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2007-2008 Guidance and Counseling Newsletters

The newsletters from last year are in archive as a resource for you. Go to the website below to view them.

<http://portal.esc20.net/portal/page/portal/esc20public/guidancecounselorcoop/Newsletters/Archive>

ESC-20 Counselor Listserv

If you changed schools, districts or e-mail addresses, be sure that you update the ESC-20 Counselor Listserv as well as your ESC-20 profile on iLearning. We want to be sure that you receive the latest information. (For the Counselor Listserv, you will need to rejoin using your new e-mail address.)

If you are receiving this newsletter through a paper copy or by a forwarded e-mail, I encourage you to join the ESC-20 Counselor Listserv.

To join the ESC-20 Counselor Listserv, go to the following link and follow the directions. If you have any trouble joining, please send me an e-mail and I will be glad to assist.

<http://portal.esc20.net/portal/page/portal/esc20public/guidancecounselorcoop/Counselor%20Listserv>

Parental Involvement Newsletter

The September Parental Involvement newsletter is now available in English and Spanish on the following website. As a reminder districts or campuses may copy the newsletter in its entirety to send home to parents and/or include the link on their website to the newsletter.

<http://www.esc16.net/dept/isserv/title1sw/NEWSletters3b.htm>

New Tool Calculates Family Budgets

The newest web-based tool of the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) shows how much a family needs to make ends meet. Basic Needs Budgets are provided for different family sizes and types and are currently available for 70 localities across 11 states. To use this tool go to the website below.

<http://nccp.org/tools/frs/budget.php>

Education in Action's 2008-2009 Call for Outstanding Student Nominations

Nominate your outstanding 5th-8th graders to join delegations of distinguished students from across the state of Texas at the Lone Star Leadership Academy, a weeklong, TEKS-based, experiential leadership development program to Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin or Houston/Galveston during summer break. The Lone Star Leadership Academy provides opportunities for students to experience grade level curriculum during visits to historically, politically, scientifically and environmentally significant sites with a focus on leadership throughout. Participants must be in 5th-8th grade, maintain an 85 or higher average, be active in school and/or community activities and receive an educator recommendation (your nomination) based on demonstrated leadership ability. There is no limit to the number of students you may nominate as long as they meet the eligibility requirements.

For more information visit <http://www.educationinaction.org>.

Fall nomination deadline is Friday, November 7, 2008.

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The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Using state of the art technology and a network of 135 crisis centers across the country, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can immediately link a caller seeking help to a trained counselor closest to the caller's geographic location - 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Calls to the Lifeline and the counseling services provided are confidential.

In a further effort to reach out a broader range of people, especially younger people, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline recently arranged to establish sites within the MySpace, Facebook, and YouTube social networks where people can access information and help. Additionally, users who mention "suicide" in their postings to Help.com receive an automatic response from Lifeline urging them to call 1-800-273-TALK.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) is a 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention service available to anyone in suicidal crisis. If help is needed, dial 1-800-273-8255. The caller will be routed to the closest possible crisis center in their area. With more than 135 crisis centers across the country, the NSPL's mission is to provide immediate assistance to anyone seeking mental health services. Calls are free and confidential.

Why would you call the Lifeline? From immediate suicidal crisis to information about mental health, crisis centers in the network are equipped to take a wide range of calls. Some of the reasons to call 1-800-273-TALK are:

- to speak with someone who cares
- if someone feels they might be in danger of hurting themselves
- to find referrals to mental health services in the local area
- to speak to a crisis worker about someone you're concerned about

To find out more visit: <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/help/default.aspx>

Para obtener asistencia en español durante las 24 horas, llame al 1-888-628-9454. Para información en español haga clic aquí :

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Spanish/Default.aspx>

Parent Enrichment for Families of the Deployed

Parent Enrichment Classes for Families of the Deployed to Iraq-Afghanistan will begin on October 13th at Freedom Chapel on Lackland Air Force Base. The meetings will be every Monday evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for 8 weeks. Families can join at any time. Child care, children's activities & light snacks will be provided.

Please have families RSVP to Amber Alexander at 210-381-3933 or

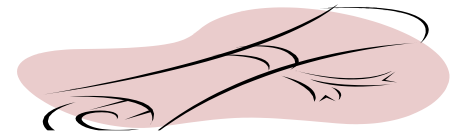
<mailto:aalexander@family-service.org>



Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program

To find information regarding the Early HS Graduation Scholarship Program and its application go to the following website.

