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Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Program CFDA

The program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who take advanced placement tests and receive scores for which college academic credit is awarded. To find out more about this grant, go to the following web site.

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=tBJTJ0GPYjHIYJhhLpk2qGkQncyVdZGGpV6ZFXFBN5f0h1cLH1hZ!->

Federal Student Aid Information for Counselors

Visit the online source of federal student aid information to help students and parents plan for the future.

<http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/cotw/main.jsp>

Additional helpful information is also available at the National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM)

<http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/clcf/NT4CMFAQs.html>

The Horatio Alger Texas Scholarship Program

The Horatio Alger Texas Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students in the state of Texas who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education. For more information go to

<https://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships/index.cfm>.

Credit by Examinations and Examinations for Acceleration – University of Texas at Austin

Beginning January 5, 2009, Online Grading is available for our Credit by Examinations and Examinations for Acceleration so students can receive their grade back immediately after submitting a test. For more information go to <https://www.utexas.edu/cee/dec/index.php?page=news>

Clubhouse for Individuals with Acquired and Traumatic Brain Injury

For more information regarding this resource go to

<http://www.treyshousesa.org/>

Trey's House will be having an open house on December 13 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The YouthLaunch Scholarship for Outstanding Service

YouthLaunch will award the YouthLaunch Scholarship for Outstanding Service to youth who have shown a unique level of commitment to service projects in their community. Click on the web site below for the scholarship application.

<http://youthlaunch.org/programs/scholarship.php>

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Remember this important week! Take care of yourself and others!

National School Counselors Week – “School Counselors: Making a Difference”– February 2-6, 2009

<http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?contentid=271>

Teen Dating Violence is Everyone's Problem

Check out this great article on teen dating violence from Southwest Mental Health Center.

http://blogs.mysanantonio.com/weblogs/smh/2008/10/teen_dating_violence_is_everyone.html

Achieve Texas

The new Spanish Language Version of the College and Career Planning Guides are here. For more information go to

http://www.achievetexas.org/POS_Covers.htm.

Spring National College Fairs Schedule and Information

Houston, TX

George R. Brown Convention Center

Sunday, April 5, 2009

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

<http://www.nacacnet.org/EventsTrainiq/CollegeFairs/ncf/Spring/Pages/HoustonNCF.aspx>

Austin, TX

Austin Convention Center

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

<http://www.nacacnet.org/EventsTrainiq/CollegeFairs/ncf/Spring/Pages/AustinNCF.aspx>

TEA School Guidance and Counseling

Be sure to check out this TEA web site -

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/guidance/>

Break the Silence: Stop the Violence Video

Research shows that when parents and schools work together to send the same messages about risky behavior, young people are more likely to make safe and healthy decisions. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recently released a free downloadable video entitled Break the Silence: Stop the Violence.

<http://www.cdc.gov/CDCTV/BreakTheSilence>

Educational Aide Exemption

Texas needs more qualified teachers.

Texas has created a program that

covers tuition and some fees for

Education Aides who enroll in college to become certified Texas teachers.

The exemption may only be used at

Texas public colleges or universities..

<http://www.collegefortexans.com/paying/edaide.cfm>



Look at the numbers...

Texas School Counselors -Snapshot on October 29, 2007

	Campus			Other	No Counselor on Staff	Total # of School Counselors
	Elementary	Middle / Jr	High School	Director of Counseling, All Levels, Discipline, Special Ed, CTE, etc.		
Districts	4379	2739	4070	598	160 districts	11,786
Charters	18	5	48	44	135 Charters	115
Statewide	4397	2744	4118	642	295	11,901*
Number Certified	Type of Certification					
11,638	Traditionally Certified School Counselor in Texas or Transferred Credentials to Texas from Out of State					
93	<u>Probationary Permits</u> Issued by State Board of Educator Certification upon recommendation of University approved to train Texas School Counselors. University determines number of graduate hours required for recommendation. Individual recommended must have a pending job with a Texas School. University is responsible for mentoring individual during permit period.					
170	<u>Emergency Permits</u> Issued by ISD after the district has made every effort to hire a certified and qualified applicant. The individual must have a bachelor's degree, have 24 hours of graduate-level credit, including 12 semester hours of guidance and counseling and have three creditable years of classroom teaching experience.					

UPCOMING DECEMBER WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

Continue to check the online catalog under the Guidance and Counseling section for new workshop listings.

