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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 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.**

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Colleagues:

- Although the originally mandated work of the Interagency School Safety Working Group (SSWG) has been completed with the [report](#) that went to the Legislature in January, the work continues. The Physical Safety and Security Committee met again on April 30th and identified best practices for school sites.
- Once the SSWG works through all the safety components they are reviewing, a Best Practices Guidelines will be created.
- The OSS is hiring a Data Analyst. Please find the posting [here](#). Applications are due by May 8, 2024 at 5:00 PM MT.
- The Office of School Safety has a number of great workshops and training opportunities coming up this spring and summer. Please see the list below after the Grants Unit update.



Kindest regards,

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UPDATES FROM THE GRANTS UNIT

Exciting News - **SAFER is Here!**

The Office of School Safety has launched the RFP for this year's School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program.

- [SB23-241](#) has made \$4,850,000 available to schools for interoperable communication hardware, software, equipment maintenance and training to allow for seamless communications between existing school communications systems and first responder communications systems. Please visit the [OSS website](#) for the application and application guidance.
- **Applications are due by 5:00 PM/MT on Monday, May 6, 2024.**
 - Please direct any questions to cdps_oss_safer@state.co.us

SSD Grant

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

The Grants Corner

Feedback from the EUREKA! Staff:

This YVP grant has been instrumental in supporting EUREKA!'s new Out-of-School-Time (OST) program at the R5 High School in Grand Junction, CO, which serves some of the most at-risk and vulnerable students in Mesa County. Our goal with this program is to increase student engagement to promote school attendance and student's connection with learning in both academic and outdoor settings through alternative adventure and educational experiences.

The YVP grant has helped advance our progress in achieving these goals by providing additional funds to contract with both a mental health specialist and local artist in residence. These two individuals have directly contributed to student success through their own interactions with students, and supported EUREKA! Instructors in successfully developing positive relationships with students and navigating complex socioemotional situations.

The OST program regularly brings students outside for recreational activities including hiking, snowshoeing, and rafting, that combine environmental science lessons and activities to connect students with nature, each other, and trusted adults. We have a core group of connected, thriving students that deeply value their time at this program and with the new community they are a part of. This YVP grant has helped EUREKA! address the unique health and safety needs of a high-risk group of students by consistently providing unique learning and recreational opportunities which many of these students have rarely experienced.



(OST Program Students Hiking)



(OST Program Students Rafting)

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
 - 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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COLORADO OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY NETWORKING & TRAINING

Colorado Threat Assessment Symposium **This will be in person and live-streamed!**

- The [Office of School Safety](#) is excited to present a two-day, in-person symposium on threat assessment.
- Presenters:
 - **Day One:** Workshops on threat assessment interviewing, utilizing your TA data, considerations when conducting assessments with students in special education, and examination of student and property searches.
 - **Day Two:** Peter Langman, Ph.D., Researcher and author of a number of books on students who commit violence in schools including *Why Kids Kill: Inside the Minds of School Shooters*.
- **When:** Monday and Tuesday, May 6th and 7th.
- **Where:** Embassy Suites, 4705 Clydesdale Pkwy, Loveland, CO 80538
- **Cost:** \$25 for one day or \$40 for both days (non-refundable). This cost applies to both in-person and virtual attendance.
- If you plan to participate virtually, you still need to register to obtain the Zoom links.
- Registration fees cannot be refunded if you decide you cannot attend but you can transfer your registration to a colleague by calling Melissa.Rubeo@state.co.us at [303-253-0621](tel:303-253-0621).
- [Register for the Symposium](#)
- [See the Agenda](#)

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.

May 14, 2024, from 2PM - 3PM

CTAMP Professionals Discussion

- The larger Threat Assessment Advisory Group is for *all* professionals working in schools that are involved with Threat Assessments. 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. If you are interested in joining, please email Brad Stiles at brad.stiles@state.co.us. This group will resume in the fall.
- Others are welcome to join these groups based on the criteria described above. To join, contact Margaret Ochoa Margaret.Ochoa@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.

