



## March 2025

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

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## THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Colleagues:

### [Sources of Strength article](#)

#### **We Need Your Help! Last Call**

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



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

- [A very brief survey from the ESTF is available to be completed.](#) We are using the ListServ from our E-Update and other partners' email lists. **ALL school staff are encouraged to respond.**
- Updates on the work of the Educator Safety Task Force can be found [on this webpage](#) including a newsletter recently released with information on all subcommittees.
- The task force meetings are winding down as the report and a compilation of recommendations into a guidebook are being created. Watch for more information here.

#### ***CSSRC Advisory Board:***

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

#### ***Chris Harms***

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## COLORADO OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING & NETWORKING

### School Safety Considerations for Special Populations

- This one hour training will explore school safety considerations for a variety of special populations including newcomers and students with physical, intellectual, and social emotional disabilities.
- **When: February 27, 2025, 12pm - 1 pm**
- Participants will learn about these unique students, their needs and how to support them during an incident or emergency.
- Trainers: Kelly Donnelly and Brandi Vos, OSS Staff

[Register for this virtual training through this Google Form.](#)

### ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) **Registration is capped at 30 so don't delay!**

- The Colorado Office of School Safety and Colorado Mountain College are excited to offer ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training). ASIST is a 2-day, two-trainer workshop designed for members of all caregiving groups. Family, friends, and other community members may be the first to talk with a person at risk, 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.
- **Who: Professionals and the general public aged 16 years and older**
- **Date: March 6 & 7 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**
- **Location: Colorado Mountain College's Glenwood Center, 1402 Blake Avenue, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601**
- **Cost: \$51 Material Fee**
- **Other details: Contact hours will be issued upon completion of the workshop. Please bring snacks, water, and a writing utensil. Lunch will be on your own.**
- If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Donnelly at [kelly.donnelly@state.co.us](mailto:kelly.donnelly@state.co.us).
- [You can register through this link](#)

### A Brain-Based Foundation for Supporting Students After Trauma

- Virtual, Friday, March 28th from 12-1pm
- Join Jenny Mills, LPC and Crisis Response Specialist, for an hour-long workshop covering a basic introduction to the neuroscience of trauma along with strategies for supporting youth who have experienced trauma in their lives.
- [Register for this event here.](#)

### Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Symposium - **Last day to register - March 3!**

- Every other year we host a Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Symposium. Please plan to join us and our slate of national speakers.
- **Thursday, April 3, 2025 8:00 am-3:30 pm. Registration for this in-person event ends on 3/3/25.**
- **Location: Adams 12 Five Star Schools 1500 E 128th Ave. Thornton, CO**
- **Cost: \$50/person**
- **Amanda E. Ruzicka, MA, the Deputy Director of Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse at Johns Hopkins will present on Problematic Sexual Behavior Prevention.**
- **SPEAKER CHANGE: Kee J.E. Straits, PhD. Indigenous Latina psychologist (Quechua,**

born in Perú) and owner of Tinkuy Life Community Transformations, will present on the Sexual Violence Disruptor Model for Native American Communities.

- Dr. Libbi Palmer, Psy.D., will discuss supporting students who have experienced or caused sexual trauma, as well as supporting school staff through those difficult conversations.
- You can register on the [event registration page](#)

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

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

### **Project Unite - Save the Date**

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

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

- The Academy is a 20-hour training for anyone tasked to be the school safety lead at your school or district. Applicants must have completed FEMA courses IS-100.C and 362.A. **Mileage, lodging (as necessary), and meals will be covered by the Office of School Safety.** We are excited to offer the Academy in person for the first time and look forward to representation from across Colorado!
- The Academy will be held at the Colorado Department of Public Safety (690 Kipling Street) over 2 ½ days on **Tuesday, June 3rd through Thursday, June 5th.**
- **Registration will be capped at 25, so start the prerequisites now!**
- The first application received from each school/district will be given preference. Please submit [applications](#) to [Mike.Vagher@state.co.us](mailto:Mike.Vagher@state.co.us).

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

- The OSS has enough grant funding remaining to hold one final SRO BASIC Training this summer.
- We have not yet secured a venue for the 40-hour workshop. If you would be willing to host, please contact Chris Harms 303-912-6915.
- **We are trying to schedule it for the first week of August.**

- Again, all expenses will be covered for 30 participants.
- Final details will be posted on the OSS website and in the April E-Update.

