What Is a Housing Navigator?
CSU Off-Campus Life has a Housing Navigator to provide housing counseling to current CSU staff and faculty, new hires, and rehires. The Housing Navigator is here to help guide you through your housing questions or issues by providing a variety of education, guidance, information and resources. One-on-one housing counseling sessions are available by appointment to discuss short-term rental options, community financial assistance programs, rental housing search, common landlord/tenant problems, lease review, pre-purchase housing counseling and information on homebuyer education and foreclosure prevention.

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Debbie is part of our Talent Development Office helping Emma Chavez. Here is a little background:

Debbie is originally from Southern California where she completed her bachelor’s degree in chemistry at the University of California, San Diego and her Juris Doctorate from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. After briefly working in private practice in Durango, Colorado, Debbie became involved in the nonprofit work with a focus on housing. Over the last 18 years, Debbie has served with a variety of community nonprofits. 
to address areas of housing, consumer protection and economic benefits. Debbie now serves as the Housing Navigator for Staff/Faculty as well as providing assistance to the Community Resources Coordinator, Emma Chavez.

THREE PLACES TO FIND WHEN YOU TRAVEL

So, you’ve arrived at your destination and found your hotel. What’s next? Whether you’ve planned an active getaway or days of leisure, be sure to look around once you’ve unpacked to find three places that can make your trip a little easier, including:

1. A Drugstore
   Even if you have your prescription medications, pharmacies have many things you'll find handy, including snacks, drinks, over-the-counter medicine and other convenience items. If you're staying more than a few days and your meals aren't provided, look for a grocery store. Only have a few days at your destination? A drugstore will have most of the items you need, and you can save big over eating out every meal.

2. An ATM
   Maybe you plan to make most of your purchases on a credit card. But you'll still want to have some cash on hand for small transactions. Download your bank’s app ahead of time to find ATMs with low (or no) fees and the hours those locations are open.

   If you’re traveling internationally, consider getting a card with no foreign transaction fees. Also, be sure to let your credit card company know that you’re traveling abroad. Remember that airports and foreign banks often have the highest currency exchange fees. Exchange currency before you leave at your local bank.

3. Wi-Fi Hotspot
   You might want to check your email a few times during your trip, plus touch base with family and friends. Most hotels have a wi-fi connection - simply ask the front desk for the password. If you need to connect when you're out and about, many public places like cafes, shops and libraries have wi-fi access. Just remember not to do your banking in a public place. Track your spending on your bank's app when you're back in your hotel room. [Don't forget that most hotspots, unless included in your phone or other service, are NOT SECURE SITES! So be careful where/when you hook up with the internet. Bob]

Your Policy Connection

Did you ever wonder how CSU selects the names of administrative units and exterior spaces? If you see something interesting in a dumpster on campus, are you able to take it home? Are there guidelines specific to CSU that must be followed with regards to protection of minors? Answers to these and many other questions are available to you from the Office of Policy and Compliance in the University’s Policy Library.

Let’s say that you want to find any policies regarding minors on campus. From the link provided above, you can click the “search” option under “Policy Library.” From there, simply type in the word “minor” and hit enter or click the search button. You will then be provided with a list of all policies that reference the term “minor.”

Policies may also be reviewed either alphabetically, or by categories. To access the policies in this manner, select the “browse” option from the link above. Categories of policies are determined by the owner of the policy. If you wanted to review all policies related to Information Technology, simply select that category and you will then see a complete list of all policies.

At CSU, policies are reviewed every few years to insure they are still accurate, relevant, and in compliance with any relevant federal and state regulations. When the draft of the policy is ready to be shared with the campus community, the draft is posted to the policy site under “Policies Under Development.” The Office of Policy and Compliance encourages comments and feedback concerning these policies while they are in the drafting stage.

To stay current with all policy updates and information, you are encouraged to sign up for The Policy Connection, our quarterly newsletter. The newsletter focuses on new and revised policy information to be shared with the campus community. To receive this newsletter, please sign up for the listserv here.

Many thanks to Bob Schur, the University’s policy manager, for an article that answers questions that come up in training regularly about ‘where do I find the policy on . . .?’

Introducing the New Ready Kids Website

Everyone in the family can help prepare for disasters and emergencies! That’s why this National Preparedness Month, FEMA updated Ready.gov/kids. This section of Ready.gov now includes FEMA and partner resources for and about children and youth. Previously, these resources had been on various FEMA and Ready.gov websites. But now, everything is just a few clicks away. Ready.gov/kids can even help you find what you’re looking for—even if you’re not sure yet what you need. Resource collections and a searchable resource library make finding these tools easy.
On the new Ready.gov/kids, you can fill out a family communications plan, meet Pedro the Penguin, watch a webinar or PrepTalk, and more. Ready.gov/kids has how-to resources and games for all audiences, including young people, families, educators, and caregivers.

Also...

FEMA and Partners Share Financial Preparedness Resources

Are you prepared if disaster strikes? According to a 2017 report by the Federal Reserve, 40 percent of adults would not be able to cover an unexpected $400 expense.