NEW FREE ASIST Training

- The Office of School Safety is excited to be offering the LivingWorks ASIST training **FREE of charge to our school partners**.
- ASIST is a two-day in-person workshop where participants learn how to recognize when someone may be thinking about suicide, and how to provide a skilled intervention and develop a safety plan with the person to connect them to further support. This workshop will increase your willingness, confidence, and capacity to provide suicide first aid. Two knowledgeable, supportive trainers will guide you through the course, ensuring a comfortable and safe learning environment.
- **May 29 - 30, 2024, all day at the State Patrol Academy 15055 S Golden Rd, Golden, CO 80401**
- **Limited to 15 people ONLY**
- [Register online](#)

HURRY Institutions of Higher Education Summer Safety Symposium

- Although designed for Institutions of Higher Education, the workshops are applicable to K-12 school personnel as well. Please join us!
- **This event has been changed to VIRTUAL ONLY**
- **When: Friday, May 31, 2024**
- [Registration for the Symposium](#)
- [See the Agenda](#)

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** which started in **November 2023**. The meetings are virtual. Please contact Jae Dee Wood at jaedee.wood@state.co.us if you are interested and have not already been contacted.

May 7, 2024, from 2PM - 3PM

**Rescheduled to May 9th from 2 to 3PM
due to the Threat Assessment Symposium**

CSSRC's School Safety Specialist Academy - REGISTER NOW!

- The [Colorado School Safety Resource Center](#) is excited to host a fourth Academy cohort in 2024. The Academy was created to train School Safety Specialists in any Colorado district (or charter/private school) that would like to have a staff member in this position. This individual(s) will be trained in foundational school safety knowledge, utilizing the five preparedness missions of the U.S. Department of Education.
- **Held virtually June 3-7, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM each day**
- School safety partners from CDE, CDPHE, the Attorney General's Office, CU Boulder, the DeAngelis Center Foundation, the I Love U Guys Foundation, CASRO and others will join us to discuss ongoing collaborations.
- There will be **NO CHARGE** for this Academy, but in order to receive a certificate as a School Safety Specialist, participants must be present for each live virtual workshop.
- The Academy will be **limited to 25 registrants**. Please contact margaret.choa@state.co.us with any questions.
- Here is a [link to the Application](#).

SRO Supervisors' Training ONLY A FEW SPOTS REMAIN

- 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](#).
- [See the event flyer](#)
- If you have any questions about registration, please reach out to Melissa.rubeo@state.co.us

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, Mesa State University**

NEW October Safe Schools Summit - **SAVE THE DATE** AND CALL FOR PROPOSAL

- The annual Colorado Safe Schools Summit will be **TOTALLY virtual on Thursday and Friday, October 17th and 18th, 2024**.
- If you or someone you know has a school safety workshop that would be appreciated by the participants, please complete the quick form in [Word](#) or [PDF](#) and submit it to Melissa Rubeo at Melissa.Rubeo@state.co.us
- **Proposals are due by May 5, 2024.**

CSSRC ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

CSSRC online course links:

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

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW 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 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 measure to those affected by conduct that may represent sex discrimination, including sexual violence 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](#)

NEW Colorado 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 own 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.

NEW 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](#)

NEW Safety Coordinator Opening

- The [Colorado Charter School Institute](#) (CSI) is in need of a new **Safety Coordinator**.
- This position will be responsible for developing, implementing and overseeing an extensive school safety approach for CSI schools throughout the state.

- The salary range for this position ranges from \$6,200-\$7,500/month
- [Click here](#) for the full job description and how to apply

Get Home Safe Pledge

- [The Colorado Department of Transportation's \(CDOT\)](#) Teen Driver Safety campaign has launched the Get Home Safe Pledge.
- “We're looking for young drivers aged 15-20 to sign our pledge, promising to keep it safe while driving. All teens who sign the pledge will be mailed a scented car freshener & postcard. Plus, they'll be entered to win a free Driver Safety Kit courtesy of our partners at [AAA Colorado](#) and the [Colorado State Patrol](#).”
- [You can view more information on CDOT's Get Home Safe Pledge page](#)