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

- Suicide Prevention
- Threat Assessment
- Problematic Sexual Behaviors, and
- **NEW THIS YEAR** Crisis Response
- For the last few years, we have facilitated informal meetings for any school staff who oversee either suicide prevention and intervention, threat assessments, and/or the management of students with problematic sexual behaviors. This year, our Crisis Response Team will convene a networking opportunity as well.
- **Suicide prevention professionals** who have attended our Suicide Risk Assessment (SRA) Toolkit training are welcome to join the “Toolkit/Online Platform Group” listed below. Those who aren’t trained in the use of our toolkit but would like some space to learn, discuss trends, and network are welcome to join the “Suicide Prevention Advisory Group.” Please contact [Cary.Lynch@state.co.us](mailto:Cary.Lynch@state.co.us) if you are interested in attending either of these groups.
- Similarly, **Threat Assessment Professionals** will be divided between those who are using the **Colorado Threat Assessment and Management Protocol (CTAMP)**, the “CTAMP/Online Platform Group,” and others interested in the topic generally “Threat Assessment Advisory Group.” [Brad.Stiles@state.co.us](mailto:Brad.Stiles@state.co.us) is your contact to be included in these groups.
- **Professionals** working with youth with **Problematic Sexual Behaviors** should reach out to [JaeDee.Wood@state.co.us](mailto:JaeDee.Wood@state.co.us) to be included in this networking group.
- School professionals responsible for **Crisis Preparation and Response** should contact [Jennifer.Mills@state.co.us](mailto:Jennifer.Mills@state.co.us) to be included in this networking group for 2025 - 2026.
- We have set these professional meetings on **Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:00PM MT.** The meetings will be virtual to allow more of our rural colleagues to join us. Calendar:
  - **March 11, 2025**                      **SRA Toolkit Online Platform Group**
  - **April 1, 2025**                        **CTAMP Online Platform Group**
  - **April 15, 2025**                      **SRA Advisory Group**
  - **April 29, 2025**                      **Threat Assessment Advisory Group**
  - **May 6, 2025**                         **Problematic Sexual Behaviors Group**

## **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.

### **NEW Educator Safety Task Force Survey Request**

- The [Educator Safety Task Force](#), created by the state legislature in 2024, needs your input. The Task Force is examining incidents of aggressive behavior by a student toward an educator or other member of school staff. To better understand educator and staff experience, needs, training and perspective, [a brief survey has been created](#) and we'd be grateful for your participation and help sharing this survey.
- All responses to this survey are strictly confidential and no individually identifying information will be shared in any way. A summary of the findings of this survey will be shared with the Task Force members as they develop their report and recommendations. The survey is being managed by Confluence PSG who are facilitating the Task Force in partnership with the Colorado Office of School Safety.
- IF you do have a personal story that you would like to share in written form, through video or recorded audio, we would welcome that sharing and are happy to work with you to share it with the ESTF anonymously or with attribution. To share your story, please contact [carrie@confluencepsg.com](mailto:carrie@confluencepsg.com) after you have completed the survey.
- Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COESTF>
- Thank you for time, participation and support sharing this survey with educators and school staff in Colorado.

## **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**

- Check out our [website](#) for the guidebook and the required reporting training for those schools that already have been funded.
- Have you completed your project? [Schedule your closeout meeting with us here!](#)
- **Exciting News - SAFER Grant FY 2026 Coming Soon!**
  - To Be Announced: Be on the lookout for our School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER) grant this spring. We're gearing up to provide support for initiatives that enhance school emergency response capabilities. Stay tuned for more details as we work together to make our schools safer and more secure.

### **School Security Disbursement (SSD) Grant**

- Check out our website for the [SSD Grant Management Guide](#)
- Have you completed your project? [Schedule your closeout meeting with us here!](#)

### **Training Opportunities**

- **Save the Date!** Quarter 1 Cash Advance Report Training! Join us on March 5, 2025, at 11:00AM for our Reporting Training. [Register here](#).

- The Quarterly Updated email went out on February 7, 2025, titled (Quarter 1 Updates).

## Current External Grant Opportunities

### Denver Foundation's Community Grants Program 2025 Grant Opportunity

- The Denver Foundation is offering grants to support organizations and initiatives that foster thriving communities. For 2025, there is an expanded focus on youth well-being, aiming to uplift programs that promote the health, safety, and success of young people.
- Grant Application and additional information can be found on the [Denver Foundation Grant webpage](#).
- Cycle 1 Applications accepted between January 15 , 2025 and March 3, 2025.