The first week of National Preparedness Month 2019 focused on financial preparedness. The theme was the importance of saving early for disaster costs. FEMA and its partners observed it with many events and learning opportunities. The webinars, presentations, and educational resources engaged everyone from youth to public officials.

These excerpts from FEMA DAILY DIGEST

CLASS FEEDBACK COUNTS!

We actually review feedback from every class and the feedback from our Designing Drills and Exercises class requires a response.

Thanks to those who attend and especially to those who provide feedback we need to make every class as useful to you as possible.

Since our class surveys and evaluations are anonymous, here’s the feedback and my attempt to offer suggestions:

“This may be covered in another course, but I’m also hoping to learn more about the actual do’s and don’ts when responding to an emergency so I can be more informed on if our plan is effective and feel confident feeding questions from my departmental folks.

Tips/workshop sessions to look at/critique existing Building Safety Plan - Next steps or classes to take”

As most of you know, Anthonie Rose, CSU PD, and Ken Quintana, our Emergency Manager, both assist with some of our classes.

Anthonie can present a plethora of information on responding to criminal emergencies. His contact information is: anthonie.rose@colostate.edu
Ken now has an assistant, Tom Hickey, who will be helping with our classes and could possibly be enticed to present emergency response information to your department as he settles into his role. Tom has a lot of experience and knowledge in this area and is a great addition to our team. As to critiquing your plan, Ken and Tom are the ‘final keepers’ of Building Safety Plan and ask that you submit new and updated by using the Building Safety Plan Template (Appendix E-1) to their office for review at: https://safety.colostate.edu/emergency-response-plan/

Talent Development offers several classes related to emergency preparedness at: https://training.colostate.edu/building-proctor-training/

Check our website to see what may fit your needs related to preparedness and safety. We also offer ‘customized' trainings and presentations for departments on request when our schedules allow. Please make customized training requests here: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form.

Our university list-serve manager gives guidance for subscribing (or unsubscribing) to Ready_csu_newsletter at:

https://lists.colostate.edu/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/ready_csu_newsletter

The Ready Colorado State e-Newsletter is published six times a year and offers current interest articles about safety, and suggestions from responders, trainers, and folks just like us who have experiences or training in emergency readiness.

Thanks to those who have attended and provide such great feedback on how we can help you be ready. This is your newsletter, so please send articles or comments that may be of benefit to all of us in being “Aware, Not Scared”! Bob

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Safety Resource Links

https://colorado.gov/CSSRC

https://safe2tell.org/
2019-2020 CPR/AED Courses

Colorado State University
CPR/AED Program
American Red Cross Adult, Child & Infant
CPR, AED and First Aid

November: 18, 2019—8:00am to 12:30pm
December: 17, 2019—12:30pm to 5:00pm
February: 19, 2020—12:30pm to 5:00pm
March: 10, 2020—8:00am to 12:30p
April: 27, 2020—12:30pm to 5:00pm
May: 26, 2020—8:00am to 12:30p

Classes are now only $50
Affordable and Convenient

Twitter @CSUAED
Facebook: CSU AED & CPR Program

Please contact us for more information!
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http://rmi.prep.colostate.edu/aedcpr/training-registration/
Weld County Text-to-911 Service
Posted on 12/04/2017

Promoted under the national theme Call if You Can, Text if You Can’t, the Text-to-911 service allows people throughout Weld County to reach 911 via text during an emergency if calling is not an option. Text-to-911 can be beneficial in many different scenarios, including assisting those with hearing disabilities, allowing contact with 911 during a crime when calling might put someone in danger, or contacting 911 when signal strength is too weak to place a call. Learn more at https://www.weldgov.com/departments/public_safety_communications/text-to-911/
For our folks that live in Weld County, our team thought this may be useful information from their office of emergency management and public safety telephone folks. Bob

A Closing Thought
As this newsletter expands to include all interested staff and faculty at Colorado State, I again encourage you ALL to send articles you’ve found or written and even thoughts or recommendations you have that relate to safety and security in our effort to make Colorado State an environment that is inclusive, respectful, willing to seek new learnings and take risks, and most of all to be AWARE, NOT SCARED.

Our Readiness Training Team puts a lot of work into the classes we present and are always ready to assist you in safety and preparedness efforts. We all have a duty to our community and to each other to be observant, to be service oriented, and to be part of the network of safety that our police need to keep us all safe and secure. Thank you for being a part of that web and our community.

Bob

Ready Colorado State Newsletter is published six times each year – January, March, May, July, September, and November and distributed to your Building Proctors. It includes information from Building Proctors, campus staff and faculty, from businesses and professional groups and publications, government sources, and from other campuses throughout Colorado and Wyoming. These articles are put together by your Ready CSU Training Team, a campus wide coalition of peers concerned about preparedness, safety, and YOU.

Check with your proctor to see what’s up in readiness here at CSU!

This is your publication: if you have information that may be included here for the benefit of your fellow proctors, please send it to Bob Chaffee at Training and Organizational Development at this email address: bob.chaffee@colostate.edu