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# April 2026 Newsletter

*This E-Update from the Colorado Office of School Safety (OSS) provides current information on OSS activities, state-wide school safety efforts, and national resources. Please forward to others interested in Colorado school safety; click the button below to subscribe.*

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## The Director's Corner

Dear Colleagues:




Hello April! Ready or not, spring has arrived.

The OSS will offer the threat assessment essential **BASIC Digital Threat Assessment** course taught virtually by Safer Schools Together on Thursday, May 14, 2026. The follow up, Advanced DTA, will be offered on Thursday, August 27th. The OSS has grant funding to reduce the cost to $25.

The annual summer **Institutions of Higher Education Safety Symposium** is scheduled for Thursday, May 28th in Glenwood Springs. Please find the registration link below.

Registration for our June, in-person, **School Safety Specialist Academy** is filling fast. Please see the information below if you hope to register.

The Office of School Safety has some grant funds for **SRO training** remaining. Please see the offer below for reimbursements.

A session of **TeamUp** workshop (formerly Project Unit) will be offered on Thursday, August 20th at Adams 12 Conference Center. More information for school safety teams and community responders can be found below.

**Save The Dates**: The OSS team is planning a **two-day threat assessment conference** for all school staff, September 17th-18th. Some of the biggest national names in threat assessment will be featured. Registration will open with the May E-Update.

Finally, information for the first Colorado School Safety Showcase to be held virtually on October 15th can be found below. If you have an innovative idea that you are using to safeguard students and staff, we want you to present at the Showcase. Thank you!

Happy Spring,

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# The Office of School Safety

## Announcements

### NEW - Threat Assessment Conference

The Office of School Safety is working on a two-day threat assessment conference. We are still finalizing the logistics. This event will feature presentations from nationally recognized experts to provide specialized training and strategic toolkits for maintaining school security.

Who: All school threat assessment team members
When: **September 17–18, 2026**
Where: Auraria Campus, 1201 5th St, Denver, CO 80204
Cost: $50 per person (includes food and refreshments)

**Note:** Registration will open in May, look for it in the next Newsletter. Space will be limited so you will want to register as quickly as possible.

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### NEW - SRO Summer Training Reimbursements

The Office of School Safety (OSS) has additional grant funding to support limited SRO training this spring and summer. If you are a Colorado-based SRO and successfully complete any of the following SRO workshops through **NASRO**, send an email with a copy of your certificate and proof of payment to the OSS and we will reimburse you or your Colorado law enforcement agency for the actual cost of the workshop, up to $550 for Basic and $450 for Advanced or Supervisor Training.

Here are the limited workshops subject to this offer:

- Advanced SRO - Longmont, CO (50 officers) Date: **June 22–24, 2026**
- **SRO Supervisors & Management - Gypsum, CO (50 officers) Date: June 22–24, 2026**
- **Basic SRO Course - Yuma, CO (10 officers) Date: July 20–24, 2026**

**Important** - Reimbursement is handled on a first-come, first-served basis.
To receive reimbursement submit the following two items together by **August 15th**:

- Your **NASRO registration** receipt showing payment.
- A completed W9 for whichever individual or agency issued the payment.

Please direct any questions and reimbursement requests to **Melissa.adducci@state.co.us**
Thank you!

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### The Colorado School Safety Showcase

October is School Safety Month, and this year, we're doing something a little different. We are excited to celebrate the incredible work happening across our state.
As a national leader in school safety, Colorado's strength lies in its community. We know that districts and state partners are implementing groundbreaking programs and seeing real-world success every day. The Colorado School Safety Showcase is your platform to share those wins with your peers.

When: **October 15th, 2026**
Format: 100% Virtual
Cost: $50. Presenters can attend for free.

**We are looking for dynamic, 60-minute virtual presentations that highlight:**

- Successful Projects: Innovative safety infrastructure or procedural rollouts.
- Proven Programs: Mental health initiatives, threat assessment successes, or student-led safety groups.
- Collaborative Partnerships: How you've worked with state or local partners to enhance campus security.

- Lessons Learned: Practical advice and blueprints that other districts can adapt.