### Colorado Department of Criminal Justice (DCJ) Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance (OAJJA) 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

#### Grant Opportunity

- The purpose of JAG funds is to support activities that prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system.
- It is highly recommended for applicants to read all of the [JAG Application Instructions](#). New content is added to the application annually.
- Application Deadline **March 10, 2025**.
  - Timeline
    - Announcement Date: January 6, 2025
    - Application Deadline: Monday, March 10, 2025
    - Email Notification for Oral Presentations at JAG Funding Conference: by April 15, 2025
    - Funding Decision Announced: Early-June 2025
    - Reconsideration/Appeals Deadline: Mid-June 2025
    - Grant Agreement Issuance: Mid-August and September 2025
    - Award Period: October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026
- Please reach out to the JAG Grant Manager with any questions.
  - Michele Lovejoy, Grant Program Manager
  - Direct: 720-498-7205
  - E-mail: [Michele.Lovejoy@state.co.us](mailto:Michele.Lovejoy@state.co.us)

### Caring for Colorado Foundation Grant Opportunities

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

### Fund Your School Safety Vision: Grant Writing Support for Colorado School Districts

- CU Boulder's Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV) and Greenlights Grant Initiative have partnered to offer a free grant writing course to provide training and assistance for select Colorado school districts to prepare a proposal for BJA STOP School Violence grant.
- For more information on the grant, please [see the flyer here](#).

### Feedback from Elizabeth School District:

*“The Elizabeth School District utilized the 2024 SAFER grant to address critical communication gaps, particularly within the Transportation Department, which previously relied on an outdated and unreliable radio system prone to dead zones across Elbert County. Through the grant, the district replaced the antiquated system with Kenwood P25 mobile radios in 35 transportation vehicles, ensuring seamless communication between drivers,*

*district staff, and the main transportation hub. These radios now provide reliable coverage across the state and include Over The Air Programming (OTAP) capabilities, allowing for easy updates to channels and features to improve interoperability with first responders. Additionally, the grant funded P25 portable radios for district leaders, enhancing their ability to communicate effectively in their leadership roles. This investment not only strengthened internal communications but also bolstered emergency preparedness and response capabilities, benefiting both the district and the broader community."s."*



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

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

### **We're Here for You!**

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

Thank you,  
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### **UPDATES FROM THE CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT**

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

Please remember we have a team of experienced school mental health professionals available to assist, for a limited time per incident, in the initial recovery period following a crisis incident when additional mental health resources are needed. Please reach out to Kati Garner at [kati.garner@state.co.us](mailto:kati.garner@state.co.us) for further information or to request services offered by the Crisis Response Unit for your school or district.

## Available Trainings From the Crisis Response Unit:

### *Crisis Response Skills for Varying Ages*

- This two hour training helps prepare crisis responders to work with all students K-12. Participants will learn crisis interventions and strategies for varied student age groups and have the opportunity to practice those strategies and skills.

### *PREPaRE Workshop Two, Mental Health Crisis Interventions. Responding to an Acute Traumatic Stressor in Schools*

- This two-day workshop, designed primarily for mental health professionals, helps to develop the knowledge and skills required to provide immediate mental health crisis interventions to students, staff, and school community members who have been exposed to an acute traumatic stressor.

### *PREPaRE Workshop One, Comprehensive School Safety Planning Prevention Through Recovery*

- This one-day workshop, designed primarily for administrators and safety team members, addresses critical components needed to develop, exercise and evaluate safety and crisis teams plans.

### *Crisis Response Plan Template*

- Designed to provide K-12 school districts with essentials in writing crisis response plans, including sample policies, procedures, and crisis-related resources.
- Required 1 hour training on writing crisis response plans in order to access the template.

### *Psychological First Aid (PFA)*

- An evidence-based approach to help students, staff, and community members in the immediate aftermath of a crisis.
- Options for PFA range from a brief two-hour training of the essentials of the model up to a full-day comprehensive training.

### *Calm-Engage-Distract*

- Provides information on pediatric distress and developmentally appropriate strategies for responding to children in crisis.
- A brief training for educators on how to calm students after a critical incident.

### *Critical Incident Group Debriefing (CIGD) for staff*

- Critical Incident Group Debriefing or CIGD, is a short-term group intervention process that focuses on an immediate event.
- CIGD is one of several methods that may be utilized to lessen the likelihood of people experiencing symptoms of trauma and stress after a critical incident.
- This group debriefing process provides a place for participants to talk and share experiences, and for the facilitator to teach and provide information about the impact of critical incidents.

