

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

- [University of Colorado Denver](#), [University of Northern Colorado](#), [University of Denver](#) school psychology programs, and [Poudre School District](#), in cooperation with Colorado State University's school social work program, were awarded [federal grants](#) to help address the nation's mental health crisis.
- [University of Colorado Denver's Project ASPIRE](#) will support diverse school psychology students to serve high-need schools using equity-focused mental health practices, emphasizing serving bilingual, early childhood, and low-income children populations in partnership with Denver Public Schools.
- [University of Denver's SPIRIT program](#) will recruit and train school psychologists in Colorado's rural communities.
- [University of Northern Colorado's program](#) will focus on training school psychology graduates working within rural districts or Spanish-speaking populations.
- [Poudre School District](#), in cooperation with Colorado State University, will focus on supporting students with tuition support, paid internships, post-degree fellowship appointments, and clinical hours in PSD schools.
- If you would like more information or if you have a professional interested in applying to one of these programs, please contact Krista Klabo at [klabo\\_k@cde.state.co.us](mailto:klabo_k@cde.state.co.us).

### Nourish Colorado Grants Available

- [Nourish Colorado](#) formerly LiveWell Colorado has changed quite a bit.
- We encourage you to view the new program and information [on their website](#).

## RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 SCHOOLS

### Stop the Bleed Program: Online Kits Available

- [HB23-1213](#) recently passed to provide STOP the BLEED kits to Colorado schools.
- The Stop the Bleed training and outreach efforts are being coordinated by the Colorado Trauma Network.
- Interested schools can learn more and start the process through the [Stop the Bleed webpage](#).

### Resources for Children with Developmental Disabilities with The Arc of Aurora

- [The Arc of Aurora](#) is a nonprofit organization in Aurora, Colorado, dedicated to advocating for children and adults with developmental disabilities. They have published a number of resources that are designed to help professionals gain a deeper understanding of the unique challenges and nuances faced by the youth we serve in educational settings, as well as providing insights on how to address these challenges.
  - [Opinion Article: Behavioral Challenges Can Push Youth With Disabilities Into School-to-Prison Pipeline](#)
  - [Storytelling series: Disability and School-to-Prison Pipeline](#)
  - Online Courses:
    - [Developmental Disability and the School-to-Prison Pipeline](#)

- [Transforming the Special Education School-to-Prison Pipeline](#)
- [Podcast/Vodcast: Trauma and Developmental Disability](#)

### American Federation for Suicide Prevention Website & Resources

- [The American Federation for Suicide Prevention website](#) has evidence-based resources and information about innovative prevention programs.
- Additionally, presentations to organizations and schools can be requested.

### Article: Is AI the next frontier in preventing gun violence?

- A Maryland company has developed a platform that leverages AI to analyze security camera's video streams in order to detect firearms.
- The cameras can be set up inside and outside. Drones can also be used to further track a suspect carrying a weapon. Alerts and videos are then sent immediately to police, and they can also be sent to other people who might need to know, like security guards or teachers and principals if the technology is deployed in a school.
- [Read the full article](#)

### Emergency Planning Strategies and Resources for the K-12 Community

- [SchoolSafety.gov](#) released an [Emergency Planning Document](#) aimed at Pre K-12 communities.
- By having emergency plans and procedures in place, practicing these plans through exercises and drills, and collaborating with local partners, schools can take various preventative and protective measures to help keep students and educators safe.

### Protect Your Children Online with 'Into the Cloud' in Spanish!

- This National Hispanic Heritage Month, [The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#) released their animated series on cyber safety, "[Into the Cloud](#)", in Spanish.
- Families and educators can look forward to:
  - **Comprehensive Content:** Just like the original version, the Spanish version covers essential topics such as cyberbullying, online privacy, social media, and more.
  - **Interactive Learning:** Engaging activities and videos make learning about online safety both informative and fun for children and adolescents.
  - **Educator Resources:** Teachers and parents can access supplemental materials, lesson plans, and discussion guides to facilitate meaningful conversations about online safety.
  - **Parental Guidance:** A dedicated section for parents provides tips, advice, and resources to help them navigate the digital world alongside their children.
  - **Customizable Workshops:** The Spanish version offers the flexibility to organize workshops and presentations for schools, community centers, and other organizations focused on Spanish-speaking audiences.

### CO4Kids.org Launches a New Website

- [The new site](#) was launched by the [Colorado Department of Human Services](#) on September 5. The content is the same but the look, feel and organization has been updated to improve the user experience. CDHS chose to move the site to a new platform as the old platform would not be supported after November of this year. Below is some of the thinking behind the changes.
- **Intuitive Navigation:** Special attention was required in this aspect, as the needs and preferences of foster care users significantly differ from those seeking information about the signs of child abuse or the number for the CO4Kids Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline.
- **Responsive Layout:** As the majority of people who visit the Co4Kids site do so via their mobile device, [the new site](#) was designed to be completely mobile responsive from large

monitors to the smallest of mobile devices.