***Vendors are not permitted to submit an application to present at the conference.***

**Please fill out this Form to apply**.

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## NEW - Opioid Resource Toolkit for Schools

To directly support school administrators, educators, nurses, and mental health professionals in navigating this complex issue, we are proud to launch the **Opioid and Fentanyl School Resource Page**. This comprehensive online resource provides actionable steps, ready-to-use materials, and critical information tailored specifically for the K-12 environment.
The toolkit offers resources for prevention, intervention, response, recovery, and harm reduction at the state and local level.

We encourage every school district to utilize this toolkit and find new ways to strengthen current emergency operations plans. The fentanyl crisis is a community problem, and schools are a critical part of the solution. By integrating robust education, preparedness, and support systems, we can protect our schools and work toward ending this public health emergency.

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## Child Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention Resource Guide

The Office of School Safety has provided multiple resource guides for school personnel over the years. The team is in the process of updating all of our guides, and we are excited to bring you the first revision for 2026!

The **Child Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention Resource Guide** is full of helpful laws, definitions, and guidance on how to build a comprehensive program at your school or agency. You will find school-based programs, in-person and virtual opportunities, and programming ranging from free and downloadable to train-the-trainer options. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a perfect time to update your training with this fantastic tool.

Watch future newsletters for the release of other updates.

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## Update - Student-Staff Summit Data Collection

For the past ten years, the Office has hosted Student-Staff Safety Summits across the state, giving us the opportunity to learn firsthand about the safety concerns of local experts and students. It is an honor to interact with youth in their own communities; these experiences often highlight how safety considerations can shift uniquely from one region to the next.

During the 2025–2026 school year, the Office traveled with Lynn Riemer from **ACT on Drugs**. Lynn provided middle and high school students with frank, accurate information regarding the consequences of vaping and drug use, including fentanyl. Students found her presentation style to be honest, scientifically grounded, and—at times—downright hilarious. OSS staff followed Lynn's presentation with three workshops on Being an Upstander, Healthy Relationships, and Belonging in Schools.

We have now compiled our survey results for the following communities:

- **Grand Junction Student Staff Summit Evaluations**
- **Pueblo Student Staff Summit Evaluations**
- **Virtual Student Staff Summit Evaluations**

We are grateful for an opportunity to highlight student voices in our work!

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# Training

## NEW - Digital Threat Assessment

The Office of School Safety is offering two low-cost, virtual Digital Threat Assessment workshops. From **SaferSchoolsTogether**: “Digital Threat Assessment® teaches participants to establish a Digital Behavioral Baseline through a Safety/Threat Assessment lens. By engaging with popular social media applications, you will learn how to find and document worrisome digital media content originating from your community. This training solidifies your understanding of how to effectively use DTA® as a critical part of any modern-day Threat Assessment Basic Digital Threat Assessment”

When:

- **Basic - May 14, 2026 Registration**
- **Advanced Digital Threat Assessment - August 27, 2026 Registration**

Cost: Reduced to $25 per course, thanks to grant funding.

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## Institutions of Higher Education Summer Safety Symposium

The Colorado Office of School Safety is hosting an annual one-day symposium focused on safety strategies and collaboration for personnel in higher education and K-12 environments.

**Speakers have been confirmed on:**

- Radical Ideologies (FBI),
- Laws impacting higher education institutions, (Colorado Attorney General’s Office),
- The Impact of Problem Gambling (Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado), and
- Best Practices in Reporting Concerning Behaviors in IHE. (OSS Staff)

Date: **Thursday May 28, 2026**
Location: Colorado Mountain College, Glenwood Springs (Make it a weekend at the hot springs!)
Cost: $50 (includes breakfast and lunch)

**Institutions of Higher Education Summer Safety Symposium Registration**. Please register by April 28th.

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## NEW - OSS provides De-Escalating Potentially Violent Situations Workshop

In collaboration with **The Colorado School District Self Insurance Pool** (CSDSIP), the Colorado Office of School Safety, in partnership with the **Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute**, is offering "De-Escalating Potentially Violent Situations," a four-hour practical workshop and toolkit.

