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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A NEW LOOK FOR THE e-LEARNING CENTER

The Guidance e-Learning Center, available at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/>, has undergone some changes. We invite you to visit the site to see the changes made.

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK 2009 will be celebrated from **Feb. 2-6, 2009**.

NOTE TO ST. LOUIS AREA COUNSELORS A formative assessment workshop for counselors is scheduled at the Jennings School District, 2559 Dorwood, Jennings, Mo on Jan. 29th. This workshop will provide professional school counselors the knowledge and skills base to conduct formative assessments of their guidance lessons. Formative assessment results have important implications for instruction. Counselors can use formative assessments to inform curriculum and instruction so that instructional goals are met. To register for the workshop, go to <https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/Catalog.asp?D=11005&S=&G=&L=&AF=&I=&H=1&SDate=3/10/2008&EDate=> and type assessment in the search term box. Please note that due to the configuration of the system, the location is not specified until you click on the workshop title to register.

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G&P 32.0101 B561--*Nobody Likes Me, Everybody Hates Me: The Top 25 Friendship Problems and How to Solve Them* Michele Borba, Ed.D. , SAN FRANCISCO, CA, JOSSEY-BASS, 2005.

BOOK — Based on a survey of five thousand teachers and parents, this book shows how to teach children the 25 most essential friendship-building skills kids need to find, make, and keep friends, as well as survive that social pressure from peers.

G&P 13.1399 M342--*Blueprints for School Guidance & Counseling*

Ronald D. Miles, Ph.D., LPC, CHAPIN, NC, YOUTHLIGHT, INC., 2005.

BOOK — This book provides more than 160 forms and letters for effective program management to help manage a counseling program.

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ONLINE RESOURCE FOR INFORMATION ON JOBS AND CAREERS

Occupational Outlook Quarterly (OOQ) provides practical information on jobs and careers. Articles are written in straightforward, non-technical language and cover a wide variety of career and work-related topics such as new and emerging occupations, training opportunities, salary trends, and results of new studies from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. To access this online resource, go to <HTTP://WWW.BLS.GOV/OPUB/OOQ/OOQHOME.HTM>

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NEWS ABOUT THE MISSOURI VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM (MoVIP)

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education announced last month that it has signed an agreement with the University of Missouri's eMINTS National Center in Columbia to manage the state's virtual school. The contract to operate the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program (MoVIP) will begin with 2009-10 school year.

Under the new contract, the eMINTS Center will be the administrative hub of MoVIP. It will register students, employ teachers and secure online content for MoVIP classes. It will subcontract with multiple content providers, develop unique course offerings, and partner with other entities to create innovative learning options.

THE AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (ASCA) SUGGESTS THAT YOU CONSIDER JOB CORPS WHEN ADVISING STUDENTS

Are some of your students not quite ready for college or lacking the resources to enroll in a technical school? Job Corps can help. Job Corps is a federal program allowing students to finish high school, prepare for college or technical school or receive certification in a technical trade. And best of all, it's free for those who are eligible. Job Corps is the nation's largest career technical training and education program for students ages 16 through 24. A voluntary program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Job Corps provides income-eligible young men and women with an opportunity to gain the experience they need to begin a career or advance to higher education. To learn more about this program, go to <http://www.jobcorps.dol.gov>

DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS INTERESTED IN AEROSPACE CAREERS?

The Aerospace Industries Association has a website for students or you to visit that gives more information about this potential career area. To visit the website, go to <http://www.launchintoaerospace.org/index.cfm>

A RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS

Here's a resource for college bound students from the American Legion. It has a scholarship booklet "Need A Lift", which is a resource for college bound students. Here is the link to download a copy of this resource

<http://pdf.needalift.org/NAL2009.pdf>.

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RESOURCE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

The Secretary of State's Office has developed informational brochures and Posters about the Safe At Home address confidentiality program to impact Missouri citizens impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, rape and stalking. Because counselors in the schools may have to deal with these issues as they impact children, they can obtain these brochures and posters at no cost by contacting the Secretary of State's Office. For further information, contact Brenda Sites, *Safe at Home* Program Manager by e-mail at SafeAtHome@sos.mo.gov or by calling toll free (866) 509-1409.

HELP TEENS AND PARENTS

Want to help parents of teens in your school system? Offer them Parenting Teens Online, a free resource. Parenting Teens Online is a monthly publication that offers cutting-edge information on all topics you discuss with parents, from risk-taking behaviors to family relationships and more. This month, check out "[Stress Management to help Teens Cope.](#)" You can also sign up for a free subscription by going to

<http://www.parentingteensonline.com/user/landingPage/type/ASCA>

A RESOURCE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE SCHOOLS

The U.S. Department of Education's (ED's) Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, in collaboration with ED's Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, is pleased to announce the release of the following publication from their *Helpful Hints* series:

"Psychological First Aid (PFA) For Students and Teachers: Listen, Protect, Connect—Model & Teach" available at http://rems.ed.gov/views/documents/HH_Vol3Issue3.pdf.

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WEBINAR ON CYBERBULLYING AVAILABLE ON JAN 12

Responding to Cyberbullying is designed for school administrators, counselors, social workers, psychologists and other youth-serving adults who want to learn more about how to respond to online aggression among adolescents. The webinar will discuss practical strategies for educators, parents and others and provide recommendations for how to effectively deal with cyberbullying incidents. The webinar costs \$68. To learn more about this webinar and/or register, go to https://www.meds-pdn.com/continuing_education.php?seminar_id=2190

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED-PLEASE SHARE WITH COLLEAGUES

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) is currently asking for proposals to consider for inclusion in their program for their 56th annual conference which will be held in St. Louis November 5-8, 2009. The deadline for proposal submission, which is online only, is January 30, 2009 at 4:59 pm est. To learn more about this association and see some pointers for preparing a proposal, go to <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=1759> That site will also lead you to the online proposal form if you decide to submit a proposal.

MISSOURI YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM, JULY 26-29, 2009 AN EXCITING LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

The Governor's Council on Disability is once again recruiting for the next Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MYLF)!! The application and other pertinent information is now available for the 2009 MYLF on the website: <http://www.disabilityinfo.mo.gov/gcd/2008ylf.shtml> Application deadline is April 15, 2009.

This Forum is open to high school juniors and seniors with disabilities who possess leadership potential. There is no other opportunity like this in Missouri for young men and women who experience disability. Through the application process, a diverse group of students are chosen as delegates to represent their schools and communities from all areas of the state. Student delegates will participate in this unique career leadership-training program at the University of Missouri - Columbia on July 26 - July 29, 2009.

