HOW CAN I CONTACT THE CES AND LEARN MORE ABOUT CENTER SERVICES?

The CES can be contacted by email at info@moces.org or by telephone at 573-445-9945. More information about services provided by the CES can be found at the Center’s web site, www.moces.org.
The Center is guided by two core principles:

• Teaching and learning do not occur without a safe and secure environment for learners and those who instruct and support them. Indeed, high performance cultures at pre-K to 12 schools and higher education require a nurturing context that is dependent upon a safe and secure environment.

• Safety at pre-K to 12 schools and higher education institutions must be a community focused effort—community engagement is a requisite. This requires the collaboration of state and local policymakers, those who administer and manage schools as well as higher education, law enforcement, and other emergency responders in planning and preparedness.

Leadership
One role of the CES is to keep Missouri in the forefront of providing safety and security to schools and higher education institutions. The Center advocates “best practices” from law enforcement, fire fighters, the health community, and other first responders. The CES also can share “lessons learned” from real-life incidents that impact education safety and security. The Center also conducts research with stakeholders and others. A critical function of the leadership role of the CES is to identify stakeholder community safety and security threats and challenges and respond with innovative and effective solutions.

Information Resource
A second role for the CES is to advance sound public policy and practices on safety and security for education. As such, the Center is an information resource on safety and security issues for pre-K to 12 schools and higher education. This means that the Center will be a connecting point between Missouri education entities and subject matter experts to identify “best practices” at all levels of government and in the private sector. This role involves referring stakeholders to other education entities that have developed successful approaches to safety and security concerns. It may also involve referring stakeholders to research studies and related literature and documents which offer “best practices” in a given field of endeavor. Additionally, the CES can help identify and provide assistance in obtaining grants for safety related projects.

Technical Assistance and Training
A third role for the CES is to provide technical assistance and training. These services will be provided by the CES staff or arranged and managed by the Center but delivered by CES partners. Examples of these services include on-site safety audits of schools and post-secondary institutions and training for School Safety Coordinators and others. Participants receiving training from the CES often include law enforcement or other public safety and health professionals in addition to staff from pre-K to 12 schools and higher education. Services of the Center can be delivered in-person or through the use of the technology capabilities of MSBA.