Designed for all school personnel, this training focuses on a trauma-informed approach to defusing situations before they escalate into aggression or violence. Participants will explore the dynamics of trauma responses, the importance of emotional regulation, and a structured framework for verbal de-escalation. The curriculum balances theoretical insights with hands-on practice to build the skills and confidence necessary for maintaining a safe learning environment.

Date: **June 16, 2026**
Location: The Conference Center At RidgeGate, 9977 Sky Ridge Avenue, Lone Tree

**CSDSIP Event Registration**

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## NEW - Team Up! Training

Based on NASRO's Project Unite, TeamUp is a one-day workshop designed for school safety teams and community responders to collaborate and refine their protocols. This comprehensive session addresses the five pillars of school safety: prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery.

When: **Thursday, August 20, 2026**
Location: Adams 12 Five-Star Schools Conference Center, Thornton, CO
Cost: Grant-subsidized cost reduced to $100.00 per team (Includes breakfast and lunch)
Who: School safety teams and their community responders

Participants will focus on four key systems:

- Positive school culture and climate
- Bystander reporting and response
- Information sharing
- Behavioral threat and suicide assessment/management

If this time isn't convenient for your school's team, staff would be happy to train at your location at your convenience at no-cost. Please reach out to **Margaret.ochoa@state.co.us** for more information on scheduling at your school.

**Team Up! Training Registration**.

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## Update - School Safety Academy

This event is a 20-hour foundational training for anyone tasked to be the school safety lead at their school or district. Applicants must have completed **FEMA courses IS-100.C** and **362.A**.

- Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 5455 Olde Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada, CO 80002
- Mileage, lodging (as necessary) and meals will be covered by the Office of School Safety.
- Registration will be **capped at 25**

We are excited to offer the Academy in-person again, and look forward to representation from across Colorado!

The event is filling quickly. **View Prerequisites and School Safety Academy Application**.

**Having trouble registering? Visit our Registration Guide**

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## Training on Request

Please visit our website to peruse our **entire catalog** of available offerings. A few newer, high demand workshops are described below.

### Exploring the Impacts of Gaming on Student Success

Under a grant from the **Colorado Department of Revenue, Division of Gaming**, the Office of School Safety partnered with the **Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado** to bring you this training, which explores:

- Evolving trends and types of video games
- Research on the effects of video games on school-aged youth
- Warning signs of gaming addiction and prevention strategies, and
- Resources and support

**Where:** Virtual
**When:** Join us in April/May for these Virtual training dates:

- Lunch & Learn for School Staff: **Thursday April 16** @ 12:00, **Register Here**.
- Conversation with Families: **Wednesday April 29** @ 6:00 pm, **Register Here**.
- Coffee Break with Families: **Thursday April 30** @ 9:00 am, **Register Here**.
- Coffee Break for School Staff: **Tuesday May 5** @ 9:00 am, **Register Here**.
- Cost: Free

This training runs approximately one hour and is adaptable for staff, parent/guardian communities, and youth. It is also appropriate for residence hall advisors at the higher education level. Contact us for more information.

Please contact **Amy.Miglinas@state.co.us** for more information.

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## Networking Groups

### Online CTAMP Tool Users:

Rather than meeting as a formal group in academic year 2025/26, informal office hours are scheduled each month. Please join us in April on these dates:

- April 2nd (Wednesday) from 8 to 9 AM, and
- April 21st (Tuesday) from 2 to 3 PM.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact **Mike.Vagher@state.co.us** to receive resources and updates.

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The Office of School Safety continues to host **networking groups** for interested staff this school year. Each group is planning for continuing education and networking opportunities:

- **Threat Assessment**, contact **Brad.Stiles@state.co.us** (Groups have concluded for this year)
- **Suicide Prevention**, contact **Cary.Lynch@state.co.us** (Groups have concluded for this year)
- **Managing Problematic Sexual Behaviors**, contact **JaeDee.Wood@state.co.us**
- **Crisis Response**, contact **Leah.Lefever@state.co.us** (Groups have concluded for this year)

Last date for 2025 - 2026 School Year:

- **April 21, 2026 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM - Problematic Sexual Behaviors**

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## Online Training

**Online courses are available:** **Visit the OSS website**

# Grants Unit

## Current Grant Information

### School Access for Emergency Response Grant Program

### Exciting News - SAFER is Here!

The Office of School Safety has launched the RFA 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/MST on **Monday, May 11, 2026**.