The program's focus is to promote students' leadership, citizenship, and social skills development. Forum topics include leadership principles and application, disabilities experience and resource sharing, assistive technology, career goal development, independent living, and advocacy skill building. The students will have a great deal of fun while they are learning to become active leaders in their communities. In addition to learning these skills, students will be inspired by the successful role models that they will meet during the forum and will pursue their education, training and employment goals for the future.

Please pass the information on to high school juniors and seniors that you believe would be interested in participating. In addition, please pass this information on to administrations, special education directors, teachers, parents, etc. This will be a great opportunity for Missouri's youth to develop their leadership skills as they prepare for their futures.

Link to online application: <http://www.disabilityinfo.mo.gov/gcd/pdf/2009MYLFapplication2.pdf>

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. PATHWAYS CONFERENCE

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B. THE 2009 MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA SPRING) CONFERENCE will be held on **March 6, 2009**. More details will be available later about this conference.

C. THE ANNUAL DESE/UCM COUNSELOR INSTITUTE will be held on **Thursday June 4 and Friday June 5** this year. Be watching for further information.

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Classroom and Small Group Activities For Teachers, Counselors, and Other Helping Professionals, Vol. I

Tommie R. Radd, Ph.D, OMAHA, NE, GROW WITH GUIDANCE, 2006.

BOOK — This book of classroom guidance and small group counseling activities includes more than 250 powerful activities. The activities are easy to follow and collectively provide an in-depth coverage of each topic. Volume I covers the strand areas of Self and Decision Making/Problem Solving. Grades Pre-K to 12.

G&P 13.1001 R133.1

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NEWS RELEASE: NEED MONEY TO PAY FOR COLLEGE? FUNDING HAS NOT DRIED UP

Finding money to pay for college is always a top concern for prospective students and their families, and in this economy, a lot of people might think its mission impossible. But the Missouri Department of Higher Education reports funding sources continue to be accessible to students. See the release at:

http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/MC_newsroom_paying4college_011409.htm

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

A. The Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors is offering a scholarship for \$1500 to be given to a high school senior who is seeking a career as a land surveyor. To access the on line scholarship application, go to

<http://www.missourisurveyor.org/forms/rvp.asp>

B. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 is available from the Missouri Insurance Education Foundation for high school seniors. For additional information go to www.mief.org

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ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS: REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS

Registered Apprenticeship is a highly flexible training model combining on-the-job learning and related classroom instruction in which paid employees receive technical and practical training in highly-skilled occupations.

Time requirements and the substance of an apprenticeship program depend on the occupation. Apprentices work and learn under the direction of qualified personnel who are experienced in their professional field. Over time, apprentices are provided diverse and complex training that helps them become highly skilled in their chosen careers.

For more information, contact the following:

Neil Perry, E-Mail: perry.neil@dol.gov State Director,

Stephanie Schmitt, E-Mail: Schmitt.stephanie@dol.gov , Apprenticeship and Training Representative

Phone for both: 314/539-2522

Address: USDOL/ETA/OA, 1222 Spruce Street-Room 9.102E, Robert A. Young Federal Building, St. Louis, Mo 63103

Michael D. Smith , Apprenticeship and Training Representative, E-Mail: smith.michael@dol.gov

Phone: 417-883-6186 Address: 3333 S. National, Room 303, Springfield, Mo 65807

Linda Trued, Apprenticeship and Training Representative, E-Mail: trued.linda@dol.gov

Phone: 816-502-9095 Address: 2300 Main Street, Suite 1060, Kansas City, Mo 64108

Greetings, High School Counselors!

FROM MASFAP- MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PERSONNEL COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2009, FROM 2-4PM

College Goal Sunday is a college financial aid event held annually on the Sunday after the Super Bowl. Students and their families are encouraged to attend to get FREE help on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the application needed for college financial aid. Financial Aid Professionals are on hand at College Goal Sunday to help the student complete the FAFSA. A list of College Goal Sunday sites around the state of Missouri can be found at www.collegegoalmissouri.org. If you have any questions, or if you would like brochures and posters to advertise the event to your students, please email earlyawareness@masfap.org.

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CONFERENCE SET

Celebrating its 25th Anniversary (1983-2008), the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) invites you to participate in its statewide child abuse and neglect prevention conference 'A Generation of Prevention: Lessons Learned & Pathways to the Future' **March 18-20, 2009** at the [Capitol Plaza Hotel](#) in Jefferson City.

Please visit the CTF website at www.ctf4kids.org for further information and a complete [conference registration form and agenda](#). In addition, [online registration](#) and payment is also available via the web.

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PLEASE PASS TO THOSE INTERESTED WITHIN YOUR SCHOOLS: MISSOURI POLICE CHIEFS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION (MPCCF) 2009 MISSOURI SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONFERENCE SR0 / EDUCATOR will be held June 29 thru July 2, 2009 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort

During the conference attendees will receive vital information that relates to the School Resource Officer Program. The conference will provide information that will enhance attendees knowledge of juvenile law, school terrorist activities, drug identification, sexual assault, internet safety and problems related to special needs students. Post credit will be provided to those in attendance. For additional information, go to <http://www.mopca.com/mpca/conf-annual.html> or contact at 1001 East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101 USA phone: 573.636.5444 fax: 573.636.6634

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A SOURCE TO SHARE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH OFFICE OF DISASTER READINESS: FEMA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE

On December 31, 2008, FEMA introduced a new user-friendly website called www.disasterassistance.gov which was developed to ease the frustration felt by disaster victims obligated to search through multiple federal programs to find aid. This website will centralize the application process for federal disaster assistance and offer a clearinghouse for information on programs administered at the federal, state and local levels. The website will contain information from 16 federal agencies that collectively sponsor more than 50 forms of disaster assistance. For the initial launch phase, the site will include only limited forms of federal assistance. Over the coming months the website will add federal assistance programs administered at the state level, then local, tribal and finally those of public non-profit organizations.

PLEASE SHARE WITH COLLEAGUES: HP Innovations in Education

Building on 5 years of experience with the [HP Technology for Teaching](http://www.hp.com/go/hpte) grant program, HP has just announced a new grant opportunity entitled [HP Innovations in Education](http://www.hp.com/go/hpiie). HP seeks proposals from school districts in the US that are pursuing the use of technology to enhance academic success in secondary school (middle school and/or high school) math and science. Each award, valued at more than \$270,000, will consist of equipment, cash and professional development. Proposals that will be considered should describe how technology will be used to enable innovations in four areas – Leadership Capacity, Digital Learning Environments, the Secondary Student Design & Research Experience, and High-Tech Career Awareness. Visit www.hp.com/go/hpiie-usa for more information and to download the Request for Proposals. **Applications are due March 30th.**

HP seeks proposals from school districts pursuing the use of technology to enhance academic success in secondary school (middle school and/or high school) math and science.

RECENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ED)

There are a number of grants that can be applied for from the U.S. Department of Education. They include:

- grants to [help students attend college](#). Students can use the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) to apply for Pell Grants and other aid for college.
- formula grants to agencies using formulas determined by Congress. There is no application process.
- discretionary grants to organizations, agencies, and individuals. These are awarded using a competitive process. Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements can apply.

Discretionary grants are what people usually have in mind when thinking about applying for a grant from the Department.

To see the recent grant opportunities and more information about grants, go to

[HTTP://WWW.ED.GOV/NEWS/FEDREGISTER/ANNOUNCE/INDEX.HTML](http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister/announce/index.html)

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D. 2009 MISSOURI ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE will be held **July 20-23, 2009** in Springfield, MO. Visit the MoACTE website at <http://www.mo-acte.org/> to get further information as it becomes available.

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FEBRUARY IS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

Career and Technical Education is being celebrated across the state and nation during February. Sponsored by the Association for Career and Technical Education, the [month-long observance](#) kicked off with [Job Shadow 2009](#) on February 2nd and concludes with the third annual National Entrepreneurship Week, Feb. 21-28.

Career and technical education prepares youth and adults for a wide range of careers. Today's CTE has evolved from a limited number of vocational programs into a broad system that encompasses the skills and occupational areas that are likely to be in greatest demand in the future (health sciences, telecommunications, information technology, etc.) despite the challenges of the global economy.

Tom Quinn, Assistant Commissioner of Career Education at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education said "A well-trained workforce is essential to economic development, and good schools are an essential component of our overall economic development strategy... We all benefit from the educational programs that are preparing students with the academic and workplace skills needed for high-skill, high-demand occupations,"

RECOGNIZING SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

National School Counseling Week ends today and we would like to send our belated but very heartfelt thanks and recognition to all of those who work as professional school counselors in Missouri schools. Every day, these professionals assist students in setting goals, preparing for their futures, and dealing with issues that might intrude upon the realization of those futures.

We would also like to thank the administrators, teachers, other school staff and those within their communities who also play a vital part in the full implementation of a successful comprehensive guidance program. Without them, it would be impossible to have a comprehensive guidance program that is looked upon with envy by those in other states.

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"The program *Rock In Prevention*, was exhibited at the MSCA fall conference. [Pat McManus](#), founder of the program states it... "uses music and the arts to reach the hearts and minds of children to help them make positive, healthy, life choices. *Rock In Prevention* can help you meet your ASCA Model Goals, personal and social skills and increasing parental involvement. Classroom and family follow up materials and CDs of the songs reinforce the skills taught beyond the school walls and help students and parents learn and retain the skills taught".

Additional Information can be found on the Rock In Prevention Website at:

http://www.rockinprevention.org/pats_corner.shtml.

If you are interested in more information, contact Pat McManus by Phone: 515 255-0635 or by e-mail:

Pat.mcmanus@rockinprevention.org"

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RESOURCE WEBSITE FOR CAREER TRANSITION AVAILABLE

You are invited to review the Career Transition Resources (CTR) website at www.cyberguidance.net/ctr. This resource is provided to school districts, agencies, and organizations so they may use and adapt the CTR to meet local needs. It was developed by Michael McLeod, Ph.D., a former counselor and director of a career exploration program in the Normandy School District, St. Louis MO.

The CTR contains resources for parents, students, counselors, teachers, and community members. These resources include Career Exploration and Planning, Employment, Job Training, Post-Secondary Education, Social Services, Workforce, & other areas.

The CTR is a One-Stop-Shop for the St. Louis MO area. However, there are also a variety of state and national links that support the area of Career Development and Preparation for Choices After High School. The Rationale and Uses file on the Professionals' Page details the reasons for site development and includes suggestions for use of the CTR.

Mike stated that he "would like to see counselor organizations and career-technical associations take a leadership role in discussing the development of a centralized set of resources that supports comprehensive guidance programs in Missouri."

Mike also stated that he is volunteering his time for the CTR project and could assist in the discussion and would be happy to meet with counselors, administrators, and parent-student groups, or give a presentation at conferences or local meetings. Please feel free to contact Mike at mmclcareerplan@sbcglobal.net, and let him know about broken links or anything else. He welcomes your suggestions.

Mike wants to acknowledge and give special thanks to Bob Turba, www.cyberguidance.net, www.bobturba.com, for hosting the CTR on his site. Bob's resources are comprehensive and they are an excellent example of counselors using technology in a high school setting.

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FREE RESEARCH PRESENTATION AVAILABLE

You are invited to attend a free research presentation by Dr. Joyce Arditti, author and renowned family-policy researcher, editor of *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies* and a member of the National Advisory Board for the Family Justice Project in New York City. She also serves as the evaluation consultant for University of Missouri Extension's 4-H LIFE Program, funded by USDA's Children, Youth and Families at Risk (CYFAR) grant initiative. The 4-H LIFE Program currently partners with the Missouri Department of Corrections, CYFAR and Extension to implement the 4-H LIFE Program at Algoa Correctional Center, the Potosi Correctional Center and Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center.

Dr Arditti will speak about parental incarceration and its implications for children and other family members. The presentation is sponsored by the MU Department of Human Development and Family Studies <http://hdfs.missouri.edu/> and the MU 4-H LIFE Program <http://extension.missouri.edu/fcrp/>. The presentation is open to the general public and will be held on **Friday, February 20th from 2:30-3:30pm in Tate Hall Auditorium on the MU campus**. A campus map is located at: <http://map.missouri.edu/>.

Figures for Jan. 16, 2009 indicate that Missouri's state correctional facilities hold 30,415 individuals. Of those, 17,980 report a total of 44,360 dependents. Dr. Arditti's research can inform practitioners and policy makers about the circumstances of incarcerated parents and the implications of incarceration for their children and other family members.

For more information please contact Brenda Bestgen, HDFFS, at bestgenb@missouri.edu or 573-882-4035 or Tammy Gillespie at gillespiet@missouri.edu or 573-882-3316.

YOUTH EVENT COMING UP

Missouri's Youth/Adult Alliance is now accepting registrations for their 5th annual "Speak Hard" youth event, which will be held in Jefferson City on March 10, 2009. Workshop topics include: Operation Alcohol Advertising

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Placement; Prescription/Over-the-Counter Drug Abuse Awareness; Suicide Prevention; How to recognize friends who have alcohol problems and how to help them; And more....