<http://www.collegefortexans.com/cfbinfo/tofa2.cfm?ID=131>



New TEA Correspondence

Attendance, Admission, Enrollment Records and Tuition

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/taa/legal081808.html>

Dual Credit and State Funding

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/taa/comm082808.html>

Address Confidentiality Program Information

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/taa/legal082008.html>

Identification Requirements for Child

Protective Services Investigators Under TEX. Educ. Code §22.0834

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/taa/legal100908.html>

TEA Dropout Recovery Promising Practices and Resources Forum

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/taa/edinit100808.html>

Confidentiality of State Assessment Results

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/taa/studassmt100508.html>

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Serving Pregnant Special Education Students

TETN

October 27, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; ESC-20

No fee or registration

(Originally scheduled for October 11, 2008)

Community Outreach Fair

October 29, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; ESC-20

Workshop # No registration

Fee: No Cost

Exhibits from various community agencies – see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for a list of participating agencies

Update on Pregnancy Related Services & Life

Skill Grant TETN

October 30, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; ESC-20

No fee or registration

“Ask A Pediatrician”

October 30, 2008

7:00 p.m.; The Winston School San Antonio

8565 Ewing Haslell Drive, San Antonio, TX

Assortment of topics regarding ADD, Asthma, Medications, and more.

<http://www.winston-sa.org>

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

The Real Costs of Teen Motherhood

The following announcement was sent to TEA by the staff of Northside ISD. The program is not provided by or endorsed by the Texas Education Agency. The program sounds like something of interest that will provide information to Pregnancy Program staff.

Live Audio Webcast (Free) - "The Real Costs of Teen Motherhood"

Thursday, October 23, 2008

10 a.m. ET / 9 a.m. CT / 8 a.m. MT / 7 a.m. PT

Duration: 1.5 hours

For more information about this event, visit

<http://www.urban.org/events/thursdayschild/October2008.cfm>

New “Preparing for College” Website

The U.S. Department of Education recently unveiled a new website that aims to motivate students with inspirational stories and information about planning, preparing and paying for college. Designed with students' input and participation, college.gov was created to be a go-to online resource for credible information about college that also provides real life experiences of peers who are already attending college. To learn more about this new site, visit

<http://www.college.gov>.

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Understanding Legal Ethics in School Communities for Counselors, Social Workers and School Leaders

November 3, 2008

8:30 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.; ESC-20

Workshop # CS81103-K21

Fee: \$60 (No cost for Counseling Coop Slot)

Case law update with emphasis on ethical responsibilities of school community to child

TCA Professional Growth Conference 2008

November 5-8, 2008

Houston, TX

<http://www.txca.org>

Homeless Liaison Meetings

November 6, 2008

8:30 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.; ESC-20

Workshop # CF81106-K01

Fee: No Cost

An opportunity to network and share ideas on homeless issues; speakers will discuss "hot topic" issues

33rd Annual TACSAP Conference

(TX Association Concerned with School Age Parenthood)

November 10-13, 2008

Austin, TX

<http://www.tacsap.org>

College Readiness Session 3 – Financial Aid and Military Information

November 12, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop # CC81112-K21

Fee: \$35 (No cost for Counseling Coop Slot or TACAC members)

Updated information on federal & state financial aid, military academies and ROTC scholarships; no prerequisite

"Extended Family & Foster Parents Raising LD Kids "

November 13, 2008

7:00 p.m.; The Winston School San Antonio

8565 Ewing Haslell Drive, San Antonio, TX

Discussion of grandparents and foster parents raising children who may have emotional disturbance or LD

<http://www.winston-sa.org>

Blending Guidance Lessons with Core Curriculum Concepts

November 14, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop # CC81114-K21

Fee: \$35 (No cost for Counseling Coop Slot)

Learn how to blend your guidance lessons into the core curriculum concepts and provide invaluable lessons to your students while supporting your teachers

Directors of Guidance/District Counseling Contacts Quarterly Meeting

November 17, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop # CC81117-K21

Fee: No Cost

An opportunity to network and share ideas on counseling issues; speakers will discuss "hot topic" issues

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Family Violence & Sexual Assault Part I: History, Dynamics, & Laws

November 17, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop # CF81117-K01

Fee: No Cost

Will cover crucial aspects for law enforcement's response to these crimes, as well as the creation and use of community-based resources to assist law enforcement's efforts; no prerequisite

Leaving a Clear Trail 2008-2009: Transcripts/AARs, Courses, Credits & Special Education Entries