Ensure that you thoroughly review the **application guidebook** prior to completing the application! The application has numerous requirements that can take extra time to complete (i.e. MOU, EOP, detailed implementation plans, etc.).

We are hosting a series of SAFER FY27 Potential Applicant Webinars and FAQ sessions. Utilize the Links to sign-up below

- Potential Applicant Webinar Session 1 **April 8, 2026** 10:30AM. **Register here**.
- Potential Applicant Webinar Session 2 **April 15, 2026** 10:30AM. **Register here**.
- Potential Applicant Q&A Drop-In Session: **April 22, 2026**, **Schedule your session on April 22,2026**.

Please direct any questions to **cdps_oss_safer@state.co.us**

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### School Security Disbursement Grant Program

The Office of School Safety was recently alerted that due to the current budget issues the state is experiencing, we will need to postpone distributing funds for the School Security Disbursement Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2026. We do expect the funds to be released in the near future. We ask that all awardees refrain from spending and halt all activities related to the project, until you receive further guidance from our office. We understand this may cause inconveniences and we truly apologize. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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### Current SSD Awardees

Check out our website for the **SSD Grant Management Guide**.

Have you completed your project? **Schedule your closeout meeting with us here!**

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### ESSIR Grant

Reminder: With March closed, be sure that your entity is on track to complete your required monthly reporting by the April 15, 2026 deadline, and that all reporting requirements have been met! Check our **website** for the latest forms and reporting guidance.

Have you completed your project? **Schedule your closeout meeting with us here!**

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## Current External Grants

### NEW - SIPA provides SIPA GovGrants Program

**The Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA)** is offering a **grant program** designed to fund high-impact technology efforts that improve digital government service delivery across Colorado. This application-based program supports innovative, scalable, and resident-facing civic technology solutions for various levels of government.

Application Deadline: **April 10, 2026**
Application: **SIPA GovGrants Application Form**

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### NEW - Children's Mental Health Initiative

The purpose of the Children's Mental Health Initiative program is to provide comprehensive community mental health services to children, youth, and young adults, birth through age 21 with a serious emotional disturbance, which may include efforts to identify and serve children at risk, and their families.

- Application Deadline: **Monday, April 20, 2026**
- Visit the **SAMHSA Website** for more information.

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### NEW - State of Colorado's Preventing-Identity Based Violence (PIBV) grant program

The PIBV program provides much needed financial support to a broad set of local and community partners in strengthening Colorado's efforts to prevent targeted violence.

- Application Deadline: **Friday May 1, 2026** at 5:00 PM
- Visit the **CIAC PIBV website** for more information.

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### CDPHE provides School Hazardous Chemical Waste Removal Funding

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is providing financial assistance to schools for the removal of hazardous chemical wastes. Priority is given to schools committed to green chemistry, effective procurement systems to prevent future accumulation, and regulatory compliance. Applicants must submit a chemical inventory, a hygiene plan, and procurement procedures to their Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) for initial review.

Application Deadline: **First-come, first-served** (reviewed in order of receipt)
Location: Submit to Local Public Health Agency (Direct to CDPHE for select rural counties)

**Application**

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## Grant Training Opportunities

- Potential Applicant Webinar Session 1 **April 8, 2026** 10:30AM. **Register here**.
- Potential Applicant Webinar Session 2 **April 15, 2026** 10:30AM. **Register here**.
- Potential Applicant Q&A Drop-In Session: **April 22, 2026**, **Schedule your session on April 22,2026**.