Speak Hard 2009 will empower Missouri's young adults to "*Speak Hard*" to their public officials and community leaders about their school's and community's issues relating to underage drinking and substance use. Young adults from across the state will have the opportunity to network and share their ideas about reducing underage drinking and substance use in their communities.

Through interactive workshops, experts in advocacy, legislative communications and other youth related topics will provide young adults the tools and knowledge so they can confidently "*Speak Hard*" about community issues on both the local and state level.

To register, visit www.myaa.org by February 27th, 2009. For additional information or to view the event brochure, go to <http://www.myaa.org/pdf/SpeakHardBroch09.pdf>

RESOURCES FOR THOSE DEALING WITH RECENT ICE STORMS FROM DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (DMH) OFFICE OF DISASTER READINESS

After disasters there are a range of emotions and behaviors that children and adults experience including trouble concentrating and any number of other issues that can affect learning. DMH has information on its' website that might be useful for counselors and teachers once schools are able to get web access. The web address is: <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/diroffice/disaster/DirectorsOfficeDisasterCopingFactSheets.htm>

If schools feel like they need outside mental health assistance, please contact **Jenny Wiley, MSW, LCSW** Coordinator, Disaster Readiness, Department of Mental Health, PO Box 687, Jefferson City, MO 65102 Phone: 573-751-4730; Fax: 573-751-7815; Cell: 573-645-6408 E-mail: jenny.wiley@dmh.mo.gov and she will work with their community mental health centers or partner volunteer agencies to see if they can meet those requests.

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SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE BEING OFFERED

The Joshua Center specializes in treating children with the following neurological disorders: Aspergers, Tourette Syndrome and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. Their mission includes support for educators and counseling professionals. In the past few months they have received numerous requests to offer their "Creating Successful Interventions" conference once again on **March 02, 2009, Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Kauffman Center "Town Square", 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64119**

To register, follow this link <http://www.joshuacenter.com/conference.htm>. They offer discounts for multiple registrations and are also offering the conference DVDs at a substantial discount when purchased at time of registration. Please share with your teachers and counselors. Feel free to contact them with any questions.

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CAREER CLUSTER/CTE CONCENTRATORS CLARIFICATION

PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CORE DATA INPUT RECEIVES THIS MESSAGE

Questions have come up about the coding of career clusters for Perkins Accountability. The issue arises when a student's expressed or assessed career cluster (as determined through Kuder and/or other interests assessments) is different from a CTE student's concentration of course work.

For example, through the use of Missouri Connections, a student's expressed /assessed career cluster might be Health Services, but the student's CTE concentration (3 or more sequenced/related CTE courses) might be in Natural Resources (i.e. an agriculture concentration). If this is this case, the student needs to be coded for Perkins accountability as Natural Resources, NOT Health Services. It is CTE's student's actual concentration of courses that determine career cluster determination for Perkins, not the expressed/assessed career cluster, and this is what should be reported in the June report of core data). Ideally, the expressed/assessed career cluster should be the same as the concentration of courses, but there are instances where a student's course work may differ from the expressed/assessed career cluster for a variety of reasons.

If you have additional questions regarding this issue, please contact Connie O'Brien at DESE. The number is 573-751-3524

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The pricing structure for the Institute is as follows:

	Early Bird (Until Apr 15)	Regular (Apr 16-Jun 12)	Late and On-Site (From Jun 13 to Conference)
Both Days	\$60	\$70	\$85
Friday Only	\$50	\$60	\$75
Saturday Only	\$40	\$50	\$65

Topics slated to be addressed include: Domestic violence, Writing effective guidance lessons, Diversity, Legal and ethical issues, Licensure, Self-harm, PROBE training (in computer lab), Successful Implementation of individual planning and others.

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A REMINDER:

Sample curriculum lessons for all ages that correspond to the new standards and GLE's may be found on the Guidance E-Learning Center housed in the Missouri Center for Career Education at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/>

You can also search for guidance lessons on the SuccessLink website at http://www.successlink.org/gti/search/start_search.asp

SUBSCRIBE TO A FREE NEWSLETTER

The Guidance Group is a publishing company specializing in hands-on materials for drug and violence prevention, character education, life skills, school success and mental health. To subscribe to the newsletter, go to <http://guidance-group.com/newsletter.html>

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

MISSOURI CONNECTIONS: DID YOU KNOW?

Renee Bales, the Missouri Field Trainer for Kuder, Inc., has continued to provide schools with professional development opportunities for all their educators on Missouri Connections which assists with career exploration and educational planning. She has had the opportunity to share the system with several schools who were not fully implementing the program in their districts. As they saw the options available and thought of the opportunities they could use the system, the enthusiasm grew tremendously.

For example, one school district had only slightly used the program but after Renee shared Missouri Connections with the Director of Pupil Services, great opportunities to incorporate the program throughout the district were seen and will be acted upon. If you would like to contact Renee for assistance or to schedule future training, she may be contacted by phone at 515-326-1725 or by e-mail at balesr@kuder.com To access Missouri Connections, go to www.missouriconnections.org.

RESOURCE FROM THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

The Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education has developed a career cluster/ACT crosswalk that is a good resource for counselors to use when helping students with career planning. To see this resource, go to <http://www.okcareertech.org/cac/images/WW-map.pdf>

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

FREE SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING OFFERED

Free training on the Signs Of Suicide[®] (SOS) suicide prevention program for middle and high schools will take place on **Thursday, March 12, 2009** from 8:30-2:00 at the Anthem Blue Cross Building, 1831 Chestnut St. St. Louis, MO 63103

The Training is sponsored by the CHADS Coalition and Screening for Mental Health, Inc. You will receive: Training, Lunch and a SOS Program Package*(\$300 value) Sign up now, space is limited! Max of 2 attendees per school/organization
RSVP by phone or e-mail to: Neal Penberthy at (314) 348-3412 or npenberthy@msn.com

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A RESOURCE FROM THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A DRUG-FREE AMERICA

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America is a nonprofit organization that unites parents, renowned scientists and communications professionals. It has created a website that parents can access if they suspect their child is drinking or using drugs. This website is a new, first-of-its-kind resource to help parents spot signs and symptoms, have productive conversations with their teens, and find outside help if they need it. To visit the website, go to <http://timetoact.drugfree.org/>

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

LEE'S SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL FEATURED IN BEST PRACTICE ONLINE NEWSLETTER ABOUT GUIDANCE AVAILABLE FROM HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK (HSTW)

HSTW has developed a series of online newsletters to feature best practices presented at the 2008 conference in Nashville, Tennessee. In each newsletter, you will find actions that are providing real results in High Schools that Work (*HSTW*), Making Middle Grades Work (*MMGW*), and Tech Centers That Work (*TCTW*) schools.

