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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:

- The Office of School Safety (OSS) held the annual Colorado Safe Schools Summit on October 19th and 20th.
 - Both days received excellent feedback on the presentations and topics covered. Zoom allows us to provide the recordings for 30 days.
 - [The Summit Resources can be found here.](#)
 - **Please Note:** We were disappointed that our no-show rate on Thursday was 50%. That meant we rented space and bought food for twice as many colleagues who registered as those that showed up.
 - In order to try and prevent this in the future, we will be charging a nominal fee for regional in-person symposia to offset catering and venue expenses starting in January. I am sure you understand. Thank you!
- The Office of School Safety (OSS) will be able to announce new staff that have been hired shortly.
- **Reminder! The due date for submissions for the Youth Violence Prevention Grant has been extended until 5:00 PM on Monday, November 13, 2023.** You can find the [information here](#). There is an email address posted for grant questions or you are welcome to reach out to me directly with any concerns.
- We announced last month that we have launched a **new online course** entitled: [Threat Assessment: What Parents & Guardians Need to Know](#). This has received excellent feedback from school personnel who have tried the course. The course explains the threat assessment process and why parent/guardian collaboration is so very important. We have now created a [flyer that you can share with your community](#).
- Fall and Winter regional training events hosted by the CSSRC are listed below. Please see the offerings.
- **New Opportunity - Project Unite**
 - The staff of the CSSRC, along with partners from the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence and CDE, will be trained in November for a new NASRO course called *Project Unite: The Four Integrated Systems of School Violence*



Prevention.

- This training provides instruction on each key violence prevention system, and best practices for implementation.
- Modules include group discussion and team exercises to assist multidisciplinary school safety teams as they assess their current school safety systems and identify gaps and areas for improvement.
- Time is allotted for school safety teams to develop a violence prevention action plan in support of safety for their school.
- Upon completion of this course, multidisciplinary school safety teams will possess knowledge to implement violence prevention initiatives using a systems approach and be equipped with an actionable plan and next steps for strengthening their own school's safety. Participants will also receive a participant manual containing tools and resources to assist in planning and implementation efforts.
- The training is 16-hours or two days which could be split over a period of time.
- It is intended for school safety teams including an administrator, SRO or community law enforcement partner, school mental health professional and anyone else on the school's safety team.
- **We are in the process of recruiting sites to present this program.**
- **If participants attend outside of their contract time, compensation at their normal rate is available.**
- **If you are interested in attending or hosting, please contact me directly. My information is below. Thank you!**
- **Reminder:** When the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) believes that an emergency in the community needs to be shared with a school district, they must have current contact information in order to do so. If you haven't registered with the CIAC, [please do so via this link.](#)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING,

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COLORADO SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER NETWORKING & TRAINING

Networking Groups for Threat Assessment and Suicide Prevention Professionals

- For the last few years, the CSSRC has facilitated informal meetings for any school staff who oversee either suicide prevention and intervention or threat assessments in their buildings. We have separated the meetings into two groups: Suicide Prevention Professionals and Threat Assessment Professionals.
- The Suicide Prevention Professionals group will only be for staff who have attended our Suicide Risk Assessment (SRA) Toolkit training and are using the CSSRC Toolkit. Meetings will occasionally be opened to the mental health community at large. Those meetings will

be announced in the Update.

- The **Threat Assessment Professionals** group will only be for staff who have attended our **Colorado Threat Assessment and Management Protocol (CTAMP)** training and those trained under the **STOP Grant** - We have set these professional meetings for the second Tuesday of the month. The meetings will be virtual to allow more of our rural colleagues to join us. The calendar is below.
- Others are welcome to join these groups based on the criteria described above. To join, contact Lea Bernstein Holmes at Lea.Holmes@state.co.us if you have not already been contacted. Please specify which group you are interested in attending although you are welcome to join both.

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

- The larger Threat Assessment Advisory Group will begin in January. This group is for *all* professionals working in schools that are involved with Threat Assessments. The first meeting, we would like you to come with ideas, speakers and topics you would like to see covered in future events and we will do our best to resource these. Invites will be sent out for all three dates to those that may have already attended a TA meeting with us to include the CTAMP/STOP team leads. If you are interested in joining, please email Brad Stiles at brad.stiles@state.co.us.