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

NEW United States Secret Service Virtual Training Classes

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

NEW 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](#)

It's That Time! Youth Preparedness Council Application Promotional Toolkit

- The application period for [FEMA's](#) National Youth Preparedness Council kicked off on **Monday, January 22, 2023!**
- Students in grades 8 through 11 are eligible to apply.
- Important dates:
 - **March - April 2024:** application review period
 - **May - June 2024:** selection and notification
 - **July 2024:** national YPC kick-off (virtual event)
- See the promotional materials:
 - [2024 YPC Application Flyer \(English\)](#)
 - [2024 YPC Application Promotional Toolkit \(English\)](#)
 - [2024 YPC Application Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)
 - [2024 YPC Application Promotional Toolkit \(Spanish\)](#)
- For more information and to get application materials, visit [the FEMA YPC web page](#)
- If you have any questions or need support with recruitment efforts, reach out to kirsten.maltese@fema.dhs.gov

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

Bike and Roll to School Day Materials

- [Colorado Safe Routes to School](#) has rolled out their annual Bike and Roll to School Day!
- **When:** May 8, 2024
- View more information on [Bike and Roll to School Day](#) and [Register Your Eve](#)

Soccer City Aurora

- [Iron Sharp](#) is getting ready to host its Soccer City Aurora, to serve youth across Aurora Public Schools and Cherry Creek Schools in need with dynamic soccer activities, fun, essential resources, as well as healthy and safe summer and afterschool programs.
- Saturday, May 25th from 9:30am to 1:30pm.
- Their goal is to serve nearly 2,000 students and family members throughout the day with activities, games, food, resources, and information on safe summer programming for students in need, primarily Title 1 and McKinney-Vento students (experiencing homelessness). They are honored to be partnering again with the Colorado Soccer Foundation and this year American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) to help facilitate an impactful and life-changing event.
- If you would like to participate please signup using the link below and respond to this announcement to confirm your participation.
- [RSVP to Provide Resources and Booth Station online](#)
- They are also currently looking for sponsorships to help support the efforts in providing essential resources, food trucks, and sponsorships for some of the summer programming opportunities for these students at the event.
- If you have questions on sponsorship levels, please contact Jordan Clark, and he would be happy to discuss!
- Please direct additional questions to Jordan Clark at jclark@ironsharpcommunity.org.

NEW Colorado Project AWARE Virtual Lunch + Learn

- This unique virtual lunch and learn opportunity from the [Colorado Department of Education](#) will address attendance in order to improve student engagement, identify current practices that encourage attendance and apply information from research and what is working best to improve attendance.
- **When: May 15, 2024 11:00am to 1:00pm**
- Where: Zoom
- [Register for the Lunch + Learn](#)

NEW 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](#)

NEW 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](#)

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.
- Selected submissions will receive \$100 toward conference registration. Submissions are due **Monday, March 4, 2024**. Learn more information as it becomes available at saferoutespartnership.org.

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

FY24 Colorado Preventing Identity-Based Violence Grant Program Application Released

- The [Colorado Preventing Targeted Violence \(CO-PTV\) Program](#) within the [Colorado Information Analysis Center \(CIAC\)](#) is excited to announce the release of the fiscal year 2024 Colorado Preventing Identity-based Violence Grant Program application!
- The grant program provides just under \$1 million in funding for projects run by county, municipality, city and county, American Indian Tribe, law enforcement agency, District Attorney's office, educational entity, or nonprofit.
- Completed application packets should be emailed to cdps_ptv_grants@state.co.us by **Friday, May 3, 2024, at 5PM MST**. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- CO-PTV is hosting three 30-minute webinars to provide an overview of the requirements, deadline, and application process, as well as answer any questions regarding the grant program. Please register for the virtual informational webinars below:
 - [March 4 2024, 2pm MST](#)
- For more information on the Colorado Preventing Identity-based Violence Grant Program and to download the application packet, please visit our [Grant Program Webpage](#). All questions can be directed to cdps_ptv_grants@state.co.us

