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E-UPDATE FROM THE COLORADO OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY ~ You are receiving this email as a subscriber of the Office of School(OSS) Safety listserv. E-Updates from the OSS contain the most current information about the Office's activities and resources, as well as other school safety efforts throughout the state of Colorado and relevant national resources. **Please forward this to others on your email list who have an interest in supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado. They may register for this listserv on our website oss.colorado.gov/communications.**

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy Summer Break! We hope you are all reading this while enjoying some much-deserved time off. We are here at the Office of School Safety conducting workshops and planning for the 2025-26 school year.

If you have SROs that need the **NASRO 40-hour Basic SRO Training**, please be sure to see the information below. This will be the last summer that we have grant funding to pay all expenses for your officers and we need to have everyone registered by July 3rd.



Chromebook TikTok Challenge - Once again, a ridiculous and potentially very dangerous challenge was spread throughout the country. [Please see the attached information from the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control](#). We hope that this challenge will be forgotten by the time classes resume in August.

Here are the highlights of what we have gleaned from the [Needs Assessment](#) conducted earlier this school year. Thank you to all who participated! We are making sure that what were identified as needs will be covered in future workshops from the Office of School Safety.

New position of **Crisis Response Specialist** at the Office of School Safety! Please see the link below for the posting. You would be joining a wonderful, passionate team of professionals dedicated to the safety of all Colorado students.

[Please reach out and schedule training with our professionals for the fall.](#)

Happy Summer,

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COLORADO OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY NEWS, TRAINING & NETWORKING

SRO BASIC Training by NASRO - Final Workshops Hosted This Summer

We need to close registration by July 3rd so please register ASAP. If we don't get the NASRO minimum number of participants, we will need to cancel the workshops.

- The OSS has enough grant funding remaining to hold two final SRO BASIC Trainings this summer. After this, our grant funding will be gone.
- Both will be held the week of **August 4th through the 8th.**
 - Summit High School, Breckenridge
 - Otero College, La Junta
- All expenses will be covered for a total of 40 Colorado participants. This includes the NASRO fees, hotel room (if necessary), mileage to/from the training and per diem for meals not provided at the workshops.
- We can accept participants from out of state but cannot pay their expenses.
- For any questions, please contact Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us.
- **Please note:** If you need to cancel, you must do so at least one week prior to the start of the workshops. **Otherwise, we will need to charge your agency for your spot. Thank you!**

NEW Crisis Unit Staff Position is Accepting Applications

- The Office of School Safety's Crisis Response Unit is currently accepting applications for a Crisis Response Specialist.
- This person will join the four-member team and train school personnel in crisis response as well as be available to respond to a school experiencing a critical incident.
- We are looking for an experienced school mental health professional. We will provide any necessary additional training.
- **The closing date for this position is June 16, 2025.**
- To learn more about the position, feel free to reach out to Kati Garner, Manager of the Crisis Unit: kati.garner@state.co.us
- [You can view all details related to the position and how to apply on this job posting](#)

October Safe Schools Summit: **SAVE the DATE**

- The Office of School Safety is hosting its annual Safe Schools Summit on **Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Conference Center.**
- Two of our three confirmed keynotes speakers will be:
 - Dorothy Espelage, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapelhill - Dr. Espelage will share her recent research on educator safety and what can work to help prevent educator injury.
 - Will Bowen - An internationally bestselling author and founder of a Complaint Free World will help us turn complainers into collaborators.
- Registration will open later this summer.

Trauma-Informed School Discipline

- This 1.5 hour training will equip administrators and other disciplinary staff with the knowledge, skills, and strategies to approach discipline with a trauma-informed lens. Through a blend of foundational pre-teaching and an interactive case study, participants will explore the impact of trauma, proactive approaches that create positive school environments, practical techniques for de-escalation, discipline, and relationship-building.

- Complete the [request for training](#) form to schedule your training.

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

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

Educator Safety Task Force Work is Winding Down

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

Student-Staff Summits

Student Staff Safety Summit Page and Data Available :

- In January and February of this year, the CSSRC visited La Junta and Durango and hosted a virtual Summit to capture student concerns regarding school safety.
- After a keynote by [Rise Above Colorado](#) on substance use, three workshops were facilitated by Center staff to examine student experiences related to belongingness, social and popular media, and observations of student substance use and methods of delivery in their communities.
- Please view summaries of the student reports [on our new webpage](#). Additional data will be added as it becomes available.

CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

CSSRC online course links:

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

GRANTS CORNER - UPDATES FROM THE GRANTS UNIT

SAFER Grant

I have applied. What's Next?