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

Networking Group for Managing Problematic Sexual Behaviors (PSB)

- The working group for professionals managing problematic sexual behaviors (PSB) in students will be meeting on the following **first Tuesdays of the month starting in November**. The meetings will be virtual. Please contact Margaret Ochoa at Margaret.Ochoa@state.co.us if you are interested and have not already been contacted. The calendar is below.

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

Annual Colorado Youth Suicide Prevention Symposium [Register Now!](#)

- Thursday, November 16, 2023
- Location: [Lowry Conference Center](#) and Zoom
- This event is in collaboration with our colleagues in the [Department of Public Health & Environment’s Office of Suicide Prevention](#).
- Presenters:
 - Janel Cabbage, Johns Hopkins University - Suicide and Racism
 - Kristen Santel, Santel & Kerr - Supporting Adoptees
 - April Smith, Auburn University - Eating Disorders and Suicide
 - Kathryn Fox, University of Denver - Understanding & Treating Self-Injurious Thoughts and Behaviors
- Register here for [the Youth Suicide Prevention Symposium](#).
- You must be registered to attend or receive the Zoom link.

CSSRC Virtual Trainings Updated Schedule

- Courses will be posted in December from OSS staff.
- Please check the [Training Calendar](#)

SAVE THE DATES! January Speakers’ Series

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

Digital Threat Assessment - We are in the process of working with Safer Schools Together to again schedule their Basic and Advanced Digital Threat Assessment courses. We will have the information, including the registration link, posted in the December E-Update. There will be no charge but it will be first-come, first-served.

SAVE THE DATE! Child Sexual Abuse Prevention & Intervention Symposium

- Thursday, April 4, 2024
- Location: Virtual
- Plenary Presentations:
 - **Implicit Bias:** How does it impact our child abuse and neglect reports?
 - Update on Title IX Regulations
 - **Adverse Childhood Experiences:** What are they and how do they show up in the classroom?
 - **Questioning** a child to determine reasonable suspicion vs. **Interviewing** a child to collect evidence for an investigation: What are the best practices?
- Registration coming soon!

SRO Training - This Summer will be the ADVANCED SRO Training

- Our STOP Grant will allow us to train up to 75 SROs in NASRO's Advanced SRO Training this summer.
- This means we will be able to cover the cost of the registration fee, per diems, mileage and hotels, if needed.
- We are working on dates and locations.
- One will be offered in metro Denver and one in Grand Junction
- Registration information will be available in next month's E-Update.

CSSRC STOP Grants: Ongoing Threat Assessment Training & Implementation

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

CSSRC ONLINE

E COURSE OFFERINGS & ARCHIVED PRESENTATIONS

CSSRC online course links:

- Online courses are listed on [the OSS website](#).

REMINDER New Course Available: Threat Assessment for Parents & Guardians

- The new course is available to all on [the OSS website](#), no sign-up required.
- Check out the [course flyer](#)

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Eagle County School District Job Postings

- [Eagle County School District](#) currently has job postings available:
 - Battle Mountain High School- eagle.tedk12.com
 - Eagle Valley High School- eagle.tedk12.com
- View more information on the position and apply by clicking the specific links above.

Positions Available Within Adams 12 Five Star Schools

- Adams 12 Five Star Schools currently has a position available:
 - Security Services/Emergency Services Dispatcher
- You can view the specific requirements and apply on the [career page](#).

Safe2Tell Student Ambassador Program

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

NATIONAL TRAININGS and EVENTS

REMINDER 2023 National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security

- “[The National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security](#), hosted by the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#), brings federal, state, and local school leaders together to share actionable recommendations that enhance safe and supportive learning environments in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools.”
- **When: November 1 - 2, 2023, Virtually**
- **Registration for the Summit is now open!**
- You can view more information including registration links on the [Summit’s webpage](#)

NEW New Series: Live Virtual Presentations on Targeted Violence cPrevention

- The U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) is pleased to announce a new monthly series of live virtual events. In these presentations, expert researchers will share findings and implications from decades of research on targeted violence and offer strategies for preventing acts of violence impacting the places where we work, learn, worship, and otherwise live our daily lives.
- The list of available virtual training events will be regularly updated, and presentation topics may change from month to month.
- [Learn more about this series of live virtual presentations, or to register for one or more of](#)

[these events](#)