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## Grant Awardee Feedback

### Feedback from Monte Vista School District:

*"Funds from the School Security Disbursement Grant enabled Monte Vista School District to install exterior security cameras that significantly strengthened campus safety and situational awareness. The cameras expanded monitoring around school entrances, parking lots, and other exterior areas, allowing staff and administrators to better detect suspicious activity, respond more quickly to incidents, and review recorded footage when concerns arise. This improved visibility acts as both a deterrent to potential misconduct and a tool for timely coordination with school resource officers and local law enforcement. Overall, the grant-supported camera system enhanced the district's ability to protect students, staff, and visitors while creating a safer and more secure school environment."*



### Be Featured in The Grants Corner!

We want to celebrate you! If a grant helped your project take flight, tell us about it. Share a quick success story and a photo for a chance to be featured in our Newsletter.

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**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.

**Stay Connected: [oss.colorado.gov/grants-overview](oss.colorado.gov/grants-overview)**

Thank you,
OSS Grants Unit

## Crisis Response Unit

The Crisis Response Unit is excited to be offering a PREPaRE Workshop 2 Train the Trainer on April 21-22 and PREPaRE Workshop 1 Train the Trainer on May 18-19 at the Colorado State Patrol Academy in Golden. We will be charging a slight fee as well as the cost of materials. Participants will be responsible for the material fee at the time of registration. Please see additional information below regarding the course and registration. We are also happy to announce that we will be offering our Crisis Response Symposium virtually December 10, 2026. Stay tuned for additional information.

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## Training Opportunities

### Become a certified trainer for PREPaRE WS2

This comprehensive 2-day program (plus a 1- hour online module) provides the materials, practice, and standardized delivery skills needed to independently lead Workshop 2 sessions.

Date: **April 21-22**
Location: Colorado State Patrol Academy, 15055 S Golden Rd, Golden, CO 80401

**What's Included:**

- 13 hours of in-person, interactive instruction.
- Full workshop presentation materials.
- Official certificate of completion upon passing the mastery tests.

**Prerequisites for Registration Workshop 2 Completion:**
- Must have finished the 3rd Edition within the last 2 years.

**Required Reading:**
- Read School Crisis Prevention and Intervention: The PREPaRE Model.

**Knowledge Mastery:**
- Pass the online Model Content Mastery Test and all pre-workshop activities.

**Cost:** $355 material and presenter fee|View and distribute this

**Register Here**

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### NEW - Become a certified trainer for PREPaRE WS1

This comprehensive 1 and a 1/2 day program (plus a 1- hour online module) provides the materials, practice, and standardized delivery skills needed to independently lead Workshop 1 sessions.

Date: **May 18-19, 2026**
Location: Colorado State Patrol Academy, 15055 S Golden Rd, Golden, CO 80401

What's Included:
- 13 hours of in-person, interactive instruction.
- Full workshop presentation materials.
- Official certificate of completion upon passing the mastery tests.

Prerequisites for Registration Workshop 2 Completion:
- Must have finished the 3rd Edition within the last 2 years.

Required Reading:
- Read School Crisis Prevention and Intervention: The PREPaRE Model.

Knowledge Mastery:
Pass the online Model Content Mastery Test and all pre-workshop activities.

Cost: $355 material and presenter fee

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**Register Here**.

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Please remember we are available to assist, for a limited time per incident, in the initial recovery period following a critical incident when additional mental health resources are needed. If your school is experiencing a loss or incident, do not hesitate to reach out directly to Kati Garner via email **kati.garner@state.co.us** or phone 303-909-3672. We are here to assist you and want to make sure you get connected with the services you need.

## Partner Events and Announcements







April is Child Abuse Prevention Month! The theme for Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026 is “Pinwheels of Possibility.” Pinwheels of Possibility celebrates the limitless potential of children and families when communities come together to support them. You can show support for promoting positive childhood experiences by wearing blue on April 10th. Learn more and get involved at **CO Pinwheels For Prevention**

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**
April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Everyone has a role to play in ending sexual assault, harassment, and abuse. For 25 years, SAAM has united survivors, advocates, and communities in a shared commitment to end sexual assault, abuse, and harassment. This anniversary celebrates the progress of the movement while renewing our commitment to prevention, healing, and continued action. Learn more at **CCASA**.

The Office of School Safety has compiled a guide of school-based prevention programs, national and local resources, and links to research in the 2026 **Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Guide**.

