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OVERVIEW OF THE COLORADO SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER

School Safety & Youth In Crisis Interim Committee (SB15-214)
 July 14, 2015
 Colorado School Safety Resource Center
 Colorado Department of Public Safety
 Christine R. Harms MS, Director

Graphic: School Safety Resource Center



Colorado School Safety Resource Center
 (C.R.S. 24-33.5-1803)
 Established in 2008 to provide NO-COST Services to ALL schools in CO




www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC



CSSRC Advisory Board

- Original legislation established a board of 16. Currently 19 serve on the board.
- Appointments are made to the board by the Governor, Commissioner of Education and the Executive Directors of:
 - Colorado Community College System
 - Colorado Department of Human Services
 - Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
 - Colorado Department of Public Safety
 - Commission on Higher Education
- Next meeting is Tuesday, August 4th at 1:30 at 690 Kipling in Lakewood on the first floor.



Staff of the Center

Director
Chris Harms MS - first school outreach consultant


School Outreach Consultant
Anna Gisetti MA - former school counselor/hired March 2013

Emergency Response Outreach Consultant
Brad Stiles MA - former law enforcement/emergency management/legislation 2013/hired November 2013

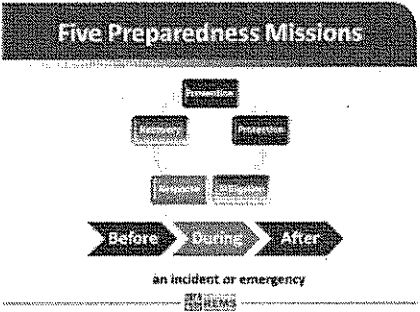
Resource Specialist
Anthony Wyatt - business background/hired June 2015

Program Assistant
Nancy Biaggi - former school admin/hired April 2015


CSA Prevention Specialist
SB15-020 - in the hiring process now



Five Preparedness Missions




an incident or emergency



Components of the Colorado Safe Schools Act
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1

- Makes safety a priority in mission
- Development of a safe schools plan
- Requires written policies for conduct and discipline codes
- Bullying prevention & education
- Safe schools reporting requirements for conduct & discipline code violations
- Internet safety plan
- Agreements with state agencies
- School response framework-school safety, readiness & incident management plan
- Safety & security policy
- Employee screenings
- Immunity for school personnel-safe school plan
- Compliance with reporting
- Sharing information



Facilitated Work Groups

- ❖ Information Sharing (2009 - 2010)
- ❖ Emergency Planning for K-12 Schools (2009 - 2010)
- ❖ Threat Assessment (2009 - 2011)
- ❖ Bullying/Harassment Prevention (2010 - ongoing)
- ❖ School Security Personnel (2012 - ongoing)
- ❖ Institutions of Higher Education (2014 - ongoing)



Threat Assessment Work Group

- Began work in 2009 meeting 10 times through November 2011 with a participant list of 19 professionals, averaging 10 at each meeting
- Personnel included:
 - Professionals from 7 different school districts
 - Center for the Study & Prevention of Violence at CU, Boulder
 - Safe2Tell Executive Director
 - Law enforcement personnel
 - Mental health practitioners
 - BOCES representatives
 - Juvenile Assessment Center representatives
 - Staff from the Department of Corrections
 - National Expert on Threat Assessment



The Final Report and Findings of the Safe School Initiative

- US Secret Service and Department of Education
- Patterned after the Secret Service's Exceptional Case Study Project (ECSP)
- Additional US Secret Service and Dept. of Ed. Documents (2004)
- Essentials of School Threat Assessment (CSSRC)



Threat Assessment Update

- November of 2011 CSSRC then Director, Linda Kanan, was invited to the US Department of Ed to discuss threat assessment. US Secret Service work still considered best practice.
- ACY//Adams County Schools consulted with the Center and added a screen and Response, Management and Support (RMS) Plan template to the *Essentials* guide. With their permission we have now incorporated the RMS into the *Essentials* document.
- Over the last few years, the *Essentials* document is always one of the top five docs downloaded from the CSSRC site.
- Center staff just attended a training with national experts on June 29th & 30th, 2015. "There is no national certification for threat assessment."



Threat Assessment Update

Threat Assessment Trainings:

- 24 individual school trainings
 - 5 regional trainings
 - 3 conference presentations
- Total of 32 Trainings with 1,299 participants
- 20 of those trainings have occurred since January 2014
 - The two Livestream videos of John Nicoletti, Ph.D. have had over 500 hits since posting in 2014.



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