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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March Trainings:

- **March 6** – ID&R Series for Recruiters Day 3
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (ESC-20)
- **March 8** – ID& R Series for Recruiters Day 3 (Eagle Pass)
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (Texas Workforce Center)
- **March 9** – ID& R Series for Recruiters Day 3 (Eagle Pass – Repeat)
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (Texas Workforce Center)
- **March 22** – PAC Rules and Regulations (Repeat from Fall session)
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (ESC-20)

April Trainings:

- **April 4**– MEP Directors' Meeting
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (ESC-20- Distance Learning Lab)
- **April 5**– Migrant Early Childhood Series
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (ESC-20)
- **April 18** – New Generation System (NGS) Series Day 4
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (ESC-20-Tech Lab 1)
- **April 20** – New Generation System (NGS) Series Day 4
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (Uvalde-Technology Center)
- **April 24**– MathPlus Training
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (ESC-20)

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National Migrant Education Conference

The National Migrant Education Conference will be in Phoenix, Arizona on April 29 – May 2, 2007. For more information, please visit <http://www.nasdme.org>

New Generation System (NGS)

Deadlines Coming Up:

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

- Immunization information must be submitted to the Terminal Site by March 1 (for students with a qualify move after August 1 or previous school year)
- Input of immunization information must be completed by April 15

*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 (all types)

NGS Information:

- Facility updates - if information has changed for 06-07 updates can be made as early as February 1, 2007 and must be completed by August 31, 2007.
- 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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Counseling Corner

Middle School Students and College

Do your middle school students understand the college, financial aid and application process? If you answered “no” then I have the web site for you and your students.

The Great College Mystery is an animated video hosted by Dr. Ed (who is a talking hand). The characters, e-Kids and Dr. Ed, talk about many of the questions students and parents have about college, paying for college, financial aid and how to get started during middle school.

The Great College Mystery animation was produced by TG, *Adventures In Education*, and the Council for the Management of Educational Finance. <http://www.aie.org/MiddleSchool/Paying/thegreatcollegemystery.cfm>

Scholarships Web Sites for High School and Middle School Students

This website is one that students and parents can use to search for scholarships. It contains several criteria that can be selected and then will generate a list of scholarships with the amount that meet the criteria. It is never too early to search for scholarships. <http://www.aie.org/Scholarships/index.cfm>

Planning for College Starts Today

Here are some hints on how to start planning for college today. For the complete article, go to the web site below.

<http://www.aie.org/HighSchool/Planning/index.cfm>

- Do your homework.
- Participate in extra-curricular activities.
- Grades do matter.
- Be aware of your class ranking.
- Take necessary exams.
- Take college credit courses.

For more information contact: Pam Chambers at 210-370-5730 or by email at Pamela_chambers@esc20.net

Migrant Early Childhood Series

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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Migrant Education Program (MEP) Directors’

Meetings

April 4, 2007

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Location: ESC-20 Distance Learning Lab



Date Change

*If you would like to participate through distance learning, please email Alex at alexandra.dominguez@esc20.net a week in advance of the meeting.

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Texas Parent Coordinating Council Conference (TPCC)

The Texas Parent Coordinating Council Conference will be in McAllen, Texas on 2 April 24 – 25, 2007. For more information, please visit www.esc1.net/tpcc

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Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)

The Reading is Fundamental, RIF, program will run from April – June 2007. Books are scheduled to be delivered in March. Students who qualify for RIF are children who have an eligible QAD as of April 1, 2007.

For more information, please contact Veronica Alvarez at veronica.alvarez@esc20.net or at 210-370-5744.

Seeking MathPlus Pilot Sites

The state MEP is currently seeking districts to participate in the new migrant summer program, entitled MathPlus. The Texas Migrant Education Program has received a two-year grant to enhance MATEMATICA, the migrant summer distance learning program developed by ESC Region 20. If you are interested in participating in MathPlus as a pilot site, please contact Pat Meyertholen at pat.meyertholen@tea.state.tx.us for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the National Migrant Hotline?
 - The National Migrant Hotline (1-800-234-8848) operated by ESCORT is free and accessible to migrant farm workers and their families anywhere in the United States. Migrant workers can call the hotline when they move to get help enrolling their children in school or other educational services. There are pre-school, summer school and high school equivalency programs all around the country, and ESCORT can help migrant families access them. ESCORT maintains a small budget for promotional supplies, so please feel free to contact Lara Ackley at 800-451-8058 or laraackley@escort.org to inquire about availability. In her efforts to fulfill request for free promotional materials, Lara request that programs only ask for materials to suit their immediate needs. She strongly encourages programs to incorporate the hotline number and information about it in handouts and flyers for parent presentations, migrant health fairs and student activities, as well as other local activities your program attends throughout the year.
2. Should I check on anything else for Alternate IDs?
 - Yes, anytime a student's Alternate IDs changes please check the State Assessment for that particular student. If the student had an incorrect Alternate ID when the download was done, the student could have incorrect data. If you find a data that was downloaded incorrectly, please contact ESC-20 immediately to correct.
3. How much can the Migrant Program roll forward?
 - There is no limit on roll forward, although the agency encourages programs not to have an excessive roll forward. There is not a written policy, but rule of thumb from the agency is that they strongly recommend less than 25 percent rolled forward. It will be monitored this year.

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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