The Regional Briefings

- [The I Love U Guys Foundation](#) is holding their two-day “symposium that fosters an environment for knowledge-sharing, relationship building, hands-on training, and countless actionable insights that you can put to use as soon as you leave.”
- **When: November 2 - 3, 2023**
- **Where:** Cafe Escadrille Grand Ballroom, 26 Cambridge Street, Burlington, MA 01803
- You can view more information on both days and register on [their website](#)

Campus Safety Online Conference

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

OTHER COLORADO TRAININGS and EVENTS

REMINDER Training Offerings from Partners for Children’s Mental Health in the Fall

- This fall, Partners for Children’s Mental Health is offering a variety of [free live and on-demand workshops](#) for teachers, counselors, school nurses, and support staff. Participants learn how to foster emotional resilience among students, help youth regulate their feelings and behaviors, identify students at risk of a mental health crisis, and take the right steps to keep at-risk students safe.
- Upcoming learning opportunities include:
 - [Managing Big Feelings \(Nov 7\)](#): This training will focus on identifying common somatizations of distress and provide school health staff with simple, practical skills for youth experiencing this distress.
 - [DBT in Elementary Schools \(Oct 4 - Nov 8\)](#): This six-session series provides an overview of Dialectical Behavior Therapy theory and skills with a focus on skills application and incorporation into standard elementary curriculum.
 - [DBT in High Schools \(Oct 5 - Nov 9\)](#): This six-session series provides an overview of Dialectical Behavior Therapy theory and skills with a focus on skills application and incorporation into standard high school curriculum.
- If you have any questions about these learning opportunities or would like to arrange custom training for your school, please email info@pcmh.org.

Conference: From Tragedy to Healing: a Focus on Targeted Violence Prevention, Response, and Recovery

- [The Association of Threat Assessment Professionals \(ATAP\)](#) is hosting a two-day conference for threat assessment and threat management practitioners in law enforcement, mental health, workplace violence, insider threat, and education and threat management groups, on **November 6-7**.
- Cost is \$25 ATAP member / \$30 non member.
- [Check out the event flyer](#)
- [Register here](#)

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

- The Colorado School Mental Health Community of Practice released their 2023-2024 program aimed at advancing school mental health.

- The next meeting is **Wednesday, November 15th** and will feature staff from the new **Office of School Safety**.
- The CoP will host a Virtual CoP Sessions series with featured presenters, Q&A, and discussions on the **3rd Wednesday of the month in February and May**.
- Open Community Events on selected topics will be open to all interested parties on the **3rd Wednesday of the month in November, January and April**.
- [Use this form to register for upcoming events](#).

NEW Preventing Targeted Violence and Combating Domestic Violent Extremism Workshop - December 6, 2023

- The [Colorado Information Analysis Center \(CIAC\)](#) is partnering with the Northeast Region to host a [Preventing Targeted Violence and Combating Domestic Violent Extremism Workshop](#) on **December 6, 2023** at the University of Northern Colorado campus in Greeley.
- This workshop will bring together partners and violence prevention professionals across disciplines to network, learn, and collaborate. It will provide an overview of preventing targeted violence, with a specific emphasis on combating domestic violent extremism.
- Throughout the workshop, attendees will have an opportunity to discuss current prevention activities, needs and gaps, and next steps. Attendees will participate in discussions specific to their expertise and should leave with goals, plans, and a general outline of who to engage and next steps to implement targeted violence prevention programming.
- Please see the [attached flyer](#) for more information and the [registration link](#). Space is limited, so please [register early](#)! Registration will close by **Friday November 17th**, or earlier if all space is filled.

Protection of Individuals from Restraint and Seclusion Act Online Moodle Course

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

Safe2Tell Presentations - Request Now

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

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

NEW Telling Your Safe Routes Story: Media and Messaging Strategies that Work!

- Join Colorado Safe Routes to School for their final webinar of the calendar year! Hear from journalists and media experts about how they cover community stories on youth and safety. Learn practical strategies for framing your Safe Routes story, using simple equipment for capturing events, and leveraging content to reach your larger program goals. The webinar will also share examples of partnering with youth to create fun and engaging content.

