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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November Trainings:

- **November 3** – Migrant Early Childhood Series
8:30 – 3:30 (ESC-20)
- **November 7** – Leadership Academy Day 2
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (ESC-20) For Students 9 - 12
- **November 15 - 17** – Texas Migrant Education Conference

December Trainings:

- **December 7** – Leadership Academy Day 3 (Tours)
- **December 8** – NGS Series Day 2
8:30 – 3:30 (ESC-20 Tech Lab 1)
- **December 12** – NGS Series Day 2 (Uvalde)
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (Uvalde High Library)

Register for sessions through ilearning at: <http://www.esc20.net/>
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The Association for Migrant Educators of Texas (AMET)

AMET is a newly created non-profit organization that supports migrant educators of Texas to ensure that every migrant student in Texas has access to a quality education. Anyone who registered for the upcoming state conference is an active member. Part of the registration fee was used to pay for your membership into AMET. The first AMET Directors & Officers meeting was held in Austin on Sept. 21 and 22. ESC-20 is represented by Alex Dominguez, Migrant Educational Specialist.

NGS

Deadlines Coming Up:

For more information on deadlines, please refer to pages 4-6 of the NGS Required School District/ESC Activities.

- Secondary Credit – Fall grades by January 30th
- Missing Credit & Partial Credits by January 30th & run report by January 15th

*Monthly Reports (**Must be run monthly**)*

- District Report
- Unique Report
- Priority for Services
- Continuation of Services

Highly recommended Reports:

- Residency Verification
- Two year olds turning three (P2-P3)
- PFS Tracking Report

NGS Information:

- Each NGS site must keep a terminal site log for daily incoming data.
- *NGS Specialist must never delete enrollment lines when a student has been misidentified as migrant. (*Must notify ESC-20)

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Leadership Academy Day 2

We have a great day planned for our 9 – 12 grade students on **Tuesday, November 7, 2006 from 8: 30 – 3:30**. We have various speakers presenting on topics related to financial aid planning, testing and other post secondary information. Let's get these students ready and prepared for college. A flyer is attached. **Please remember to send me an email or fax by November 1st with the number of students and chaperones attending.**

If you have any questions please contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426 or by email at veronica.alvarez@esc20.net . Fax: 210-370-5744

Leadership Academy Day 3

On December 7, 2006 we plan to visit Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) and San Antonio College (SAC). More information will be coming soon. Please mark you calendar.

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Migrant Education Progam (MEP) Directors' Meetings

January 10, 2007 and April 12, 2007

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: ESC-20



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Community Outreach Fair

The Community Outreach Fair was a great success!! We had 40 vendors who provided valuable information regarding community resources. Thank you all for participating!

Migrant Early Childhood Series

Nov. 3, Feb. 16, & April 5

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ESC (Conference Center)

Migrant Home-based and Center-based Educators and Migrant Recruiters will learn about various early childhood programs. Topics will include Violence Prevention, Child Abuse, Developmentally Appropriate Classroom Practices, Parental Involvement, "Ouchless" House and Nutritious Cooking Activities/Snacks.

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Counselor's Corner

***Demystifying the Mexican School System**

November 3, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fall Conference

November 9, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$100.00

***These sessions are free to the MEP Staff**

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. When should a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) be completed?
 - A COE should be completed when a family has made a new migratory move and there is a new Qualifying Arrival Date (QAD)
 - or
 - When a family with an existing QAD from another district enrolls into your district
2. Can a recruiter complete a new COE on a family that has been residing in the district for a long period of time?
 - Care must be taken when a recruiter completes a new COE for a family that has been residing in the district for an extended period of time. If the family arrived in the district to do the work more than 12 months ago, the question arises as to the temporary nature of the work. In this case, the work is more likely to be permanent. The recruiter should probe further in order to ascertain the intent of the worker's move to the district.
3. What is the difference between Parent Involvement and Migrant Parent Advisory Council (PAC) activities?
 - Parent involvement constitutes the participation and involvement of all parents in school activities to ensure the parents receive all the information they need to help their children succeed in school. A Migrant Parent Advisory Council is a formal group composed of migrant parents that hold official meetings in order to best serve the needs of their children. These meetings are conducted using the Robert's Rules of Order as a guide. The Migrant PAC members are involved in advising the district in planning, evaluation and operation of the district's migrant education program.
4. Are all migrant-funded school districts required to establish a PAC?
 - Yes, P.L. 107-110, Section 1304 requires all migrant –funded school districts to establish a parent advisory council. Districts belonging to a Migrant Shared Services Arrangement (SSA) may operate a regional PAC. A sample of districts from the SSA may represent the regional PAC.
5. What is the function of the migrant PAC and are there any specific requirements to follow?
 - The role of the migrant PAC is to advise the district in the planning, evaluation and operation of the district's migrant education program. All PACs must be composed of the majority of eligible migrant parents, but other staff such as teachers and administrators may serve as support to the council. The meetings should be conducted in a language that is familiar to the parents by providing translators or by conducting the meetings in a bilingual manner. The State MEP recommends that the local migrant PAC use the already-established State Migrant PAC By-laws as a guide and meet at least three times during the school year. The minutes of the meetings should reflect parent participation in the form of questions, comments and recommendations.

For any questions, comments, or if you have information you would like to share in the monthly newsletter, please contact Veronica Alvarez at veronica.alvarez@esc20.net

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