Thanks to all the applicants who applied. We received 39 applications totaling over \$14,676,039.71 of requests.



Current SAFER Awardees

Have you completed your project? [Schedule your closeout meeting with us here!](#)

It's Check-in Meeting time, please utilize the link in the email previously sent to schedule your Quarter 2 check-In meeting!

Reminder: The end of the period of performance is quickly approaching for SAFER FY2025 awards, be sure that your entity is on track to complete your project by June 30, 2025, and that all reporting requirements have been met!

Were you a 2023 SAFER recipient? We are conducting an internal review of the SAFER FY 2023 Grant Program. Please respond to email titled "2023 SAFER Grant Program Audit - Office of School Safety"

School Security Disbursement Grant Program

Exciting News

The Office of School Safety has launched the RFA for this year's School Security Disbursement (SSD) Grant Program.

SSD Grant applications are due by 5:00 PM/MST on Monday, June 2, 2025

- Please ensure that you thoroughly review the [application guidebook](#) prior to completing the application!
- [SB23-241](#) has made funding available to schools for the purpose of improving security within public schools. Please visit the [website](#) for the application and application guidance.

Current SSD Awardees

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Reminder: The end of the period of performance is quickly approaching for SSD FY2023 and FY2025 awards, be sure that your entity is on track to complete your project by June 30, 2025, and that all reporting requirements have been met!

Current STOP Violence CTAMP Grantees

- Please be sure to get your final data into Sabrina Arredondo Mattson, PhD. (sabrina.mattson@colorado.edu) as quickly as possible so that she can submit the report due at the end of June.
- If you are submitting an invoice for staff payments to cover training held outside of contract time, please submit that as soon as possible to Brad.stiles@state.co.us or Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us
- Thank you for all your hard work on this grant with the OSS team!

Current External Grant Opportunities

U.S Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) Grant Opportunity

- The purpose of SVPP funds is to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the jurisdiction of the grantee through evidence-based school safety programs and technology.
- Timeline
 - [Grants.gov](#) SF-424 Deadline **June 18, 2025, 4:59 PM ET.**
 - Application JustGrants Application Deadline **June 26, 2025, 4:59 PM, ET.**
- Please see the SVPP [webpage](#) for more information and guidelines.

Colorado Department of Education School-Based Mental Health Services (SBMH) Grant Opportunity

- The purpose of SBMH funds focuses on the recruitment, re-specialization, and retention of school psychologists, school counselors, and school social workers.
- Timeline
 - The grant application window is **May 28, 2025 - June 25, 2025**
- Please see the SBMH [webpage](#) for more information and guidelines.

Feedback from Ricardo Flores Magón Academy:

“ With the support of the School Security Disbursement Grant, Ricardo Flores Magón Academy has strengthened its commitment to student and staff safety by upgrading our school-wide communication and emergency response systems. While we have not had to use the system for a live emergency, it has already proven effective in improving the speed and coordination of routine drills and daily communication. Combined with a modernized campus-wide camera system, these enhancements have helped create a safer environment and reduced anxiety among families and staff. We are grateful for the state's investment in school safety and are proud to report measurable improvements in preparedness and community confidence.”

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

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

We're Here for You!

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

Thank you,
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UPDATES FROM THE CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT

Be sure to see the posting for the position with this Unit above.

As you all wrap up the school year please remember that the Crisis Response Unit is here to provide professional development for your staff over the summer or in the coming school year. Although it is summer we will continue to be available to assist, for a limited time per incident, in the initial recovery period following a critical incident when additional mental health resources are needed. If your school is experiencing a loss or incident do not hesitate to reach out directly to Kati Garner via email kati.garner@state.co.us or phone 303-909-3672. We are here to assist you and want to make sure you get connected with the services you need.

We are excited to be offering a new long term recovery training for schools! This training will help schools plan for the months and years following a school crisis. Please refer to the description below and email leah.lefever@state.co.us with any questions or to schedule your training.

Available **New** Trainings From the Crisis Response Unit:

NEW *A Brain-Based Foundation for Supporting Students After Trauma*

- General Training: This hour-long workshop covers a basic introduction to the neuroscience of trauma along with strategies for supporting youth who have experienced trauma in their lives. This overview is designed for school staff in any role wishing to gain an understanding of trauma's impact to be better equipped to support students.
- Educator Training: This 1.5 hour presentation covers a basic introduction to the neuroscience of trauma along with strategies for supporting youth who have experienced trauma in their lives. It aims to equip educators with the knowledge and tools to create a more supportive and effective learning environment for students who have experienced trauma.
- Mental Health Provider Training: This 1.5 hour-long training builds upon the above workshop for a more in-depth look at the impact of trauma. It is intended specifically for mental health providers in schools to be better informed for the direct work they do with students and to equip them with a language and framework for educating teachers, admin, and even students themselves about trauma.