The purpose of the newsletters is to help strengthen efforts to prepare middle grades and high school students for success in postsecondary studies and careers. As you read these newsletters and share them with staff members, consider ways in which these practices could be implemented in your school to improve student achievement and school and classroom practices. Each newsletter contains name and e-mail address of a person to contact should you want further information about a given practice.

As mentioned in the header, the newsletter listed at the web address below features Lee's Summit High School and its advisory program:

http://www.sreb.org/publications/2008/newsletters/09V04w_BestPractices_Guidance_Advisement.pdf

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FOR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS FROM THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND THE MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY: INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In July, the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals and the Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry will be holding the 13th statewide leadership development workshop for students between their freshman and sophomore years (**Class of 2012**). LEADERSHIP IN PRACTICE is a three-day program that teaches young people decision-making and leadership skills.

The brochure about the program and application is available at: <http://mochamber.com/docs/LIP2009.pdf>

LEADERSHIP IN PRACTICE will use speakers, small group discussions/activities, and simulations to help students learn the characteristics of good leadership and how to apply them. These students may then apply those skills in leadership positions at your school for the next three years.

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce has scholarships of \$150 for students who wish to apply. *If students apply for a scholarship, they must send a \$25 registration fee and a letter of recommendation from the nominating school official.* Scholarships are awarded on a first come-first served basis.

To participate, students must submit the registration form to the Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

We are limiting the number of students to 175. Please be prompt if you want your students accepted into the program. We will notify your students of their status the first of May.

If you or another adult would be interested in serving as a counselor at the program, the Chamber provides \$150 stipend to help cover expenses. Room and board are provided. Please apply at the e-mail address below.

If you have any questions, please call 573-634-2414 or dlankford@mochamber.com.

Please keep in mind that announcements about the program are good, but these are freshman, and an invitation and a little nudge from you is usually the encouragement a student at this age needs to enroll. Also, having two or more attend is helpful in recruiting students.

On behalf of Dave Lankford of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Thank you for your help in developing tomorrow's leaders.

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Details will be posted online at: www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/calendar.htm and on the "Suicide Prevention in Missouri listserv" (SPIM-L). Proposals for presentations at the fourth annual suicide prevention conference are now being accepted. For details, please download the Call for Presenters at: www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/CallForPresenters2009.pdf

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E&D DVD ROM 12 Bold Visions: Women in Science & Technology

Creative Expansions, Inc.; DVD ROM — Documentary gives a glimpse into the lives of women who are dispelling the myths commonly associated with professionals who work in the fields of science and technology; a research scientist, an astronaut, and a technologist. Also appearing in the program is actress Marcia Gay Harden and CSI: NY star Melina Kanakaredes, who speak of the important impact teachers can have early on. In addition, the documentary features Hispanic high school girls who, together with other students, have built a wind turbine to generate electricity. 27 minutes.

E&D DVD ROM 4 Everybody's Ethnic: Your Invisible Culture

Learning Seed, 2001; DVD ROM — We believe many of our cultural beliefs are simply the most "natural" or "best" way to behave and so everyone should behave that way; therein lies the roots of prejudice. Culture is like eye color. Your eye color is obvious to anyone who sees you. But you cannot see the color of your own eyes without some kind of reflection. This video helps viewers hold a mirror to their own culture.

To obtain these items or see other resources available to use, go to <http://missouricareereducation.org/res/index.html>

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

MAPPING YOUR FUTURE HAS DEVELOPED A LIST OF APRIL TASKS FOR YOU TO SHARE WITH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Mapping Your Future, a national collaborative, public-service organization of the financial aid industry - brings together the expertise of the industry to provide free career, college, financial aid, and financial literacy information and services for students, families, and schools via the web.

APRIL TASKS:

- Compare financial aid award letters.
- Make your final school decision and mail deposits, as required.
- Check with the school you've chosen about returning financial aid award letters.
- Notify the schools you have chosen not to attend.
- Plan for registration, orientation, and housing, and mark your calendar with important dates.

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In February, Renee Bales, the Missouri Field trainer for Kuder, Inc., had the opportunity to train at three different universities, in counseling graduate classes. Renee stated she often has current counselors or educators in those classes who understand how *Missouri Connections* can benefit their school and will call to schedule professional development opportunities in their districts. In one class she had an individual with the Admissions Office of a university, who saw the program for the first time and was very excited about how *Missouri Connections* might assist students in the college recruitment process. For example, he gained an understanding of how students can complete a resume for college or define their majors more specifically so they are more focused when they attend college. To access Missouri Connections, go to www.missouriconnections.org

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THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A DRUG-FREE AMERICA WANTS YOU TO LET PARENTS KNOW THEIR TEENS ARE LISTENING

According to the 20th annual Partnership Attitude Tracking Survey (PATS) Teens released recently, 37 percent of teens reported "learning a lot" about the risks of drugs from their parents in 2008 - a significant 16 percent increase over the

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Parents are doing a better job communicating the dangers of drug abuse with their teens. However, it was found that only 24 percent of teens report that their parents have discussed the dangers of abusing prescription (Rx) drugs and just 18 percent of teens say their parents discuss the risks of abusing over-the-counter (OTC) medicine.

An alarming number of teenagers are abusing Rx and OTC drugs to get high and many teens mistakenly believe intentionally abusing medications is somehow "safer" than using illegal drugs. Parents and caregivers are crucial to helping prevent this dangerous behavior.

Encourage parents to be their teen's first line of defense against Rx and OTC medications and open the conversation. Inform them that they can learn how they can protect their teens by listening to the new Time To Talk ® Podcast series "Educate, Communicate and Safeguard" at <http://www.timetotalk.org/?tr=y&auid=4558169>

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

FROM OPERATION MILITARY KIDS, A RESOURCE TO SHARE WITH COLLEAGUES FOR USE IN DEALING WITH "TOUGH TO TALK ABOUT" TOPICS:

The following is a resource that, while developed for use by educators primarily for military kids, can be used with students in situations where applicable:

<https://www.operationmilitarykids.org/resources/ToughTopics%20BookletFINAL.pdf>

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A MILESTONE REACHED

By our count, this issue is the 100th since the Guidance Digest began in January of 2004. We appreciate the feedback that we have received in our travels around the state concerning the Digest and will endeavor to continue to bring you information that can be used in working toward the goal of full implementation of the comprehensive guidance program in all of the public school districts in the state.

