

Tobacco Prevention Grant

The 20 Regional Education Service Centers are hereby allocated a total of \$3,000,000 in state funds for the delivery of services related to the School-based Tobacco Use Prevention Program. Each ESC will receive a base amount of \$136,992* (Regions 4, 5 and 6 will receive additional funding for ongoing current projects) to contract with approved vendors to provide tobacco use prevention training session, as well as to provide for participant registrations, facilities use and training materials.

The School-based Tobacco Prevention Program will provide strategies to meet the Texas Education Agency's goal to reduce tobacco use among 4th through 12th grade students in Texas. The program will also coordinate activities with existing statewide tobacco prevention programs and link them to classroom instruction, requiring program evaluative components. The program should educate youth about all forms of tobacco use including smoking and smokeless tobacco use.

****More Details Forthcoming!!!****

Upcoming Workshops and Meetings

Authority of Administrators and School Officers: Working as an Agency

March 11, 2008; ESC-20
8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Workshop # CF80311-K11
No Cost

The 411 on Drugs

April 9, 2008; ESC-20
8:30 am – 11:30 am
Workshop # CF80409-K11
No Cost

SDFSC Quarterly Meeting
April 24th at 2:00pm
ESC-20 Conference Center

Intermediate Use of Force

March 25-26, 2008; ESC-20
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Workshop # CF80325-K11
Fee: \$55
Law Enforcement TCLEOSE
Units Provided

Drug and Violence Education (DAVE) Internet Training

April 9, 2008; ESC-20
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Workshop # CF80409-K12
No Cost

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Dropout Prevention for Schools

March 27, 2008; ESC-20
8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Workshop # CF80327-K11
Fee: \$75; **SDFSC Coop: None**

Supporting Students At-Risk June 17, 2008

Law Enforcement Conference
July 10, 2008

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NATIONAL NEWS

**ONDCP LAUNCHES NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign is launching a major public education effort to fight the serious threat of teen prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) drug abuse in America with new, free resources you can use in your community. The campaign includes television, online advertising, information sheets on select prescription drugs at pharmacies, and free print and online resources for your community.

As part of the extensive campaign, two television ads will air on 27 networks nationwide for more than two months, and two print ads will run in 14 national magazines. An Open Letter ad to parents, endorsed by organizations including the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, launches the day after the Super Bowl and will run in 43 newspapers and four magazines across the country. Two additional Open Letter ads targeting health and school professionals and endorsed by key national medical and education groups will appear in professional publications. And in February and March, look for tips and information about prescription drug abuse on information sheets for prescriptions of commonly abused substances in 15,000 pharmacies nationwide.

Though overall teen drug use is down nationwide, more teens abuse prescription drugs than any other illicit drug, except marijuana - more than cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine combined. Every day, 2,500 kids age 12-17 abuse a prescription painkiller for the first time, and more people are becoming addicted to prescription drugs. Drug treatment admissions for prescription painkillers increased more than 300 percent from 1995 to 2005.

FREE RESOURCES to combat teen Rx and OTC abuse...You can find a wealth of resources at the **Media Campaign's new online section for community groups, coalitions, and non-profits** <<http://www.theantidrug.com/resources/>> including:

Teen Dating Violence Information

Mary Alice Smallbone of NEISD spoke about the Rape Crisis Center at our SDFSC Quarterly Meeting and wanted to give the contact information for assistance regarding Teen Dating Violence.

Contact: Rick Giprich @ 210-521-7273

REMINDER...

August 2008 is the last month to conduct a school safety audit for your district! If you have not done so, contact me and we can get this handled for you. Senate Bill 11 mandates a report to your local school board and to the Texas School Safety Center, outsourcing agency for safety and security for TEA. Our product will ensure your district is in compliance with all mandates.

Our Safe and Drug-Free Cooperative Purpose

The purpose of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities program is to prevent violence in and around schools; prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs; involve parents and communities; and coordinate with related Federal, State, school, and community efforts and resources to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment.

In doing so, schools within the ESC-20 service area have cumulatively joined efforts establishing a Co-op whereby the maximization of resources systematically and effectively ensure a comprehensive prevention and intervention program designed to create a safe, healthy, and successful academic learning environment, which will boost students' physical and emotional safety, and academic success.

If your interested in finding our if your district should join the Co-op, take a look at the commitment form on our website... <http://portal.esc20.net/portal/page/portal/esc20public/sdfsc>

CURRENT DISTRICT AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Charter Schools

Bexar County Academy Charter School
Gabriel Tafolla Charter School
George I. Sanchez Charter High School
Guardian Angel Performance Academy
Jubilee Academic Center Charter School
Por Vida Academy Charter School
Positive Solutions Charter School
San Antonio Can! Academy Charter School
School of Excellence
Southwest Preparatory School Charter School

Districts

Center Point ISD
Cotulla ISD
D'Hanis ISD
Devine ISD
Dilley ISD
Fort Sam Houston ISD
Hondo ISD
Knippa ISD
La Vernia ISD
Lackland ISD
Leakey ISD
Lytle ISD
Natalia ISD
Pleasanton ISD
Poth ISD
Randolph Field ISD
Sabinal ISD
Southside ISD
Stockdale ISD