

SUPPORTING STUDENTS AT-RISK CONFERENCE 2008

TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH

Morning Keynote Address

Random Actor Violence Prevention: Preventing Catastrophic Campus and Workplace Incidents

Dan Korem, an independent investigative journalist, is a distinguished lecturer around the globe for corporate, education and law enforcement organizations. His keynote will provide a behavioral profile, one used to stop catastrophic acts and threats in schools, organizations and neighborhoods.

Participants will learn a three point intervention mechanism that identifies the traits in a rage-filled person who may have the potential to kill without racial, ethnic or gender stereotyping. Participants will also receive a complimentary copy of Dan Korem's book.

Afternoon Topics

**Breaking the Cycle: How to Help Children with Incarcerated Family Members
and
Parenting and Paternity Awareness**

Cost: \$100 per attendee which includes breakfast and lunch

Members of the following cooperatives may attend at no charge:

Charter Academy, Counselor, CoLA, FTCCA, LAC, Nurse,
Safe and Drug Free Schools, & Social Worker

Tobacco Prevention Information

TEA funneled down state dollars for a tobacco prevention program as a result of a litigation battle and settlement. The funding originally from the Department of State Health Services was disbursed to each ESC through TEA one month ago. In abiding by the specific program guidelines, we have purchased a "Short Story of Life: Tobacco Prevention Education" materials for your district...mainly 4th and/or 5th grade students. The materials were developed by the students from Frenship School of Lubbock, Texas. The packets include smoking sliding calculators, a CD for teachers with the curriculum and a DVD of student testimonials addressing smoking.

Districts and charter schools are not obligated to receive this curriculum, but certainly have the option. This open invitation is extended to all districts and charter schools, ensuring EVERYONE has the opportunity to receive this curriculum. **The material is FREE.** However, any district or charter school interested in receiving this material would have to simply...

- 1) Contact Lucien Costley for the delivery
- 2) Disseminate curriculum to 4th and/or 5th grade students and teachers
- 3) Participate in a student pre/post test for data collection by the end of the school year (2007-2008).

NATIONAL NEWS

ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA HAVE HIGHEST RATES OF CONTINUED USE IN THE YEAR AFTER INITIATION; HEROIN AND CRACK COCAINE HAVE HIGHEST RATES OF DEPENDENCE

Substance use trajectories in the year after initiation vary greatly by substance, according to a recent analysis of data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). For most drugs, more than half of initiates did not continue to use the drug in the year after their first use. In fact, alcohol and marijuana were the only substances for which the majority of initiates continued to use the substance one year after initiating use (see figure below). The highest rates of dependence in the year after initiation were for heroin (13%) and crack cocaine (9%), followed by marijuana (6%). All other substances had year-after-initiation dependence rate of 5% or less. Interestingly, the drugs with the highest dependence rates (heroin and crack).

NOTES: Data are from persons aged 12 or older responding to the 2004 to 2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health who reported initiation of a substance 13 to 24 months prior to the interview. Pain reliever, sedative, tranquilizer, and stimulant use refers to nonmedical use of prescription-type drugs not prescribed for the respondent or used only for the experience or feeling they caused. Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

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Available online at <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k8/newUseDepend/newUseDepend.cfm>.

From
SAMHSA

New Findings on Quantity and Frequency of Alcohol Use Among Underage Drinkers

In 2006, a majority (53.9 percent) of American adolescents and young adults aged 12 to 20 had used an alcoholic beverage at least once in their lifetime. Young people aged 12 to 20 consumed approximately 11.2 percent of the alcoholic drinks consumed in the United States in the past month by persons aged 12 or older. Research shows that underage drinkers tend to consume more alcohol per occasion than those over the legal minimum drinking age of 21.

The following are brief findings from the report:

Combined 2005 and 2006 data indicate that an annual average of 28.3 percent of persons aged 12 to 20 in the United States (an estimated 10.8 million persons annually) drank alcohol in the past month.

Past-month alcohol users aged 12 to 20 drank on an average of 5.9 days in the past month and consumed an average of 4.9 drinks per day on the days they drank in the past month. Underage drinkers aged 12 to 20 consumed, on average, more drinks per day on the days they drank in the past month than persons aged 21 or older (4.9 vs. 2.8 drinks).

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.

REMINDER...

School Based Law Enforcement Conference – July 10th! Save the Date!!

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