Please contact Kati Garner at [kati.garner@state.co.us](mailto:kati.garner@state.co.us) to bring any of these trainings to your site.

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

**NEW** School Brain Injury Consultant



- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) is currently hiring for a School Brain Injury Consultant
- “Have you been supporting students with brain injuries at the school level, but have a passion to do more? This role provides the opportunity to help make a difference statewide.”
- Applications are due March 9, 2025
- For questions, please feel free to contact [Sarah Blumenthal](#), [Anita Brodecky](#), or [Peter Stevinson](#)
- [You can view more information and apply for the position online](#)

### **NEW** Regional Public Safety Table-Top Exercise

- This training is being offered by the [Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office](#) “to address the regional gap around tactical supervisors and ICS positions during a complex incident.”
- RSVPs are due March 10, 2025
- The training will be March 13, 2025
- [You can view more information on this flyer from the Sherrif’s Office for this training.](#)
- [You can RSVP through this pathway.](#)

### **NEW** Targeted Violence Prevention: Female Mass Attackers

- [The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center \(FLETC\)](#) is accepting applications to participate in this training that will be held on March 18, 2025.
- “This presentation will briefly review concepts associated with targeted violence, threat assessment and management, and the pathway to violence. It will then examine several cases of female-targeted mass violence attackers. Specifically, the presentation will describe the behaviors of several female-targeted mass violence attackers in the days, weeks, months, and years leading up to their attacks, as well as the attackers’ grievances/motivations to attack.”
- [You can view more information and apply to attend the course on FLETC’s website](#)

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

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

### **The US Department of Homeland Security’s Invent2Prevent, Student-Led, Peer-Developed Initiative to Prevent Targeted School Violence**

- Colorado high schools are once again invited to participate in a free school safety and prevention program sponsored by the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\)](#) starting January 2025 through May 2025.
- Invent2Prevent challenges high school students to create and implement peer-developed

initiatives, products, and tools to prevent targeted violence and hate in ways “they believe” will be most effective in their schools and communities.

- The program is free of charge and for the last four years has been sponsored by the [DHS Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships \(CP3\)](#). Invent2Prevent is managed by EdVenture Partners who work with students throughout the entire project period in a guiding, mentoring, and coaching capacity.
- Each high school receives a \$1,000 budget to implement their Invent2Prevent project. Top teams present and participate in a national competition in DC in June, all expenses paid and compete for \$9,000 in cash awards. These experiential Invent2Prevent projects are developed by youth for youth and are extremely creative and effective.
- Thirty-five spots will be made available to high schools for the January through May 2025 academic period on a first come first served basis.
- For more information and 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.

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

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

## OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

### NEW Bike and Roll Day

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

### Digital Well-Being Challenge

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

### 2025 Colorado Association of School Resource Officers Conference

- [The Colorado Association of School Resource Officers \(CASRO\)](#) announced the dates for their 2025 CASRO Conference.
- **When: June 8, 2025, - June 12, 2025**

- **Where:** Cheyenne Mountain Resort, 3225 Broadmoor Valley Rd, Colorado Springs, 80906
- You can view more information on [CASRO's 2025 Conference page](#)

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

### NEW Stewards of Children Webinars

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

## RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 SCHOOLS

### NEW Colorado Ceasefire Resources

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

## RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### Resources from the OSS

- Please remember that the OSS staff can provide services to any institution of higher education in the state.
- These might include:
  - Threat assessment training
  - Site assessments
  - Emergency planning for schools
  - Planning and conducting tabletop drills
  - Secondary traumatic stress
  - Adult Sexual Misconduct
  - Concurrent Enrollment considerations
  - Others by request
  - Please reach out to [Brad.stiles@state.co.us](mailto:Brad.stiles@state.co.us) or [Kelly.addington@state.co.us](mailto:Kelly.addington@state.co.us) for

more information, or use [this form](#).

### Follow the Office of School Safety on X (formerly Twitter)

- For the latest school safety information between monthly E-Updates, follow [@CoSSRC](#) on X/Twitter.
- Featuring daily updates on new research, resources, upcoming trainings, and Center activities.

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**THE OSS IS AVAILABLE** to any pre-K through higher education school to assist in your school safety planning. Our mission is to provide ***no-cost consultation, resources, training, and technical assistance*** that can help you create a safe, positive, and successful school. We can customize a variety of trainings for your school safety and crisis planning teams or your school staff as you plan and train this school year. We invite you to continue monitoring our website ([oss.colorado.gov](#)) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. Call us at: 303-550-2737.



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

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