Please contact Jae Dee Wood **JaeDee.Wood@state.co.us** for training on child sexual abuse prevention.

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## Announcements

### NEW - CDE provides Healthy Schools Office Hours
The Colorado Department of Education is hosting Healthy Schools Office Hours to provide one-on-one support for educational leaders. This resource serves as an interactive consultation toolkit where participants can ask specific questions regarding their district and school health teams or the development and implementation of their local wellness policy. These sessions are designed to help schools align their health programs with state standards and effectively manage wellness initiatives.

Dates:
- **April 2nd, 9am: Register Here.**
- **April 16th, 9am: Register Here.**

And by email request to **thompson_j@cde.state.co.us**

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### Upstream offers Mental Health Changemakers Fellowship
Upstream is offering a paid professional development fellowship designed to equip educators with Tier 1 Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning tools. This program provides participants with a stipend, a library of ready-to-use lessons, and monthly virtual expert sessions to support student well-being and educator leadership.
Application Deadline: **April 6, 2026**

Location: Virtual
Application: **Upstream Fellowship Application**

**Note:** This opportunity includes a $500 stipend for participants.

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## NEW - The CELL hosts Educator Reception for classroom resources

The Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab is hosting an exclusive Educator Reception to provide teachers with classroom-ready resources and lesson plans focused on civic engagement, media literacy, and violence prevention. Attendees will receive a guided tour of the exhibit and learn about accessible field trip opportunities and digital awareness programs.
Date: **April 23, 2026**
Location: CELL Exhibit, 99 W. 12th Ave, Denver, CO 80204
**Register Here**.

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## NEW - CDE provides Colorado Project AWARE SOS Licenses

The Colorado Department of Education is partnering with the **SOS Signs of Suicide** team to provide a no-cost toolkit and license for school districts. This resource includes a 45-minute video-based classroom lesson for students in grades 6–12 to help them identify signs of depression and suicide, as well as a one-hour self-guided interactive online training for school staff.

These licenses are provided on a first-come, first-served basis to help school communities recognize and support students at risk.

Deadline: **September 29, 2026**

**Apply for Colorado Project AWARE SOS Licenses**.

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## NEW - BHA provides Youth and Young Adult 988 Learning Modules

The Behavioral Health Administration has released a new toolkit of interactive learning modules specifically designed for youth, young adults, and their advocates. This resource, titled "Accessing 988 Colorado Services," aims to empower young people to navigate mental health crises by teaching them how and when to reach out for support.

The toolkit includes two primary modules: "Getting Help from 988 Colorado Mental Health Line," which introduces peer counselors to available services, and "Encouraging Youth Advisors to Learn about 988 Colorado," which is designed for adult sponsors to better support students in need. These materials are available for free to help strengthen the network of support for Colorado's youth.

Resource Link: **Accessing 988 Colorado Services - Learning Hub**
Resource Link: **988 Colorado Youth Advocate YouTube Playlist**

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## BHA and Kempe Center Provide School Mental Health Support Program

The Colorado Behavioral Health Administration and the Kempe Center offer the School Mental Health Support Program, a statewide initiative providing a toolkit of training, resources, and implementation support.

The program is designed to strengthen mental wellness for students and educators in grades 6 through 12, with a specific focus on rural and underserved schools, by helping them build sustainable, trauma-informed mental health systems aligned with the Colorado Multi-Tiered System of Supports framework.

**School Mental Health Support Program Overview**

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### CDPS and DFPC provides Mandatory Reporting for Fire Incidents in Schools

The Colorado Department of Public Safety requires K-12 public schools to report any fire incident occurring on school property, including "cold fire" incidents or discovered remnants of burned material. This reporting process ensures that all fire events in school buildings, playgrounds, or buses are documented through both local fire departments and the official **online portal**.

**State's Online Reporting Form**

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### CU Cancer Center provides Be Strong for Tomorrow Program

**The University of Colorado Cancer Center Office of Community Outreach and Engagement**, in partnership with 2Morrow Health, offers a free smoking and vaping cessation program accessible via smartphone or computer. The initiative provides educational presentations for schools and communities, alongside specialized cessation modules for adolescents, adults, and pregnant women to address the health risks associated with nicotine addiction.