- Featured Speakers:
 - Sam Cole, Traffic Safety Communications Manager, Colorado Department of Transportation
 - Colin Rickman, Director of Communications and Engagement, St. Vrain Valley Schools
 - Deb Stanley, Content Producer, Denver7 Morning News
- When: **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 - 11am to 12pm**
- [Register here](#)

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

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

NEW American Heart Association Curriculum: Vaping - Know the truth

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

Watch: Video Highlights SchoolSafety.gov Resources and Tools

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

The What, Why, and How of Early Childhood Mental Health: What it is, Why it Matters, and How to Proceed

- This training is being hosted by the [Colorado Department of Education](#).
- The training series will cover principles of early childhood mental health, common and unusual presentations of mental health needs in early childhood, and strategies that educators can use to support mental health including students with disabilities.
- Intended Audience:

- Early childhood educators (preschool-kindergarten)
- Early Childhood Special educators (preschool-kindergarten)
- School-based mental health professionals working in preschool and/or kindergarten
- Participants are highly encouraged to attend with their district/AU teams to benefit most from the content.
- Sessions:
 - Strategies to Support Young Children’s Mental Health in the Classroom - 11/14 (Content) and 11/28 (Coaching)
- Contact Krista Klabo, klabo_k@cde.state.co.us or Melissa Taucher, taucher_m@cde.state.co.us with any questions.
- [Register for the session of your choice here.](#)

Case Study Approach: Utilizing Digital Threat Assessment

- [Safer Schools Together \(SST\)](#) is offering their “Digital Threat Assessment® which teaches participants to establish a Digital Behavioral Baseline through a Safety / Threat Assessment lens.”
- **When: November 21, 2023**
- You can view more information and register on [their website](#)

CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Violence Prevention Grant

- The new Colorado [Office of School Safety](#) is pleased to have funding from [SB23-241](#) for a Youth Violence Prevention grant.
- Schools, districts, and community non-profit organizations with projects to reduce youth violence are invited to apply.
- Grants will be awarded up to \$100,000.
- The application deadline is **November 13, 2023**
- Grant activities must be completed and paid for by June 30, 2023.
- [Please see the application and other information here.](#)
- You can contact Christine.harms@state.co.us or [303-912-6915](tel:303-912-6915) with any questions.

Fall 2023 CDE grant writing trainings

- The Student Pathways Unit of the CO Department of Education is offering a series of four regional grant development training sessions this fall. Led by grant-writing specialist Annette Sloan, participants will learn to organize grant applications, craft high-quality responses, use data, set SMART goals, communicate, and create well-thought-out budgets.
- The training sessions will be from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The dates and locations are as follows:
 - **Nov. 14**, at Edwards Early Learning Center
 - **Nov. 16**, at Thompson School District
 - **Dec. 14**, at Lewis Palmer School District
- Space is limited, so [early registration](#) is recommended.
- Please contact Phyllis Reed if you have any questions or need further information: Reed_P@cde.state.co.us or [720-498-2059](tel:720-498-2059)

REMINDER Capital Construction: Notify of FY24-25 BEST Grant Round by November 30, 2023

- The deadline for all applicants to notify CDE of their intent to apply for a BEST grant in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024-25 grant round is **Nov. 30**.
- The intent to apply form, as well as the full grant round announcement, can be found on the [CDE website](#).

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

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

Nourish Colorado Grants Available

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

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for Pre K-12 SCHOOLS

NEW Stop the Bleed Program: Online Kits Available

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

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

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

NEW American Federation for Suicide Prevention Website & Resources

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

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

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

Emergency Planning Strategies and Resources for the K-12 Community

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

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

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

CO4Kids.org Launches a New Website

- [The new site](#) launched on September 5. The content is the same but the look, feel and organization has been updated to improve the user experience. CDHS chose to move the site to a new platform as the old platform would not be supported after November of this year. Below is some of the thinking behind the changes.
- **Intuitive Navigation:** Special attention was required in this aspect, as the needs and preferences of foster care users significantly differ from those seeking information about the signs of child abuse or the number for the CO4Kids Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline.
- **Responsive Layout:** As the majority of people who visit the Co4Kids site do so via their mobile device, [the new site](#) was designed to be completely mobile responsive from large monitors to the smallest of mobile devices.
- **Spanish Feature (Coming Soon):** The website ensures a seamless experience for Spanish-speaking users in locating the information they require. A straightforward toggle option is readily available in the top right-hand corner, and the CDHS team can effortlessly input and manage the Spanish content.
- **Please Note:** Some of the URLs may be different on [the new site](#). If users are receiving a 404 error when they use a link from the old website, that may be because the URL has changed. Please navigate the site to try to locate the material. The CDHS team is still in the process of updating the new site and resolving issues. If you locate an issue that needs

resolved, please contact Adrienne.Baxter@state.co.us.

