

# Colorado Office of School Safety



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- After Columbine Safe2Tell was established in 2004. Joint effort now.
- The Colorado School Safety Resource Center ([C.R.S. 24-33.5-2701 - 2706](#)) (Safe Schools Act [C.R.S. 22.32.109.1](#))
- Became the OSS in 2023 comprised of three units with 20 FTEs: School Safety Resource Center (9), Grants Unit(2) and Crisis Response Unit (5) with four additional support staff

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- FY 2025-26 Budget is \$8,668,476. OSS is a line item in the state budget.
  - This includes \$5M for an interoperability grant annually since 2018
  - \$250,000 for a grant for agencies that train on law enforcement incident response.
- Since 2010 staff have trained on threat assessment.
- OSS on grant #3 from NIJ moving toward making the CTAMP evidence-based.
- In calendar year 2025 the OSS team conducted 377 workshops training 11,885 participants. OSS data can be found in the [Legislative Reports](#).

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## Annually host:

- Statewide conference - Oct
- Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium - Nov
- Student/Staff Summits - Jan & Feb
- Mini-summits for Educators - Feb & Mar
- School Specialist Academy - June

## Every other year host:

- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Symposium - April
- Institutions of Higher Ed Summer Safety Symposium- May
- Crisis Response Symposium- Dec



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***THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO PRESENT TODAY.  
I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.***

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