Date: Ongoing
Location: Available statewide via smartphone app or computer

**Be Strong for Tomorrow Program Enrollment**.

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### CDE Shares Colorado Project AWARE Resource Collection

A comprehensive suite of tools and guides developed to strengthen school-based mental and behavioral health infrastructure. These resources were created in response to statewide needs and align with Colorado's Multi-Tiered System of Supports to foster wellbeing and belonging in educational settings.

**Project AWARE Resource Collection**.

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### NEW - AFHK provides District Impact Network Community

**Action for Healthy Kids** is inviting district wellness professionals to join the District Impact Network, a new nationwide community and resource toolkit. This free network serves as a central hub designed to strengthen whole-child wellness initiatives by providing evidence-based resources, practical tools, and funding opportunities.

The program focuses on making wellness sustainable and system-wide through training and peer-powered collaboration, allowing professionals to amplify their impact across their respective districts.

**District Impact Network**

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### CDC provides HEART

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides the Health Equity Assessment and Resource Toolkit (HEART), an interactive online resource designed to help state and local health departments and their partners examine how their programs and policies contribute to health equity and the prevention of violence.

**HEART Assessment Toolkit**

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## Trainings

## NEW - CDPHE provides Rules and Regulations Governing Schools Training

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is providing a comprehensive toolkit and training series regarding major changes to 6 CCR 1010-6, the Rules and Regulations Governing Schools. These resources are designed to help school partners prepare for the implementation of updated regulations in August.

The toolkit includes a recorded presentation, presentation slides, and an unofficial version of the updated regulations. Additionally, the department is hosting four live virtual sessions where participants can review the material and engage in a question-and-answer period with state experts.

Dates:

- **Wednesday, April 1st from 3:00-4:30 PM Registration**
- **Wednesday, April 8th from 3:00-4:30 PM Registration**

Location: Virtual via Zoom

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## NEW - CSF provides Applied Shakespeare and Violence Prevention Events

**The Colorado Shakespeare Festival** is offering a toolkit of free resources and events designed to help educators integrate the arts with community impact and school safety.

These opportunities include an online training in "Applied Shakespeare," which provides teachers with practical tools to make classical texts engaging and accessible in the classroom. Additionally, the festival is hosting a public performance and panel discussion titled "Shakespeare and Violence Prevention Showcase," featuring an abridged performance of Hamlet followed by a dialogue with violence prevention experts.

This collaboration with the **Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence** demonstrates how arts education can align with research-based strategies to foster safer school environments.

Dates:

- Applied Shakespeare Online Training: **April 2, 2026**
- Shakespeare & Violence Prevention Showcase: **April 25, 2026** @ Boulder Public Library, Boulder, Colorado
- **Applied Shakespeare Online Training Registration**
- **Shakespeare & Violence Prevention Showcase Registration**

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## CDE provides Landscape of Wellbeing and Belonging Training

The Colorado Department of Education is hosting a training to help schools and districts utilize the Landscape of Wellbeing and Belonging framework.

Participants will learn to use self-assessment tools and data to prioritize actionable steps for improving student engagement and educator workforce strength within a multi-tiered system of supports.

Date: **April 15, 2026**
Where: Virtual

**Register for Landscape of Wellbeing and Belonging Training**.

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## NEW - Facing History & Ourselves provides School and District Programs Info Session

**Facing History & Ourselves** is hosting an informational session to introduce their comprehensive toolkit and partnership opportunities for school and district leaders. This program

provides educators with professional development and curriculum resources designed to help students bridge the gap between historical events and the moral choices they face in their own lives.

By examining instances of injustice and genocide, the program fosters empathy, ethical decision-making, and social-emotional learning. The session will cover how schools can implement these evidence-based strategies to create more inclusive and civically engaged learning environments.

Date: **April 22, 2026**
Location: Virtual

**Facing History School & District Programs Registration**

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## RMVLC provides Title IX Training

The Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center is hosting a training session to address how K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions must respond to sex-based harassment and protect students from discrimination.

