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Community Support for School Safety

Colorado Municipal League
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Colorado Awarded Federal School Emergency Management Grant

CSSRC will work with the Colorado Department of Education to improve school emergency management throughout the state, thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Supporting Safe and Positive Colorado Schools

The mission of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC) is to assist educators, emergency responders, community organizations, school mental health professionals, parents and students to create safe, positive and successful school environments for Colorado students in all Colorado schools.

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Colorado School Safety Resource Center
(C.R.S. 24-33.5-1803)
Provides Services to ALL schools in CO

Early Intervention to Prevent Crises

Safe & Secure Learning Environments

Positive School Climates

- Consultation
- Resources
- Training
- Technical Assistance

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Five Preparedness Missions of the U.S. Department of Education

Prevention
Mitigation
Response
Recovery

Before **During** **After**

an incident or emergency

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Community Perceptions of School Safety*

- 50% of community respondents reported satisfaction with the level of school preparedness for any safety incident (Educators 75%)

- 50% of community respondents reported agreement that their schools are prepared for a wide range of safety issues (Educators 75%)

- All groups reported being most concerned about active shooter events at schools

- However, all four groups report in the last 5 years they had seen incidents of bullying, weather, drugs or alcohol and physical abuse more than any other incidents.

*Safe & Sound Schools: State of School Safety Report, 2018

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What are some suggestions for how communities can help?

Prevention:

- *Are community mental health resources readily available to all?*

- *Have emergency responders and others under your purview been trained in Mental Health First Aid?*

- *Do you have the Colorado Crisis Services & Colorado Child Abuse Prevention posters and other materials prominently displayed in public areas?*

- *Are community activities designed to include all stakeholders so that everyone feels a sense of belonging?*

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What are some suggestions for how communities can help?

Mitigation:

- *Have first responders connected with all schools in your community?*

- *Have other entities reached out to schools to offer services prior to any emergencies?*

- *Have community drills been conducted including school personnel?*

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What are some suggestions for how communities can help?

Protection:

- *Have emergency responders had the opportunity to review the school's emergency plans and offer feedback?*

- *Do community members understand why schools have taken safety measures such as requiring all visitors to check in, wear name badges, and perhaps even move polling places from school buildings, etc.*

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What are some suggestions for how communities can help?

Response:

- *Do schools feel they can contact their emergency responders even when it isn't a full scale emergency.*

- *When a school has a student suicide, does the community see this as an opportunity to support the school with a community response?*

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What are some suggestions for how communities can help?

Recovery:

- *Would you have community businesses that would step in and offer assistance with resources after an incident?*

- *Would community partners be willing to participate in gatekeeper training after a student suicide?*

- *Does your office have any influence in helping the local media report incidents in ways that don't risk student safety?*

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