We want to thank all of those within DESE and also those from outside entities who have submitted the information that we send out to support full implementation of comprehensive guidance.

We also want to thank all of the district guidance contacts for their efforts in making sure that the information is circulated to others within their districts. You are an important part in making the comprehensive guidance program an integral part of their students' educational experience.

Thanks again from the Guidance and Placement Section.

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RESOURCES FOR USE WITH STUDENTS FROM MISSOURI CENTER FOR CAREER EDUCATION IN THE PERSONAL-SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AREA:

G&P 13.0601 B58.1

[Individual Counseling: Lessons for Adolescents \(Grades 7 - 12\)](#)

Robert P. Bowman, Ph.D. & Susan C. Bowman, Ed.S., L.P.C.

CHAPIN, SC, YOUTHLIGHT, INC., 2007.

BOOK — This book is designed to help initiate meaningful and personalized discussions with students.

G&P 13.0601 M121

[Leave No Angry Child Behind: The ABC's of Anger Management for Grades K-12](#)

Anna T. McFadden and Kathy Cooper

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO REVIEW NEW CAREER PATH POSTERS

The Missouri Center for Career Education is producing a new poster about Career Paths for elementary students. Four sample posters have been developed, and your feedback on these samples is needed. A survey to collect feedback has been set up at the following address:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Xwsr2EGxsPCoVo3DYneDDg_3d_3d

All responses to this survey are needed by April 3. MCCE will partner with the Division of Career Education and others to distribute the new posters. Any questions about the posters may be directed to Nathan Wittmaier at wittmaier@ucmo.edu or (660)543-8206.

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As mentioned last week in a Special Transmission, eighteen new “career mentoring” interviews have been posted to the Missouri Connections Video Room at www.missouriconnections.org. This new resource is an extension of the recently released video project, “What’s Your Plan? – Exploring the 16 Career Clusters.” The career mentors are the same Missouri professionals featured in the video who help introduce students to the 16 Career Clusters.

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

RESOURCE TO USE WITH MILITARY CHILDREN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED LOSS

Educators and school personnel can play an important role in supporting military children who have experienced loss. The National Child Traumatic Stress Network has developed a series of culturally competent materials for educating families, medical professionals, and school personnel about how to better serve military children who are experiencing traumatic grief. To view these materials, go to http://nctsn.org/nccts/nav.do?pid=ctr_top_military

LINK TO STATE MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES INFORMATION

The Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (a not for profit provider of behavioral health services in southern Arizona) has launched a module on their web site that should be of benefit to anyone who is trying to find information about mental health and social services. To access the link for information for Missouri, go to <http://w3.cpsa-rbha.org/nationwide/index.cfm?action=indState&state=mo>

THE 20TH ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY, WITH THE THEME “RECOVERY: A JOURNEY TAKEN TOGETHER”, will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. at the State Capitol – At present, stigma related to mental health issues is pervasive throughout the state. Research indicates stigma leads to delays in seeking help, hinders public acceptance of evidence-based mental health care, and leads to lack of support for people with mental disorders from others in the community. This event is being held in part to reduce that stigma and reinforce the idea that mental health is integral to overall health and should be treated with the same urgency as physical health. For more information and/or to see a tentative schedule of events, go to

<http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/Mental%20Health%20Awareness%20Day/MentalHealthAwarenessDay.htm>

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

The Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development has a wide variety of activities planned for students this summer. To see the listings, please go to <http://4h.missouri.edu/index.htm>

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Conference Goals:

1. To provide ongoing professional development and networking opportunities for individuals who support struggling learners and their families within their community.
2. To heighten awareness of the need for collaboration among school, family and communities to support struggling learners.
3. To offer successful strategies to assure student success in traditional and alternative educational settings.

Register and view the program at www.mssn.org

Target Audience: Alternative School administrators and staff, parents, students, social workers, nurses, counselors, school psychologists, SRO's, DCS case workers, DYS personnel, law enforcement personnel, other community members....all who support struggling learners in the school and community
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Reminders—

A. AWARD APPLICATIONS ENCOURAGED

As part of the efforts to recognize buildings and districts that have made commitments to implementing the comprehensive guidance program, two awards were given last year during the fall Missouri School Counselor (MSCA) conference: the **Gysbers** Award given to a district for demonstration of an exemplary level of implementation of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program with demonstrable positive impact on students (received by the Rockwood School District); and the **SUCCESS** Award given to a building or district for demonstrated commitment to full implementation of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program (received by the Columbia School District).

We encourage districts and buildings (depending on the award) to consider applying for either the **Gysbers** or the **SUCCESS** award.

Both of these awards carry a **June 30, 2009** submission deadline. Those selected will receive the awards at the MSCA Fall Conference in November.

The procedures and documents for both of those awards have undergone revision and are available in pdf form by going to http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/guide_recognition.htm If you are considering applying and wish to receive the documents in Word format, please e-mail John Robbins at john.robbins@dese.mo.gov and they will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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C. ABC AWARD DEADLINE APPROACHING

The ABC's of Career Awareness and Exploration Awards Recognition Program was developed by the National Consortium for State Guidance Leadership (NCSGL) to recognize Exemplary Career Awareness and Exploration Programs for students at the elementary and middle grade levels.

This is a reminder that the ABC Award applications for 2008-2009 are due April 30, 2009. NCSGL hopes to have a large number of applicants from which to select winners this year and encourages schools with exemplary programs to apply.

ABC Award Information 2008-2009: <http://www.guidanceconsortium.com/projects/TheABCAwardProgram.shtml>

ABC Award Application 2008-2009: <http://www.guidanceconsortium.com/pdf-files/ABCmaterials.pdf>

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{CURRICULUM}

A. SUCCESSLINK WORKSHOP: INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES FOR THE GUIDANCE CURRICULUM

It will be held on May 26, 2009 at 915 Southwest Blvd, Suite N, Jefferson City, MO 65109 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

As a result of the workshop, counselors will:

Understand the nine instructional strategies that have the highest probability of enhancing student achievement.

Understand how instructional strategies may be used to enhance student achievement.

Understand different types of knowledge, how they are learned, and how they should be taught.

Understand how instructional strategies can be matched to the different types of knowledge.

Understand how to use instructional strategies in guidance curriculum planning.

The workshop is intended for K-12 Counselors and there is a fee of \$25 for lunch and materials.