November 18 – 19, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop # PD81118-A02

Fee: \$100 (No cost for Counseling Coop Slot)

Two-day session that addresses key issues related to transcripts/Academic Achievement Records (AARs); participants will receive a comprehensive notebook

College Readiness & Financial Aid 101

November 20, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop # CC81120-K21

Fee: \$35 (No cost for Counseling Coop Slot)

Excellent workshop for elementary, middle and first year high school counselors regarding college readiness & financial aid

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Suicide Prevention in Schools

December 2, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop # CF81202-K01

Fee: No Cost

Child Safe's 2008 Child Abuse Conference

December 4-5, 2008

Norris Conference Center, San Antonio, TX

http://www.childsafe-sa.org/events_conference.html

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Leaving a Clear Trail 2008-2009: Review and Update

December 10, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; ESC-20
Workshop # PD81210-A01
Fee: \$75 (No cost for Counseling Coop Slot)
Session is intended for individuals who have already completed the comprehensive Leaving a Clear Trail training since the introduction of the "V" code; participants will receive a comprehensive notebook

A Framework for Understanding Poverty – Language, Discipline Interventions, Building Relationships and Working with Parents (Session 2)

December 11, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; ESC-20
Workshop # CC81211-K21
Fee: \$100 (No cost for Counseling Coop Slot or ESC-20 TEXSHEP Grant Districts)
Gain knowledge of the role of language, disciplinary interventions, tips for building relationships and working with parents; no prerequisite

The State Assessment System and its Graduation Implications for Students with Disabilities

December 11, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; ESC-20
Workshop # PD81211-A01
Fee: \$35
Gain an understanding of the changes in Texas and their impact on students with disabilities

"The Challenges & Possibilities in Working with English Language Learners with Learning Disabilities"

December 11, 2008
7:00 p.m.; The Winston School San Antonio
8565 Ewing Haslell Drive, San Antonio, TX
Learn about the fundamentals of second language acquisition and how to distinguish a learning problem from a language difference
<http://www.winston-sa.org>

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (CPI)

December 15-16, 2008
1st day 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ESC-20
2nd day 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; ESC-20
Workshop # PD81215-A01
Fee: \$75
Interactive workshop that addresses ways to de-escalate students before a crisis occurs; must attend the full 2-day workshop to receive credit



Migrant Community Outreach Fair
List of Participants
October 29, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Attorney General of TX

UHS CareLink

Aetna CHIP/Medicaid

Communicare Health Center

Texas Health Steps & Star

Children's Bereavement Center of
South Texas

Bienestar Health Program

Habitat for Humanity Of San Antonio



City Of San Antonio

Amerigroup Community Care

Our Lady of the Lake University

ESC-20 Adult Education

Southside Community Education
Center – ACCD

San Antonio Food Bank



San Antonio College

San Antonio Independent Living
Services

San Antonio Metro Health –
WIC Program

UT Austin Migrant Student Program

Texas State University – CAMP

Any Baby Can



Northwest Vista College

St. Philip's College

Child Safe

Superior Health Plans

Texas Migrant Council

San Antonio Public Library

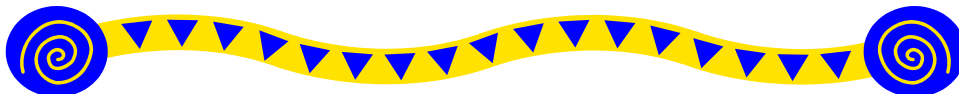
Family Violence Prevention Services

Molina Health Care

Westside Education Training Center

Columbia Heights, CFRLC

St. Edward's University



Has someone in your family been injured during OEF or OIF?

“OPERATION REUNION” is a *FREE* educational group for children who have a parent that sustained an injury during Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Eligibility: The program is designed to provide education to children of injured soldiers who have sustained a visible or non-visible injury from OEF or OIF. (Parents may also participate in separate educational groups)

Sponsorship: The Center for Healthcare Services and the San Antonio Area Foundation/Texas Resource for Iraq-Afghanistan Deployment Fund is offering free educational sessions to help children cope with family changes after a parent has sustained an injury during OEF or OIF.

Program Goals: Provide education and resources about coping skills for children and parents following an injury to a family member.

Location: Sessions will be held in a group format at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School.

Times: Group education sessions are to be held after school at a convenient time for parents. Please call (210) 299-8139 ext 261 for more information on times available.

Program Director: Camis Milam, M.D.

Program Coordinator: Isaac G. Martinez, Ph. D

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