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## June 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

Dear Colleagues:

### Happy Summer!

We often get asked, what does the staff of the Office of School Safety do over the summer when schools aren't in session? The answer is, LOTS! We have a number of workshops happening this summer. Please see the list below. It's also our opportunity to update workshops, create new ones along with new resources, plan the next school year's symposia, and attend conferences so that we bring the latest in school safety information to Colorado school professionals.



Staff training schedules are already getting booked for the coming school year. Please reach out for any [workshops you are hoping we can provide](#). Shortly, we will be a team of 21 with our three units: School Safety Resource Center, Grants Unit, and Crisis Response Unit. If you are in any of the rural parts of the state, here is the contact information for your Regional Training Consultant:

NE RTC - [Chelsey.lehmkuhl@state.co.us](mailto:Chelsey.lehmkuhl@state.co.us) or 720-822-2858

East RTC - [Mike.vagher@state.co.us](mailto:Mike.vagher@state.co.us) or 719-349-1544

SE RTC - [Kelly.addington@state.co.us](mailto:Kelly.addington@state.co.us) or 720-908-5069

SW RTC - Amy Miglinis (starts 6/10/24) email will be [amy.miglinas@state.co.us](mailto:amy.miglinas@state.co.us)

NW RTC - [Kelly.donnelly@state.co.us](mailto:Kelly.donnelly@state.co.us) or 970-505-7456

For all other regions, please call the main office: 303-239-4435

See the [map here](#).

Kindest regards,

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## UPDATES FROM THE GRANTS UNIT

### SSD Grant

- Check out our website for the [SSD Grant Management Guide](#)
- Fully Executed agreements and disbursement have begun to go out, please make sure that your entity has submitted all required documents.

### SAFER Grant- I have applied. What's Next?

- Thanks to all the applicants who applied. We received 20 eligible applications totaling over \$10,000,000.00 of requests.

## SAFER GRANT LIFE CYCLE

Period of Performance: July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025



### YVP Grant

- As we come to the end of the grant closeout meetings will begin late June through early July. Please ensure that all expenditures are completed by **June 30, 2024**.

## The Grants Corner

### Feedback Colorado Dream Foundation from the Staff:

The Colorado Dream Foundation (CDF) serves over 420 youth and their families from 32 Title I schools in the Green Valley Ranch, Montbello, and Westwood neighborhoods of Denver. CDF used grant funding to deliver free mental health services to 105 youth as well as out-of-school time programming for 177 youth consisting of STEAM learning academic enrichment, mental health services, and social-emotional learning support. By implementing a social-emotional learning curriculum designed to reduce the likelihood of youth becoming involved in gun violence, the foundation teaches young people self-awareness and self-advocacy skills to manage anxiety, depression, and grief, thus increasing prosocial behavior across various environments.



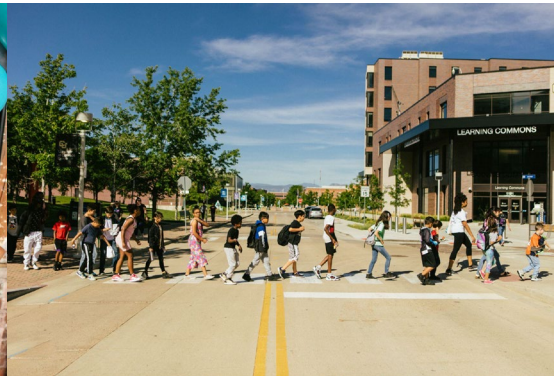
“ Afternoon games bring teamwork and laughter for youth



"Future scientists at work: Experimenting



"Dreams realized: Celebrating the journey and achievements of our incredible graduates."



"Onward to new adventures: Together we learn, explore, and grow beyond the classroom at Colorado Dream Foundation "

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

We want to celebrate your achievements! If you've had success with any of our grants, share your story with us. Submit a short narrative detailing your project's impact, and you could be featured in our upcoming E-update. Photos welcome. Your success inspires others—let's showcase the incredible work happening in our schools!

### 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](http://oss.colorado.gov/grants-overview)

Don't miss the other federal and state grant opportunities beginning on Page 7.

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

## 2024 NASRO Advanced SRO Training

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

## 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.**
- Workshop presenters will be notified shortly.
- [You can register online](#)

## November Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium - **SAVE THE DATE**

- 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 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.

## CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

### CSSRC online course links:

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

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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

### **NEW** 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 2 Training of Trainers: Mental Health Crisis Interventions: Responding to an Acute Traumatic Stressor in Schools - July 30-31, 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM](#)
  - [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](#)

### 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

### **NEW** Keeping Students Safe: Legislation, Compliance, and Best Practices in the Event of an Emergency on Your Campus

- [Avaya](#) and [CDW](#) are hosting this in-person event “that will guide leaders in creating the ultimate school safety plan.”
- **When:** June 12, 2024, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Where:** Denver Police Protective Association - PPA Event Center - 2105 Decatur Street, Denver, CO 80211
- View more information and register [online](#)

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

- [The Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is offering this training at four different 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:
  - [June 20, 2024: Front Range Community College, Westminster](#)
  - [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](#).

### **NEW** Summer 2024 School Safety Conference - Save the Date

- This conference will be held by [Colorado Mesa University](#) on August 1, 2024.
- Registration is not available yet, but you can view the [save the date flyer now](#).

### Colorado 2024 Fall CDE Conference

- The [Colorado Department of Education](#) seeks conference proposals for the [Landscape of Wellbeing and Belonging](#) 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](#)
- Proposals due: May 31, 2024
- [Request for Proposals](#)
- You can view more information, including when registration is available, on the CDE Conference [website](#)

### **NEW** 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** School Mental Health Community of Practice Summer Series

- This Summer Series is presented by [Synergetic Education Institute](#) and facilitated by Sarah Younggren.
- “The Community of Practice Summer Series is a learning opportunity to support mental health professionals who collaborate with educators, administrators, and school staff.”
- Live webinar dates:
  - July 10th, 2024, 10 AM - 12 PM
  - July 17th, 2024, 10 AM - 12 PM
  - July 24th, 2024, 10 AM - 12 PM
- View more information and register [online](#)

## CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### COPS Hiring Program Grant

- 2024 [Community Office Policing Services \(COPS\)](#) Prevention Program provides grant funding to improve security at schools through evidence-based school safety programs.
- The [COPS Hiring Program grant](#) available for SROs. Schools must work with their community law enforcement agencies to apply.
- Up to \$156.6 million is available through this program
- Step 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in [Grants.gov](#)
- Grants.Gov Application Deadline: Thursday, **June 6, 2024** (4:59 PM ET)
- Step 2: Submit the full application including attachments in JustGrants
- JustGrants Application Deadline: Wednesday, **June 12, 2024** (4:59 PM ET)
- View more and apply for the [COPS Hiring Program Grant](#)

### Students, Teachers and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Program

- [The Office of Justice Programs](#) provides funding to improve school safety by providing the tools needed to recognize, respond quickly to, and prevent acts of violence.
- The program seeks to implement solutions in addressing school climate by increasing school safety.
- [Grants.gov](#) Deadline: **June 12, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern**
- Application JustGrants Deadline: **June 20, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern**
- View more and apply for the [STOP School Violence Program Grant](#)

### Homeland Security Grant Program

- This grant from [FEMA](#) provides funding to assist multiple efforts in preventing, protecting against, mitigating, responding to, and recovering from terrorist acts and additional threats.

- This grant provides recipients with the resources required to implement the National Preparedness System and the goal of the system of a more secure and resilient nation.
- **Deadline for Application: June 24, 2024**
- View more and apply for the [Homeland Security Grant](#)

### Nonprofit Security Grant Program

- This grant from [FEMA](#) provides funding support for nonprofit organizations that are at a higher risk of a terrorist attack.
- The intent of the grant is to bring together preparedness state and local efforts and activities from nonprofits, as well as collaborate emergency preparedness efforts.
- **Deadline for Application: June 24, 2024**
- View more and apply for the [Nonprofit Security Grant](#)

### **NEW** 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

### 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

### ATIXA 2024 Summer Symposium

- This unique training event from [ATIXA](#) is designed to equip participants with the skills and knowledge needed for implementing effective case management services and the new Title IX regulations.
- **When: June 2-7, 2024**
- Venue: [Embassy Suites Hilton Denver Downtown Convention Center](#)
- [Registration and Details](#)

### NABITA 4th Annual Case Management Summit for Higher Education Campuses

- This valuable event from [NABITA](#) gives attendees the opportunity to enhance their case management skills and improve their practice.
- Pre and post conference training and certification courses available in conjunction with keynote speakers and features discussions
- **When: June 3-7, 2024**
- Venue: [Embassy Suites Hilton Denver Downtown Convention Center](#)
- [Registration and Details](#)

### 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.

[Follow us on X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)  

**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.



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