To register for this workshop, please go to: http://www.successlink.org/registration/Curriculum_Assessment-Workshops/CurriculumGuidance526.asp

Cancellation policy: The workshop registration is non-refundable; in the event you are unable to attend you may send a replacement. If you are sending a replacement please contact Becki at 573-636-4395 or bsanders@successlink.org

B. NEW RESOURCES FOR USE WITH STUDENTS FROM MISSOURI CENTER FOR CAREER

EDUCATION: <http://resources.mcce.org/>

G&P DVD ROM 19

Aim High: Success in School and Out

Sunburst Visual Media

HAWTHORNE, NY, SUNBURST VISUAL MEDIA, 2005.

DVD ROM — This program uses realistic situations to demonstrate a basic five-step process to setting goals and reaching them.

G&P DVD ROM 36

Drop-out Prevention: How To Set Goals

The Bureau For At-Risk Youth

WILKES-BARRES, PA, THE BUREAU FOR AT-RISK YOUTH, 2007.

DVD ROM — Four-part series follows a group of high school students who face problems that often lead to dropping out of school.

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

A. MISSOURI CONNECTIONS: DID YOU KNOW?

From Renee Bales, Missouri Field Trainer: "I have also e-mailed counselors, who have been through trainings this year, asking how they are using *Missouri Connections* and I have received many positive responses regarding the system. One school shared that they have implemented *Missouri Connections* in their computer class – an end of course project requires the students to make a PowerPoint® presentation using information from *Missouri Connections* and their course work during the year." If you are interested in having Renee work with your school regarding Missouri Connections, contact her at balesr@kuder.com or 515-326-1725.

B. REMEMBER THAT SOME STUDENTS ARE INTERESTED IN JOBS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE

According to Laurence Shatkin, author of *300 Best Jobs Without a Four-Year Degree, Third Edition* (JIST Works 2009), the top 10 jobs that don't require a four-year degree are:

veterinary technologists and technicians

social and human service assistants

medical assistants

physical therapist assistants

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environmental science and protection technicians
environmental engineering technicians
bill and account collectors

preschool teachers (except for special education)
court reporters
postsecondary vocational education teachers

Most of these jobs require skilled labor and, for most of them, education beyond high school likely is needed (a two-year degree or certification, for example). To see more, go to : <http://economy.kansascity.com>

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY FOR CHILDREN IS COMING.

National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day (May 7, 2009) is a day for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the initiatives and communities it supports to promote positive youth development, resilience, recovery, and the transformation of mental health services delivery for children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families. To see more about it or to obtain resources, go to http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/enetwork/archive/2009/SAMHSA_Global_3_26_09.html

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Missouri Society of Association Executives in cooperation with the Missouri Association of Student Councils is providing scholarships to deserving Missouri high school graduating seniors who have demonstrated excellence through leadership and academics. The deadline for application has been extended to April 30. To see more about this scholarship opportunity and/or to download application materials, go to <http://www.msae.net/documents/MSAELeadershipScholarship.pdf>

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

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GUIDANCE COUNSELING AND PLACEMENT WELCOMES TOM SCHLIMPERT !!!!!!!

On Wednesday, March 15th Tom Schlimpert officially joined the Guidance Counseling and Placement Staff at DESE. A former middle school principal, Tom has recently been working with the Leadership Academy at DESE. Tom not only brings a commitment to and an understanding of the importance of comprehensive guidance programs into the school, he also brings the all important administrative perspective that will help strengthen our partnerships with administrators.

Tom is looking forward to meeting you and working with you.

CONGRATULATIONS!! A NATIONAL HONOR FOR A MISSOURI SCHOOL

The Stanton Elementary guidance and counseling program has been awarded the American School Counselor Association's RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program) Award!! Stanton, part of the Rockwood School District, is a fully implemented guidance program that uses results-based counseling to show how kids are different as a result of what their school counselor does. Their school counselor is Cathy Westbury, national board certified, and Rockwood's Elementary Counselor of the Year. Cathy's devotion and enthusiasm, matched by that of her principal Matt Miller, has forged a great partnership that gives the best to Stanton's kids.

Stanton is the first nationally recognized elementary school in the State and the third RAMP school in Missouri (the other 2 being LaSalle Springs Middle and Selvidge Middle). Rockwood can be extremely proud of this accomplishment; it's a well-earned recognition for the guidance and counseling program in the district.

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REQUEST FOR RESULTS BASED PROJECTS.

If you have completed a comprehensive guidance results-based project showing impact on student outcomes, we ask that you consider sharing it with others. We currently have examples posted on the guidance e-learning center and would like to add to those examples. To see what is currently posted, go to

<http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/evaluation.html>

If you decide to submit your project, please e-mail it to Bragg Stanley at bragg.stanley@dese.mo.gov

Thank you for your help.

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A Student's Guide to Success in the Real World: Method to the Madness.

John R. Jell, LANCASTER, PA, TECHNOMIC PUBLICATIONS, 1997.

BOOK — What do students need to know to be successful in the real world of work?

G&P 13.0401 W344

The Bully, The Bullied and Beyond

Esther Williams, M. Ed, LPC, 348 pages. Grades 5-12. Chapin, SC, YouthLight, Inc., 2007.

BOOK — This book includes more than 300 pages of insights and skill-building activities for children who are bullies, bully victims and bystanders.

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

A. MISSOURI CONNECTIONS: DID YOU KNOW?

As part of the career exploration feature, a suggested planning timeline is given to help students at all grade levels see activities that they can take part in to help them as they progress through school. To see this timeline, go to

https://www.visions-unltd.com/masterweb/apps/planning/timeline/tl_a.aspx

B. ARE YOUR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN "GREEN" JOBS?

A recent brief from Rutgers University identifies the types of jobs and skills that will be in demand in the green future and the factors that are driving the new energy economy and the growth of its workforce. To see this brief, go to

<http://www.heldrich.rutgers.edu/uploadedFiles/Publications/Heldrich%20Center%20Green%20Jobs%20Brief.pdf>

C. EIGHTH-GRADE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS THE BEST PREDICTOR OF COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS BY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

A study conducted by ACT emphasizes the importance of having students ready for high school if we want them to succeed in their future careers. To see the study, go to

