

GREETINGS!!!

A Safe and Drug-Free Newsletter is born! The newest form of communication to each of you will entail many updates, current events, training sessions, professional development, and sometimes, just fun facts! ENJOY!!

If you would like to post something for all, please feel free to contact me...

Be Safe...Lucien

U.S. ED's OSDFS GRANT TO REDUCE ALCOHOL ABUSE

Purpose of Program: This program provides grants to LEAs to develop and implement innovative and effective programs to reduce alcohol abuse in secondary schools.

Applications Available: January 3, 2008.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 19, 2008.

Eligible Applicants: (a) LEAs, including charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law. (b) The Secretary limits eligibility under this discretionary grant competition to LEAs that do not currently have an active grant under the Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse program. For the purpose of this eligibility requirement, a grant is considered active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$250,000-\$450,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$350,000.

<http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2008-1/010308a.html>

2008 Texas Safe Schools and Healthy Students Summit

Registration is now available! This Summit is a partnership between the Texas Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Statewide Initiative at ESC - Region VI, the Texas Office of the Attorney General, and the Texas School Safety Center (TSSC). This takes the place of the State SDFSC Initiative. The cost is \$225 per person and will be held in Corpus, Christi, Texas from February 25-27th!

Register online via the Texas Attorney General's Office
<http://www.oag.state.tx.us/conferences/safeschools2007/index.shtml>.

Upcoming Workshops and Meetings

When is Behavior a Crime? & Students Free Speech in Cyberspace

January 16, 2008; ESC-20

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Workshop # CF880116-K11

Fee: \$55; **SDFSC Coop: None**

Bullying Prevention in Schools

February 6, 2008; ESC-20

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Workshop # CF80206-K11

Fee: \$55; **SDFSC Coop: None**

Don't forget about your SDFSC Advisory Meeting!!

According to the statute, all Title IV programs must have 2 (two) advisory meetings throughout each fiscal year. If you are in the SDFSC Coop, do not worry as our meeting will be on Thursday, January 17th!

Critical Response from Beginning to End

January 22, 2008; ESC-20

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Workshop # CF80122-K11

Fee: \$75; **SDFSC Coop: None**

Integrating Character Education into the Classroom

February 12, 2008; ESC-20

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Workshop # CF80212-K11

Fee: \$75; **SDFSC Coop: None**

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Why Try? Training Session

January 23, 2008; ESC-20

8:30 am – 11:30 am or

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Workshop # CF80123-K11 or K12

No Cost

HAZCOM/ Lab Safety Training

February 6, 2008; ESC-20

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Workshop # CF80206-K11

Fee: \$55; **SDFSC Coop: None**

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