NEW *Long-Term Recovery & Support After a Crisis: A Comprehensive Approach for Schools*

- This 60 minute presentation offers educational leaders and mental health professionals a roadmap for understanding and implementing effective crisis recovery strategies in schools. The session will explore the multifaceted approach required to support students, staff, and communities through complex healing processes following traumatic events. We go beyond traditional crisis management by offering a holistic, compassionate approach to healing that prioritizes human experience and collective resilience. Email leah.lefever@state.co.us with any questions or to schedule your training

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

Sources of Strength T4T & Booster T4T Registration

- [The Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention](#) is holding multiple trainings for [Sources of Strength](#)
- **In-person Booster T4T (20105 Mainstreet, Parker, CO 80138): June 2-3, 2025.** To attend a Booster T4T, you must have already completed a 4-day T4T
- [You can view more information and register for either training on the T4T information page](#)

NEW **CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) Course**

- JeffCo Schools is hosting this training with around thirty spaces available.
- **When:** June 16 - 18, 2025, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **Where:** Arvada West High School, 11595 Allendale Dr., Arvada, CO 80004
- **Cost per person:** \$450 per person.
- “CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) uses design, management, and activity strategies to reduce opportunities for crime to occur, reduce fear, and improve the overall safety of schools. The CPTED concept emphasizes the relationship between the physical environment, the productive use of space, and the behavior of people. Upon completion of this 24-hour course, successful completion of a written test is required to obtain a course certificate. The course will include a hands-on CPTED evaluation of a school, and attendees will be provided with tools to use on their school campuses or in their associated activities with school safety.”
- You can register by contacting Bill.Robbins@jeffco.k12.co.us or Jimmy.Coker@jeffco.k12.co.us directly.

NEW **Rocky Mountain HIDTA 2025 Youth Prevention Institute**

- The [Rocky Mountain HIDTA](#) in partnership with [ADAPT](#), [Colorado Department of Public Health & Education](#), [Colorado Attorney General's Office](#), [El Paso County Public Health](#), [Colorado Springs Police Department](#), and [Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative](#) are hosting this in person event “or an inspiring and impactful gathering of professionals dedicated to building protective factors in their communities through connection and health-promoting relationships with youth.”
- **When:** June 17, 2025 - June 18, 2025
- **Where:** Pikes Peak State College, Centennial Campus, 5675 S Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80906
- [View more information and register on the event page](#)

NEW 2025 Summit in the Rockies on Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management

- [The Office of Domestic Violence & Sex Offender Management \(ODVSOM\)](#) is holding their 2025 conference with the theme of "Evolving through Reflection: Teamwork, Compassion, Innovation."
- **When:** July 8-11, 2025
- **Where:** Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center, 620 Village Rd, Breckenridge, CO, 80424
- [You can view more information and register on ODVSOM's website.](#)

NEW 37th Annual COVA Conference

- The 37th Annual [COVA](#) Conference has been announced! "Over the course of 2.5 days, featuring 2 Keynotes and 80 workshops, learn new skills and best practices for the victim services field."
- **When:** September 29, 2025 - October 1, 2025
- **Where:** Keystone Conference Center, 0633 Tennis Club Rd, Keystone, CO 80435
- [You can view more information and register on COVA's website](#)

988 Updated Partner Toolkit Resources

- [The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) has shared their updated Partner Toolkit
- "New in the Toolkit"
 - [988 Branded Photography](#)
 - [988 Print Materials](#)
 - [988 Judgment-Free Bus Stop Banner](#)
 - [What is 988 and How Does it Work?](#)
 - [988 & 911 Social Media Content](#)"

Safe2Tell Student Ambassadors

- [Safe2Tell](#) recently held their Celebration of Impact event which "is the culmination of a year long project by our 10 student ambassadors from across the state. Our ambassadors provide insight and feedback on the Safe2Tell program and ensure that our work stays youth-centered."
- If you, or someone you know, wants to make a difference as a Safe2Tell student ambassador, or to learn more, you can fill out the interest form on [Safe2Tell's website](#)

