

Guidance & Counseling NEWS

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Texas Education Agency

TEA Correspondence

New TEA Correspondence has been posted at
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/taa>

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Re: Attendance, Admission, Enrollment Records and Tuition
<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/taa/legal100909.html>

October 10, 2009

Subject: Survey on School Guidance and Counseling Programs
<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/taa/health101309.html>

October 16 2009

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2033 School District Grading Policy
<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/taa/comm101609.html>

To sign up for the TEA Correspondence, go to
<http://miller.tea.state.tx.us/list> and click on the "To the Administrator Addressed". There is also the TEA Counseling Listserv you might want to also sign up for. Let me know if you have any questions.

House Bill 3

Go to the link below to see the updates to HB 3. There is a second set of questions that you may find helpful.

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/graduation.aspx>



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TEA School Guidance and Counseling Web Page

Be sure to check out this TEA web site - <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/guidance/>

UPCOMING OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 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>

OCTOBER

College Readiness and Financial Aid 101

October 22, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Workshop # CC91022-K21

Fee: \$35 (Counseling Co-op No Cost)

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

A Framework for Understanding Poverty – Hidden Rules, Resources and Family Structure (Session 1)

October 28, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Workshop # CC91028-K21

Fee: \$100 (No cost Counseling Co-op or ESC-20 TEXSHEP Grant Districts)

Gain knowledge of hidden rules of economic class, resource analysis, and impact of family structure. (no prerequisite)

ESC-20 TEXSHEP Grant Districts – Crystal City, Eagle Pass, Edgewood, Judson, South San, Southside, Southwest, Uvalde

NOVEMBER

Dealing with Difficult People

November 3, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Workshop # CC91103-K22

Fee: \$55

Learn how to deal with difficult people without ruining your day.

411 on Drugs

November 3, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Workshop # CA91103-K11

Fee: \$35

Designed to increase drug awareness and latest trends.

411 on Teen Relationships

November 3, 2009

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Workshop # CA91103-K12

Fee: \$35

Designed to increase awareness of teen relationships.

Classrooms with Revolving Doors: Recommended Practices for Working with At-Risk and Highly Mobile Students

November 5, 2009

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Workshop # CF91105-K01

Fee: No Cost

Addressing the educational challenges of highly mobile children.

Demystifying the Mexican School System

November 6, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Workshop # CC91106-K21

Fee: \$100 (Counseling Co-op No Cost)

Tools for obtaining, interpreting, and utilizing records from Mexico.

Building a Developmental Guidance and Counseling Program

November 12, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Workshop # CS91112-K21

Cost: \$75

What is a developmental guidance and counseling program and what is the Texas Education Code (TEC) Sec. 33.005 position regarding one? This session will explain how to start, develop and/or expand a comprehensive guidance and counseling program involving school faculty and staff, students, parents, and the community.

Directors of Guidance/District Counseling Contacts Quarterly Meeting

November 16, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Workshop # CC91116-K21

Fee: No Cost

An opportunity to network, share ideas on counseling issues and hear speakers discuss "hot topic" issues.

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411 on Bullying**November 17, 2009****9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Workshop # CA91117-K11

Fee: \$35

Addressing various bullying scenarios that students face.

411 on Gangs and Violence**November 17, 2009****1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Workshop # CA91117-K12

Fee: \$35

Provides current gang trends facing schools and communities across the country.

Communication That Works!**November 17-18, 2009****8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Workshop #CC91117-K21

Cost: \$100

Knowing what to say, how to say it, and to whom to say it is an important skill in any profession. It is especially critical when dealing with parents, students, and staff. The ability to communicate effectively is one of the most important skills for a professional image. In this interactive session, participants will identify positive and negative aspects of personal communication styles and explore examples of effective workplace communication. In addition, participants will learn how to communicate diplomatically to increase productivity and cooperation whether delivering constructive feedback, responding to specific requests, or offering praise.

Presenter(s): Elaine Buckley



Thought Of The Day

"Action: 1. Select the person whom you want to thank for what he or she brings into your life. 2. Choose a postcard, letter, or card. 3. Take a few minutes to write a warm, sincere message that clearly communicates your love and appreciation for that person. 4. Decide if you want to add any special touches. **Send it today.**"

~Matthew Emerzian and Kelly Bozza
Every Monday Matters



What do you think?

- Parents of children in the juvenile justice system, we want to talk about
- What would have helped you and your child during your child's involvement with the juvenile justice system?
- Which changes will most impact the success of youth involved with this system?

Your input is valuable!

San Antonio, Texas – October 26, 2009 (5:30pm to 7:00pm)
Forest Hills Library : 5245 Ingram Rd 78229

\$50 stipends for participation in 90 minute focus group. Food will be provided.

Discussions will cover different recommended changes for the juvenile justice system with an emphasis on mental health issues. All information will be kept confidential – *no names will be shared.*

If you are interested in participating
Contact: **Valerie Joiner** at **512-583-2504** or vjoiner@swkey.org

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