<http://portal.esc20.net/portal/page/portal/esc20public/workshop>

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

*Remember your co-workers
during School Social Workers
Week – March 2-6, 2009*



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>

UPCOMING JANUARY WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

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<p>Addressing Mental Health Barriers for School Success January 8, 2009 8:30 am – 11:30 am; ESC-20 Workshop # CF90108-K01 Fee: \$30 Strategies for working with students with mental health disorders</p>	<p>Suicide Prevention in Schools January 8, 2009 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; ESC-20 Workshop # CF90108-K02 Fee: No Cost</p>
<p>Emergency Preparation for Counseling Recovery Teams January 12, 2009 8:30 am – 12:00 pm; ESC-20 Workshop # CA90112-K11 Fee: \$35 This session will discuss the challenges experienced in providing support to students, staff and parents after a traumatic event and strategies for managing them. Participants will explore plans for an effective school or district counseling recovery team and identify community resources for support. A helpful checklist will guide the counseling recovery teams when anticipating the level of impact and guide the discussions for special groupings in determining appropriate interventions.</p>	<p>Law Conference January 16, 2009 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ESC-20 Workshop #AD90116-Q07 Fee: \$125 Annual law conference presents an important and coherent program on education law, policy, recent changes and critical information pertinent to your leadership role</p>
<p>AchieveTexas In Action TETN #31371 January 21, 2009 1:00 - 3:30 pm; ESC-20 Fee: No Cost AchieveTexas Update for school counselors and counselors at colleges & universities</p>	<p>Critical Response from Beginning to End & Best Practices Using N.O.V.A. January 21-22, 2009 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; ESC-20 Workshop # CC90121-K21 Fee: \$75 (No cost for Counseling Coop Slot) Explore strategies for responding to students, staff and community during and after a crisis</p>
<p>Family and Community Involvement Symposium January 27, 2009 8:30 am – 4:00 pm; ESC-20 Workshop # SD90127-D52 Fee: No Cost The focus of the symposium is to provide administrators, educators, and parents with information that promotes student success. Sessions will include topics such as: home/school relationships, successful PI program implementation, funding sources, drug awareness, literacy development, and home/school discipline.</p>	<p>Graduation Requirements for General and Special Education Students January 30, 2009 8:30 am – 3:30 pm; ESC-20 Workshop # PD90130-A01 Cost: \$50 (No cost for Counseling Coop Slot) Graduation requirements for general and special education students</p>

“If you value yourself, you understand that you are a gift to anyone you meet.”
--Rhonda Britten

UPCOMING FEBRUARY WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

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<http://portal.esc20.net/portal/page/portal/esc20public/workshop>

<p>Legal Ethics Training Using Scenarios for Counselors, Social Workers and School Leaders February 3, 2009 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ESC-20 Workshop # CS90203-K21 Fee: \$60 (No cost for Counseling Coop Slot) Case law update and use of scenarios to help understand ethical responsibilities of the school community</p>	<p>Leaving a Clear Trail 2008-2009: Transcripts/AARs, Courses, Credits & Special Education Entries February 4-5, 2009 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; ESC-20 Workshop # PD90204-A01 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</p>
<p>Homeless Liaison Quarterly Meeting February 5, 2009 8:30 am – 11:30 am; ESC-20 Workshop # CF90205-K01 Fee: No Cost An opportunity to network and share ideas on homeless issues; speakers will discuss "hot topic" issues</p>	<p>Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (CPI) February 5-6, 2009 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 # PD90205-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</p>
<p>Motivation & Learning: Make Them Want To February 10, 2009 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ESC-20 Workshop # PD90210-A01 Fee: \$50 Strategies, techniques and quick tips to improve student motivation</p>	<p>TCA Secondary School Counselors Conference February 15 - 17, 2009 Austin, TX http://www.txca.org</p>
<p>Directors of Guidance/District Counseling Contacts Quarterly Meeting February 23, 2009 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; ESC-20 Workshop # CC90223-K21 Fee: No Cost An opportunity to network and share ideas on counseling issues; speakers will discuss "hot topic" issues</p>	<p>23rd Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse February 23-24, 2009 Omni Hotel – Corpus Christi, TX http://www.tmhc.org/23rd-annual-conference-prevention-child-abuse</p>
<p>AchieveTexas In Action: TETN #31372 February 25, 2009 10:00 am - 12:30 pm; ESC-20 Fee: No Cost AchieveTexas Update for school counselors and counselors at colleges & universities</p>	<p><i>It's amazing how many cares disappear when you decide not to be something, but to be someone.</i> <i>- Coco Chanel</i></p>