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

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

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

2025 Colorado Association of School Resource Officers Conference

- [The Colorado Association of School Resource Officers \(CASRO\)](#) is hosting its annual conference on **June 8, 2025 - June 12, 2025**
- **Where:** Cheyenne Mountain Resort, 3225 Broadmoor Valley Rd, Colorado Springs, 80906
- You can view more information on [CASRO's 2025 Conference page](#)

2025 Roaring Fork School Safety Summit (FREE)

- [The Pitkin County Sheriff's Office](#) is hosting this summit which includes a morning presentation by school safety law expert Dr. Bernie James, professor at Pepperdine University. Afternoon events include lunch, break-out sessions, presentations by the Colorado Office of School Safety, Pitkin County Healthy Futures Initiative (Substance Misuse Prevention), and the FBI for swatting trends & best practices.
- The training is open to law enforcement professionals, educators, school safety partners and school mental health partners
- **When:** Friday, June 13, 2025, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- **Where:** Aspen District Theater, 199 High School Road, Aspen, CO
- [You can view more information and register on the Summit's information page](#)

Colorado Shakespeare Festival in the Schools: Shakespeare & Violence Prevention Tour

- [The Colorado Shakespeare Festival](#)'s touring program uses live performance and the latest school violence research. Students improve their Shakespeare literacy AND learn safe and effective intervention strategies they can use when they see mistreatment happening around them.
- Workshop Guidelines
 - Limit of 30 students per classroom
 - Workshops are typically scheduled Tuesdays or Wednesdays during the school day.
 - Study Guides | Guías de Estudio for 2024-25
 - "Twelfth Night" (English | Español)
 - "Much Ado About Nothing" (English | Español)
 - There is a fee to bring this program to your school, but partial subsidies are available to schools with funding challenges. In the 2025-26 school year, CSF also has limited funding available to provide free programming to Title 1 schools and rural communities. Please inquire for details.
- [See CSF's website](#) for details and booking. This is a project of the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Digital Well-Being Challenge

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

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

NEW Roots of Change Conference

- [The Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault \(CCASA\)](#) and a wide range of partners are hosting this conference which “is the first of its kind in Colorado to bring together those who work on sexual violence, sexual health promotion, and social justice issues so all people have a fair and full opportunity to be as healthy as possible.”
- **When: June 16 - 18, 2025**
- [View more information and register on the conference website](#)

Social Media Recruitment, Grooming, and Exploitation

- The [Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking](#) is hosting this webinar “on grooming and exploitation through social media. This discussion will explore how traffickers use online platforms to target individuals, leading to labor and sex trafficking in rural and urban Colorado communities. The session will cover key indicators, prevention strategies, and real survivor stories from Colorado.”
- **When: June 24, 2025, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**
- [You can register through this Zoom link.](#)

NEW Save the Date - The Landscape of Wellbeing and Belonging

- [The Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is hosting this webinar for “all Colorado educators including grant program managers, building and district administrators, school counselors, nurses, psychologists, social workers and more”
- **When: September 17, 2025**
- **What:** “The goal of the Landscape project is to blend guidance, resources, systems, and best practices to improve outcomes for students, staff, and families across all PK-12 schools in Colorado.”
- [View more information on CDE’s website](#)

Facing History and Ourselves Summer Learning

- [Facing History and Ourselves](#) has a variety of learning opportunities over the course of the summer including virtual and in person trainings.
- [You can view the full list of opportunities on Facing History and Ourselves website](#)

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 SCHOOLS

Colorado Project AWARE Mental Health Screening Toolkit

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

Colorado Ceasefire Resources

- According to [Colorado Ceasefire](#): “Firearms are the leading cause of death for US children. Accidental injuries, suicides, community violence, and school shootings are having an unprecedented impact on the mental and physical safety of America’s students.”
- Colorado Ceasefire offers a variety of free resources for discussing gun violence prevention strategies with students, parents, educators, and school administrators. Ceasefire workshops and trainings are non-political and can be adapted to fit the needs of your

community. Their curriculum is aligned with the [Centers for Disease Control Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool](#) and [Colorado Department of Education Comprehensive Health Standards](#).

- [You can access more information on Colorado Ceasefire's Outreach page](#) or contact info@coloradoceasefire.org to learn more.

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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 or Kelly.addington@state.co.us for more information, or use [this form](#).

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

THE OSS IS AVAILABLE to any pre-K through higher education school to assist in your school safety planning. Our mission is to provide ***no-cost consultation, resources, training, and technical assistance*** that can help you create a safe, positive, and successful school. We can customize a variety of trainings for your school safety and crisis planning teams or your school staff as you plan and train this school year. We invite you to continue monitoring our website (oss.colorado.gov) 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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