The Role of Athletic Directors in School Safety Efforts Webinar

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

REMINDER Emergency Drill White Paper for Public Schools, Charter Schools, and Junior Colleges Based on the 2021 International Fire Code

- The [Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control \(DFPC\)](#) and SSRC have partnered to share this white paper with the following intent: “Fire & Evacuation and Lockdown drills are a vital component in preparing our students, teachers, and staff for potential emergencies. With the recent adoption of the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC), the Division of Fire Prevention and Control is developing this paper to clarify any misunderstandings of the requirements for school fire safety plans, fire evacuation plans, and lockdown plans.”
- [Please see the white paper linked here.](#)

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

- [The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning \(CASEL\)](#) has shared these tips to “start the school year strong”
- “Whether you’re a teacher, school counselor, [social worker](#), or principal, here are [five SEL strategies](#) to build connections from day one:
 - Get to know students (and check out this [empathy map](#) strategy).
 - Create shared agreements.
 - Set goals.
 - Welcome families warmly at back-to-school night.
 - Check-in with yourself and your colleagues.”
- “Strategies for Families:
 - To get started, you can use or share these three SEL strategies for families ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)):
 - Stay connected to your child.
 - Help them make a plan and problem-solve.
 - Keep communication lines open with their school.”
- “Strategies for SEL Champions:
 - As the new school year begins, you can share these [three key messages](#) with your communities:
 - SEL improves academic achievement.

- SEL builds lifelong, future-ready skills that allow children to pursue their hopes and dreams.
- SEL is a critical layer of prevention for children’s mental wellness.”

The Incredible Years® Early Intervention Programs: Exciting Updates!

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

REMINDER Colorado Health and Safety Regulations for Schools

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

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

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

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Rural Disaster Behavioral Health - A Guide for Outreach Workers and Crisis Counselors

- [The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) has released a [new guide](#) that provides staff with knowledge and strategies to best support diverse rural communities.

What You Need to Know About Preventing Violent Extremism Through Education

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

Substance Misuse Prevention Program for Middle & High School Students

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

Living With Suicide Loss

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

Free Substance Use Resources From The DEA

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

2023 BIPOC Mental Health Toolkit

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

Practical Guide for Implementing a Trauma-Informed Approach

- [The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) has released

this new guide that “specifically focuses on tools and strategies for implementing a TIA.”

- [View the guide](#) on SAMHSA’s site.

Resources for the acquisition of EpiPens

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

RESOURCES and INFORMATION for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REMINDER Emergency Drill White Paper for Public Schools, Charter Schools, and Junior Colleges Based on the 2021 International Fire Code

- The [Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control \(DFPC\)](#) and SSRC have partnered to share this white paper with the following intent: “Fire & Evacuation and Lockdown drills are a vital component in preparing our students, teachers, and staff for potential emergencies. With the recent adoption of the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC), the Division of Fire Prevention and Control is developing this paper to clarify any misunderstandings of the requirements for school fire safety plans, fire evacuation plans, and lockdown plans.”
- [Please see the white paper linked here.](#)

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

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

JED’s New Postvention Consulting Services

- JED is offering a new set of services to campus communities that experience a loss of life to suicide or another tragic event. JED’s postvention consulting services will help your school respond rapidly, responsibly, and compassionately to the needs of your students and staff. JED experts are able to provide support proactively to ensure maximum preparedness or in real-time in immediate response to a crisis. Learn more about JED’s [postvention consulting services](#).
- JED’s [It’s OK to Say Suicide](#) campaign was featured in an [article](#) by Sinclair Broadcast Group, which has affiliate TV stations across more than 30 states and reaches a potential 23 million people. The article features an interview with Ellen Utley, a psychiatrist and JED advisor to independent and boarding schools and several resources for suicide awareness and prevention.

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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

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- 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 (cssrc.colorado.gov) for the latest school safety information and upcoming trainings. Call us at: [303-239-4435](tel:303-239-4435).



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