This session provides an overview of Title IX regulations, including protections for LGBTQIA+ and pregnant or parenting students, while discussing best practices for supporting victims throughout the Title IX process.

Date: **April 22, 2026**
Location: Virtual

**Title IX Training Registration**

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## NEW - SMHSP Summit Getting to the Root of Colorado Youth Mental Health Crisis

The School Mental Health Support Program provides a summit focused on addressing the youth mental health crisis through primary prevention strategies in school settings. This event brings together a panel of experts to analyze current mental health trends and collaborate on evidence-based guidelines for schools to implement during the 2026-2027 school year.

Date: **May 1, 2026**

**Getting to the Root of It Registration**

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## CDPHE provides Sources of Strength Training and Funding Opportunities

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is offering free facilitator training and a rural elementary school pilot program to build upstream wellness and suicide prevention resources across the state

Interactive four-day training designed to build skills in facilitating Adult Advisor and Peer Leader sessions while equipping participants to implement the program to fidelity.

Date: **May 11-14, 2026**
Location: TBD
**May Sources of Strength Registration**.

Two-day refresher and booster training for Colorado Sources of Strength Certified Local Trainers and Provisional Trainers to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Date: **June 8-9, 2026**
Location: TBD

**June Sources of Strength Registration**.

Reach out to **CDPHE_suicideprevention@state.co.us** for any questions!

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## CDE provides Prevent School Violence Mini Training Opportunities

The Colorado Department of Education is offering a 45-minute training series designed to provide educators, administrators, and community partners with strategies to prevent school violence and foster supportive environments. This toolkit of virtual sessions focuses on strengthening family partnerships and empowering youth voices to enhance overall school safety.

Date: **May 13, 2026**
Location: Zoom

**May 13 Training Registration**

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## NEW - NTAC provides Virtual Targeted Violence Prevention Training

**The National Threat Assessment Center** is offering a series of virtual training presentations focused on enhancing school safety and preventing mass attacks. These sessions serve as a specialized toolkit for school administrators, educators, law enforcement, and community safety stakeholders to learn behavioral threat assessment strategies.

Participants can select specific sessions tailored to their roles, including the Enhancing School Safety program for educational environments and the Preventing Mass Attacks program for broader community safety.
Dates:

- Enhancing School Safety: **May 20, 2026; July 15, 2026; September 16, 2026**
- Preventing Mass Attacks: **April 15, 2026; June 17, 2026; August 19, 2026**

Location: Virtual

**Virtual Targeted Violence Prevention Training Registration**.

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## Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (CELL) Educational Sessions

Explore Emerging Threats to National Security with Your Students

The CELL is offering a series of educational sessions for schools at no cost through June of 2026:

- Prevention in Practice: Tackling Online Extremism & Radicalization with William Braniff, Executive Director, PERIL, American University,
- Strategy Under Strain: Adapting Defense Policy for a Changing World with Dr. Kim Cragin, National Security & Global Policy Expert,
- From Gaza to Tehran: Global Conflict & Modern Extremism with Dr. Matthew Levitt, Expert on Middle East Security & Terrorism, and
- Without a Cause: Inside the Rise of Nihilistic Violent Extremism with Cody Zoschak, Researcher on Online Extremism & Emerging Threats

View the **Presentation Flyer** for more information.
Contact **VSR@TheCELL.org** to arrange your no-cost training.

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## USSS provides Virtual Training Calendar and Registration

The United States Secret Service provides a virtual training calendar and registration portal to facilitate access to educational sessions and events hosted by the agency. This resource serves

as a centralized hub for individuals to sign up for upcoming virtual training opportunities and receive updates regarding scheduled sessions.

Multiple dates available

**Virtual Training Calendar Registration**

## The Office of School Safety

The OSS offers no-cost assistance to **all Colorado Pre-K through higher education schools** for school safety planning. They provide **consultation**, **resources**, **training**, and **technical assistance** to help create a safe, positive, and successful school environment. The OSS can customize training for your school's safety and crisis planning teams or staff. Stay updated on school safety information and upcoming trainings by visiting oss.colorado.gov.

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

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