Mental Health Service Professional (MHSP) Demonstration Grant Program

- This grant program from the [U.S. Department of Education](#) provides competitive grants supporting partnerships with a focus on training school-based mental health services providers.
- <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/safe-supportive-schools/mental-health-service-professional-demonstration-grant-program/>
- **Deadline for Application: May 15, 2024**
- View more and apply for the [Mental Health Service Professional Grant](#)

NEW Office of Gun Violence Prevention Grant

- [The Office of Gun Violence Prevention](#) within the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#) has created a grant program designed for organizations to conduct community-based gun violence initiatives that focus on averting the cycles of gun violence, trauma, and retaliation.

- This year the office will provide funding that is focused on firearm suicide prevention and community violence intervention initiatives.
- [Overview of the grant](#)
- **Deadline for Application: May 17, 2024**
- View more and apply for the [Office of Gun Violence Prevention Grant](#)

NEW Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program

- This grant program from the [Department of Homeland Security](#) provides funding to establish or enhance proficiency to prevent targeted violence and terrorism.
- Funding supports online, in-person, and hybrid projects addressing threats of online pathways to violence and in physical spaces.
- **Deadline for Application: May 17, 2024**
- [Overview of the grant](#) and more info from the [SchoolSafety.Gov Grant Finder Tool](#)

NEW 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](#)

NEW 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](#)

NEW 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](#)

NEW 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](#)

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 SCHOOLS

NEW 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](#).

NEW 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](#)

National Crime Victimization Survey: School Crime Supplement, 2022 dataset

- [The Bureau of Justice Statistics](#) have released their 2022 dataset for the National Crime Victimization Survey: [School Crime Supplement \(SCS\)](#) through National Archive of Criminal Justice Data.
- This was cosponsored by the Department of Education's [National Center for Education Statistics](#), which is administered every 2 years. It asks the respondents between the ages of 12 to 18 about crimes that have occurred at school and additional characteristics of school crime.
- You can view the [Dataset](#) online

Elevating Rural Colorado

- [Colorado Education Initiative](#), [Colorado Succeeds](#), [Empower Schools](#), and [Lyra Colorado](#) have developed a [report](#) building knowledge about the work, impacts, and insights around rural Colorado education.
- Local efforts, state programs, and federal resources were combined to create conditions for success in rural education in addition to discussing ongoing barriers.

New 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](#)

New 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

Resources for Schools Amidst Recent Threats

- In early January, hundreds of schools across the country reported receiving bomb threats.

- The safety and security of students, teachers, and staff are of utmost importance, and it is disheartening to witness the disruption and fear caused by these threats. The [National Center for School Safety](#) understands that such incidents not only pose immediate concerns for physical safety but can also have a lasting emotional effect on the communities involved and beyond.
- To support our communities and schools, the [Center](#) has compiled a list of resources that may be helpful. Please stay informed, follow guidance from local authorities, and reach out with any questions or concerns you may have.
 - [Crisis Navigation Resources](#)
 - [Social Media Threat Guidance for School Staff and Authorities Infographic](#)
 - [Bombing Prevention Assistance for K-12 Schools](#)
 - [Bomb Threat Guide](#)
 - [How to Cope With Traumatic Events](#)

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](#)

2023-2024 Colorado State of Education Report - Colorado Education Association

- [This report](#) was conducted by the [Colorado Education Association](#), which stands as the largest union in the state, representing nearly 40,000 teachers, counselors, school nurses, and other special service providers (SSPs), as well as education support professionals (ESPs), higher education staff, retired educators, and aspiring education professionals.
- [The report](#) touches on various topics including the state of investment, the state of educator respect, and the state of educators' safety.

CISA Releases Social Media Threat Guidance for School Staff and Authorities Infographic

- The [Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) released [this guide](#) on December 14, 2023.
- [The Social Media Threat Guidance for School Staff and Authorities Infographic](#) is a new CISA product. It highlights social media threats affecting school districts in the United States, provides mitigation and response measures for social media threats directed at school districts, and connects school safety stakeholders to the suite of tools and resources provided by [CISA](#) and its partners to promote a culture of readiness and preparedness.