- Spanish Feature (Coming Soon): The website ensures a seamless experience for Spanish-speaking users in locating the information they require. A straightforward toggle option is readily available in the top right-hand corner, and the CDHS team can effortlessly input and manage the Spanish content.
- Please Note: Some of the URLs may be different on [the new site](#). If users are receiving a 404 error when they use a link from the old website, that may be because the URL has changed. Please navigate the site to try to locate the material. The CDHS team is still in the process of updating the new site and resolving issues. If you locate an issue that needs resolved, please contact [Adrienne.Baxter@state.co.us](mailto:Adrienne.Baxter@state.co.us).

### The Role of Athletic Directors in School Safety Efforts Webinar

- The [REMS TA Center](#) hosted a Webinar to highlight the role of athletic directors in school safety, security, emergency management, and preparedness. During this [Webinar](#), presenters demonstrated the importance of developing a collaborative planning team to support emergency operations plan (EOP) development.
- Additionally, presenters reinforced how athletic directors contribute to EOP development and ensure student, coach, and visitor safety at both on-campus and off-campus athletic events. Presenters shared resources to be used by athletic directors and core planning teams.
- The U.S. Department of Education and its REMS TA Center hosted this Webinar to provide K-12 schools, school districts, regional education agencies, and state education agencies, along with their community partners, with information on how to collaborate with athletic directors on emergency management planning. While the live Webinar offered opportunities to respond to individual and unique questions from stakeholders and practitioners, the [archived Webinar](#) serves as a resource to help education agencies collaborate with athletic directors on school safety, security, emergency management, and preparedness.
- [Access the recorded Webinar on the REMS website](#)

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

- [The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning \(CASEL\)](#) has shared these tips to “start the school year strong”
- “Whether you’re a teacher, school counselor, [social worker](#), or principal, here are [five SEL strategies](#) to build connections from day one:
  - Get to know students (and check out this [empathy map](#) strategy).
  - Create shared agreements.
  - Set goals.
  - Welcome families warmly at back-to-school night.
  - Check-in with yourself and your colleagues.”
- “Strategies for Families:



- To get started, you can use or share these three SEL strategies for families ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)):
  - Stay connected to your child.
  - Help them make a plan and problem-solve.
  - Keep communication lines open with their school.”
- “Strategies for SEL Champions:
  - As the new school year begins, you can share these [three key messages](#) with your communities:
    - SEL improves academic achievement.
    - SEL builds lifelong, future-ready skills that allow children to pursue their hopes and dreams.
    - SEL is a critical layer of prevention for children’s mental wellness.”

### The Incredible Years® Early Intervention Programs: Exciting Updates!

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

### REMINDER Colorado Health and Safety Regulations for Schools

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

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

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

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

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

### Substance Misuse Prevention Program for Middle & High School Students

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

### Living With Suicide Loss

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

### Free Substance Use Resources From The DEA

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

## 2023 BIPOC Mental Health Toolkit

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

## Practical Guide for Implementing a Trauma-Informed Approach

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

## Resources for the acquisition of EpiPens

- [SB23-299](#) lays out the requirements to acquire EpiPens. Additional resources for schools can be found at [EpiPen4schools.com](#) and [EpiPen.com](#).

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## SPOTLIGHT: Preventing and Recovering from Gun-Related Violence on Campus

- [The National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments](#) released the following: Gun-related violence on campus threatens the safe, supportive learning environments that students need to live and learn. Despite reports of gun-related violence at institutions of higher education (IHEs), there are no accurate estimates on the prevalence of overall gun-related violence at institutions of higher education (IHEs), according to PBS NewsHour. No federal agency tracks gun violence specific to IHE campuses, and it is difficult to define where a campus ends and the surrounding community begins. However, data do exist on mass shootings (defined as an event where four or more people are killed in public during a single incident) at IHEs. [The Violence Project database](#) shows that there have been nine mass shootings on campuses since 1966.
- The fear of mass shootings, regardless of their prevalence, negatively impacts campus communities. [Sixty-five percent of college students](#) say that gun violence affects their feelings of safety. IHEs have a duty to protect students from harming themselves and others and can take action to help keep campuses safe. The resources below can help IHE administrators understand how to prevent gun violence in higher education settings and help students, faculty, and staff recover from incidents of gun-related violence.

## JED’s New Postvention Consulting Services

- [JED](#) is offering a new set of services to campus communities that experience a loss of life to suicide or another tragic event. JED’s postvention consulting services will help your

school respond rapidly, responsibly, and compassionately to the needs of your students and staff. JED experts are able to provide support proactively to ensure maximum preparedness or in real-time in immediate response to a crisis. Learn more about JED's [postvention consulting services](#).

- JED's [It's OK to Say Suicide](#) campaign was featured in an [article](#) by Sinclair Broadcast Group, which has affiliate TV stations across more than 30 states and reaches a potential 23 million people. The article features an interview with Ellen Utley, a psychiatrist and JED advisor to independent and boarding schools and several resources for suicide awareness and prevention.

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- 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](mailto:Brad.stiles@state.co.us) for more information or use [this form](#).

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



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