

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Safe and Drug Free Quarterly Meeting

This meeting will provide all Safe and Drug Free Coordinators updates from TEA and the No Child Left Behind Act: Title IV. Additionally, new trends in Safe and Drug Free Schools will be addressed and coordinators will be able to network and hear what local districts are doing targeting issues of drug, violence, bullying, and tobacco prevention.

All coordinators are encouraged to attend. Please register via iLearning!

Tuesday, September 23rd @ 2:00pm
Following the Federal Program Director's Meeting

Bi-Annual Coordinated School Health Forum

The first Bi-Annual Coordinated School Health Forum will be a collaborative effort, encompassing the various components of a coordinated school health model. This exciting event will include various speakers from Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) as they address their programs and how they are coordinating between the three agencies on CSH initiatives, including their vision for CSH at the district level.

We are also extending invitations to Nurse Child Nutrition, Guidance & Counseling, and Social Services contacts throughout our regional boundary. Please spread the word to others within your district that may be interested in attending. Please register for this FREE event by going to www.esc20.net.

All coordinators are encouraged to attend. Please register via iLearning!

Tuesday, October 8th @ 9:00am

Red Ribbon Week Purpose, Intention and History

On February, 17 1985, Enrique Camarena, a husband a father of three children, was kidnapped outside the U.S. Consulate in Guadalajara, Mexico. The date was the last time anyone other than his kidnapers would see Kiki Camarena alive. His body was discovered one month later in a shallow grave 70 miles from Michoacan, Mexico. He had been tortured, beaten and brutally murdered.

Since the event, Drug Enforcement Administration within the Department of Justice began the commemoration of Red Ribbon Week as a weekly reminder to promote drug and alcohol prevention throughout the country.

Although there is no official "National" set of dates for Red Ribbon Week, the custom is to celebrate during the third week of October. Thus, ESC-20 is sponsoring Red Ribbon Week to be October 18-26, 2008. Many districts tend to celebrate until the end of the month.

NATIONAL NEWS

Coping with School Stress is Number One Reason Given by Teens for Teen Drug Use

Nearly three-fourths (73%) of teens in grades 7 to 12 believe that "kids use drugs to deal with the pressures and stress of school," according data from the 20th annual Partnership Attitude Tracking Study (PATS). Other reasons cited by more than half of teens surveyed were to help them feel better about themselves (65%), to look cool (65%), to deal with problems at home (55%), and to improve athletic performance (54%). The least cited reasons for teen drug use were to have fun (26%) and to help study better (20%). Editors note: It is possible that the reasons given would have been different if the survey question had specified the types of drugs being asked about.

Previous surveys of high school and college students have found that motivations vary greatly by type of drug. For example, one survey found that the most common motive for use of prescription stimulants by college students was to increase concentration.

NOTES: The survey was conducted by The Roper Public Affairs Division of GfK Custom Research North America, for the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. The 2007 PATS survey was conducted in schools and in homes with a nationally projectionable sample of 6,511 adolescents in grades 7 through 12. The margin of error is +/- 1.6%.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Partnership for a Drug-Free America, *The Partnership Attitude Tracking Study (PATS): Teen's 2007 Report*, August 2008. Available online at http://www.drugfree.org/Files/2007_Teen_Survey.

From
SAMHSA

650,000 UNDERAGE DRINKERS IN THE PAST MONTH WERE GIVEN ALCOHOL BY THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

More than 40 percent of the Nation's estimated 10.8 million underage current drinkers (persons aged 12 to 20 who drank in the past 30 days) were provided free alcohol by adults 21 or older, according to a nationwide report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The study also indicates that 1 in 16 underage drinkers (6.4 percent or 650,000) was given alcoholic beverages by their parents in the past month.

- More than half (53.9) of all people aged 12 to 20 engaged in underage drinking in their lifetime, ranging from 11.0 percent of 12 year olds to 85.5 percent of 20 year olds.
- An average of 3.5 million people aged 12 to 20 each year (9.4 percent) meet the diagnostic criteria for having an alcohol use disorder (dependence or abuse).
- About one in five people in this age group (7.2 million people) have engaged in binge drinking - consuming five or more drinks on at least one occasion in the past month.
- Over half (53.4 percent) of underage current alcohol users were at someone else's home when they had their last drink, and 30.3 percent were in their own home; 9.4 percent were at a restaurant, bar or club
- Rates of binge drinking are significantly higher among young people living with a parent who engaged in binge drinking within the past year.

The full report is available on the Web at <http://oas.samhsa.gov/underage2k8/toc.htm> . Copies may be obtained free of charge by calling SAMHSA's Health Information Network at 1-877-SAMHSA-7 (1-877-726-4727). Request inventory number SMA 08-4333. For related publications and information, visit <http://www.samhsa.gov/>.

REMINDER...

September 30, 2008

is the deadline to submit your District Audit Report!

We were initially informed that each ESC would be able to submit the District Audit Report (DAR) based on the results from the safety audit from your campuses. However, as the Texas School Safety Center continued to develop their DAR, **that option was eliminated. Thus, districts will have to submit!**

Additionally, we were recently notified from the Texas School Safety Center that as of August 19, 2008 certain districts within our ESC-20 boundary have not activated the District Audit Report (DAR) tool. The submission of information is the final requirement for Senate Bill 11: Campus Safety Audits.

Every Superintendent received an email with the instructions on how to access an ON-LINE tool to report your audit results. If the email has not been received, please contact me as soon as possible.

The deadline to submit is September 30, 2008. No hard copies of the District Audit Reports will be accepted by the TxSSC. After September 30th, the TxSSC will begin the process of preparing a state report from the information submitted by Texas school districts.

Upcoming Events and Trainings

HAZCOM Lab Safety Training

October 2, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop#

Fee: \$25; SDFSC Co-op: None

411 on Teen Relationships

October 9, 2008

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81009-K12

Fee: \$35; SDFSC Co-op: None

Coordinated School Health Bi-Annual Meeting

October 8, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CF81008-K01

Fee: No Cost

411 on Bullying

October 16, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81016-K11

Fee: \$35; SDFSC Co-op: None

411 on Drugs

October 9, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81009-K11

Fee: \$35; SDFSC Co-op: None

411 on Gangs and Violence

October 16, 2008

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81016-K12

Fee: \$35; SDFSC Co-op: None

Community Outreach Fair

October 29, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# No registration

Fee: No Cost

SDFSC Co-op:

If your agency is a first responder to the following districts areas, then eligibility is granted unto the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Cooperative for the 2008-2009 school year. Specific course offerings are listed at no cost.

Brackett ISD, Crystal City ISD, Devine ISD, DHanis ISD, Dilley ISD, Ft. Sam Houston ISD, Hondo ISD, Ingram ISD, Knippa ISD, Lackland ISD, La Vernia ISD, Lytle ISD, Natalia ISD, Pleasanton ISD, Poth ISD, Randolph Field ISD, Southside ISD, Stockdale ISD, School of Excellence, Guardian Angel Academy, Por Vida Academy, Southwest Preparatory, Gabriel Tafolla, John H. Wood, Jubilee Academy, Positive Solution, George I. Sanchez