Colorado Educator Support Resources from the University of Colorado

- The [Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus](#), is offering a [website](#) dedicated to helping Colorado's educational workforce.
- It provides free mental health resources to help the workforce make it through the school year.
- New learning modules include:
 - **Secondary Trauma Module:** Learn how to nurture your emotional health as you try to support others. This module will help you recognize and manage the emotions that come with your role, ensuring you can continue to make a positive impact.
 - **Work/Life Balance Module:** Discover ways to find harmony between your professional and personal life. We're here to support you in reducing stress, improving focus, and ensuring your overall well-being.
- Visit [ColoradoEducatorSupport.com](#) to access the resources

Employment of School Mental Health Professionals in School Guidance Document

- The [Colorado Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) released the [Employment of School Mental Health Professionals in School Guidance Document \(SB23-004\)](#), designed to assist Administrative Units in implementing **Eligible School-Based Therapists**.
- This document aims to support Eligible School-Based Therapists to work in coordination with CDE Licensed Special Service Providers and other CDE Licensed Professionals to provide supplemental support to students' social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health (Employment of School Mental Health Professionals, 2023).
- This guidance document is available on the [CDE Mental Health website](#). For more information or questions, please contact Krista Klabo at klabo_k@cde.state.co.us.

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

NEW 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](#)

NEW 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 for Schools Amidst Recent Threats

- In early January, hundreds of schools across the country reported receiving bomb threats.
- The safety and security of students, teachers, and staff are of utmost importance, and it is disheartening to witness the disruption and fear caused by these threats. The [National Center for School Safety](#) understands that such incidents not only pose immediate concerns for physical safety but can also have a lasting emotional effect on the communities involved and beyond.
- To support our communities and schools, the [Center](#) has compiled a list of resources that may be helpful. Please stay informed, follow guidance from local authorities, and reach out with any questions or concerns you may have.
 - [Crisis Navigation Resources](#)
 - [Social Media Threat Guidance for School Staff and Authorities Infographic](#)
 - [Bombing Prevention Assistance for K-12 Schools](#)
 - [Bomb Threat Guide](#)
 - [How to Cope With Traumatic Events](#)

Resilience Strategies for Institutions of Higher Education Hybrid Training

- The [REMS TA Center](#) has developed a NEW [resilience strategies training for institution of higher education \(IHE\)](#) administrators, faculty, staff, students, and their community partners. (The Center's website was down at the time of this publication.)
- This synchronous training is available through the [Live Trainings by Request](#) and [Virtual](#)

[Trainings by Request](#) programs and presents approaches to resilience for college and university personnel who work directly with students, faculty, and staff during times of personal and community crises. It provides a comprehensive framework to support practitioners within the IHE community and is designed to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to work with peers, students, faculty, and staff impacted by stress, loss, and trauma brought on by emergency events, including, but not limited to, community or family violence and economic hardship.

- **Intended Audience:** this training is intended for the IHE community – including administrators, faculty, and staff; counselors, clinical staff, and mental/behavioral staff; and students – and their community partners, such as local mental/behavioral health practitioners.
- **Applying to Request and Schedule This Training:** interested in hosting this training? Check our requirements below to review your agency’s eligibility:
 - Be a public or nonpublic IHE, state education agency, or partner with an education agency that will serve as the lead requestor.
 - Designate a local point of contact who will coordinate with REMS TA Center staff members and trainers regarding the logistics of the event.
 - Advertise the training to the targeted audience(s) and ensure that for in-person training attendance is at least 25 people and at most 40 people or for virtual training attendance is at least 25 people and at most 475 people.
- Complete and submit the [TBR Host Site Application Form](#) or [VTBR Host Site Application Form](#) to info@remstacenter.org. REMS TA Center staff will confirm the receipt of your application within 1 day. A REMS TA Center team member will contact you to discuss your training needs and to answer any questions you may have. Training dates will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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
 - 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, 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: 303-239-4435.



Thank you for supporting safe and positive schools in Colorado!

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