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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### October Trainings:

- **October 6** – Campus Tours  
8:00 – 5:00 (Buses leave at 8:00 a.m. from ESC-20)
- **October 10** – ID&R Series for Recruiters  
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (ESC-20)
- **October 12** – ID&R Series for Recruiters  
8:30 – 3:30 (Eagle Pass Texas Workforce Center)
- **October 13** - ID&R Series for Recruiters (Repeat)  
8:30 – 3:30 (Texas Workforce Center, Eagle Pass)
- **October 19** – PAC Regulations & Requirements & Robert's Rules of Order  
8:30 – 3:30 (Uvalde Learning Center- Central Office)
- **October 24** – Community Outreach Fair  
8:30 – 1:00 (ESC-20)

#### 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

Register for sessions through ilearning at: <http://www.esc20.net/>  
Click on the workshop tab

### NGS

#### *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 2 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 send me an email by November 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:veronica.alvarez@esc20.net) .

### Community Outreach Fair

The Annual Migrant Community Outreach Fair is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Attendees can include parents, students, teachers and MEP staff. The Migrant Education Program utilizes this day to provide our migrant families and educators with information regarding resources and services available in the community. District personnel must register through ilearning. **Parents and students need not register, but district MEP staff must call Veronica Alvarez and give an approximate number of attendees by Thursday, October 12.** Please contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426, or by email at [veronica.alvarez@esc20.net](mailto:veronica.alvarez@esc20.net)

### 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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### COEs

We have received a number of COEs with eligibility questions or that warrant further review. It is very important when sending COEs to us that all information regarding the COE is documented in detail on the Warrants Further Review Form. COEs should also be completed and signed by parent and recruiter. The Eligibility Reviewer does not need to sign. The more information we have to review, the quicker the ESC will be able to send the district a response.

We appreciate all you do.

### ID&R Training

Is your staff trained for the 2006-2007 school year? On October 31, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., in the IS Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room we will be delivering the Annual ID&R Training for Eligibility Reviewers and Recruiters. If you have staff who has not attended the annual training they cannot recruit or sign COEs until they have received the training and taken the ID&R assessment. Please contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426 or by email at [Veronica.alvarez@esc20.net](mailto:Veronica.alvarez@esc20.net)

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### Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long should Building Bridges documentation be kept on file?
  - o Building bridges documentation should be maintained on file for a minimum of three years.
2. When can I enroll a child into Building Bridges?
  - o **Home-based model:** residency verification must be done on or after the child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. At the time of residency verification the parent can choose to accept or deny the Building Bridges program.
  - o **Center-based model:** the child must be 3 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> prior to starting the center-based program.
3. Do I need a graduation plan for an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who is taking high school credit courses?
  - o Yes. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students taking a course for high school credit must have a graduation plan. The NGS Data Specialist or Migrant Coordinator must request a graduation plan from the counselor. If the counselor does not want to give you one. Then documentation must be received in writing. On an NGS log sheet, or some other form of documentation, explain why there is not a graduation plan for certain students.
4. How many Migrant PAC Meetings should be held?
  - o There should be a minimum of 3 annual meetings.
5. Who can be a PAC member?
  - o Parents or guardians of eligible migrant children and individuals who represent the interests of such parents are eligible to serve as PAC members. The majority should be migrant parents.

### Migrant Education Program (MEP) Directors' Meetings

January 10, 2007 and April 12, 2007  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Location: ESC-20

### Counselors Corner

#### \*Financial Aid Workshop

October 26, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### Legal Ethics

October 27, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$35.00

#### \*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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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](mailto:veronica.alvarez@esc20.net)

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