<http://www.act.org/research/policymakers/pdf/ForgottenMiddleSummary.pdf>

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

A. ARE YOUR STUDENTS CONNECTED?

School connectedness is the belief by students that the adults and peers at their school care about their learning and about them as individuals. Research indicates that students who feel connected to their school are more likely to engage in healthy behaviors and succeed academically. In particular, connected students are less likely to use alcohol and other drugs, miss school, have sex at an early age, or be involved in violence or behaviors that increase their risk for injury (such as drinking and driving). A new publication from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is available to help schools enhance these important protective factors. *School Connectedness: Strategies for Increasing Protective Factors Among Youth* identifies six evidence-based strategies that teachers, administrators, school staff, and parents can implement to increase the extent to which students feel connected to school. To view or download this publication, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyYouth/AdolescentHealth/connectedness.htm>

B. ARE YOU SEEING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION?

1. The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) has collected resources to support those who might be affected. To see this list, go to <http://www.nasponline.org/educators/economic.aspx>

2. Another resource for information in working with homeless students is available at the National Center for Homeless Education at <http://www.serve.org/nche/>

C. ASSOCIATION HOLDING CONFERENCE IN JUNE

The Missouri Association for Play Therapy (MAPT) will be presenting Dr. Rick Gaskill on Friday, June 5th and Marlo Winstead on Saturday, June 6th at the Embassy Suites in the St. Charles/St. Louis area. You can access their website for the Conference brochure and information about their Early Bird Special: www.moplaytherapy.org

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A two-day [Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#) (SPRC) Training Institute course *Strategic Planning for Suicide Prevention* will be held at the Best Western Capital Inn in Jefferson City on May 12-13, 2009. The [American Association of Suicidology](#) (AAS) developed this curriculum under contract with SPRC, calling on the experience of some of the Nation's leading public health and prevention experts. Staff from the SPRC and [SPAN USA](#) will deliver the course and take attendees through skill-building exercises to equip them to plan, implement, and evaluate community-based suicide prevention programs that work.

For more information, including an agenda and registration form, go to:

<http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/StrategicPlanningforSuicidePreventionTraining.pdf>

B. From ASCA Aspects: LIMITED TIME FREE RESOURCE AVAILABLE. TELL YOUR COLLEAGUES!

"Engaging the Whole Child" for Free: The Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development has launched a 300-plus page e-book, "Engaging the Whole Child: Reflections on Best Practice," for [free download](#) between now and May 6. The e-book contains sections on inspiring trust and confidence, deepening students' thinking, building motivation, student empowerment, and more. There is also a study guide included in the download. After May 6, the book will become a for-purchase item in the ASCD Online Store.

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TO DISTRICT GUIDANCE CONTACTS--RE: END OF YEAR

We are approaching the last regularly scheduled Guidance Digest for the 2008-2009 school year. We want to thank you for your help this year in forwarding the Digest to others within your districts. Electronic communication has become the primary means by which we send information and use of it will only increase in the future.

If you are aware of a change taking place next year for your district guidance contact or if your e-mail address will be changed in some manner, please let me know at john.robbins@dese.mo.gov and make sure that the information is inserted in the proper place on Screen 03 of Core Data. By doing this, your district will be assured of continuing to receive the Digest when it resumes its fifth year of transmission in the fall.

We realize that some counselors will be working in their districts for varying periods of time after students leave for the summer and that some work during their district's summer school session. The last scheduled issue of the Digest will be sent out on May 18.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS TOOL FOR COUNSELORS

A new communications tool (a Guidance and Counseling Blog) for school counselors is now available on the Guidance e-Learning Center at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/>

This month's blog has to do with program evaluation. We encourage you to check it out. Other blog items will be posted from time to time. If you have a suggestion for a blog item, e-mail Bragg Stanley at bragg.stanley@dese.mo.gov and it will be posted.

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A REMINDER AS YOU PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR:

Sample curriculum lessons for all ages that correspond to the new standards and GLE's may be found on the Guidance E-Learning Center housed in the Missouri Center for Career Education at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/>.

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

A. MISSOURI CONNECTIONS: DID YOU KNOW?

The following are two examples reported to Renee Bales, the Missouri Field Trainer, of the ways counselors have used Missouri Connections this year in their schools:

1. Our career explorations teacher was able to implement the Missouri Connections program in his classroom as a part of his curriculum.
2. I enrolled each 7th grader and they took the interest inventory. The 8th graders do research. I re-teach the way to use MO connections and we look into individual colleges, etc and compare tuition, distance, housing, etc. This helps them understand the differences better.

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

SORRY FOR LATE NOTICE: SCHOOL CRISIS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION WEBINAR

A webinar offered nationally by the Florida Governor's Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention and presented by Richard Lieberman will be held on May 14, 2009, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm *Central*

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The recent anniversaries of the tragedies at Columbine High School and Virginia Tech University have once again brought a national focus on crisis prevention and intervention in the schools. This webinar will provide an overview of the research and the evidenced based strategies that guided the development of the PREPaRE Model of School Crisis Prevention and Intervention from the National Association of School Psychologists. Implications for school crisis prevention, preparedness, response and recovery will be addressed to include appropriate/inappropriate interventions for students, dangerous trends/ adult behavior, suicide and school safety, co-morbidity, increase in suicide attempts in girls, choking games and what can be done to address these issues.

This webinar is FREE and offered nationally and would be of interest to the following individuals: school counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, school social workers, school district superintendents, Safe and Drug Free School coordinators, and principals. **To register:**

<https://www323.livemeeting.com/lrs/8001159156/Registration.aspx?pageName=8v7240nd9v6qb2lz>

Audio for this webinar is accessible via the internet. To receive audio, attendees must join the event by using computers equipped with speakers. If your e-mail confirmation disappears from your inbox after accepting the invitation, look for the instructions on how to join the event in your calendar as this may occur depending on your e-mail configuration.

This webinar is powered by Microsoft Live Meeting. E-mail confirmations will instruct first-time Live Meeting users to download LM software. It is recommended that this be done no later than the day before the event.

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR MISSOURI TEACHERS IN TITLE ONE SCHOOLS

If you are a teacher or counselor in a Title One school you are eligible to apply for a Mary Frasier scholarship to pay your expenses to attend the National Gifted Education Convention to be held in St. Louis November 5-8, 2009. The primary purpose of the Javits-Frasier Teacher Scholarship Fund for Diverse Talent Development is to increase culturally and linguistically diverse students' access to talent development opportunities through teacher and school counselor/psychologist training and support related to equity and excellence in gifted education.

NAGC recognizes the vital role that educators play in identifying and developing gifts and talents in today's diverse student body and supports nationwide efforts to provide training to ensure highly qualified educators in every classroom.

In addition, NAGC values equity and excellence and is committed to developing leaders who can effectively advocate for historically under-represented groups. Therefore, this scholarship program seeks to identify passionate, innovative educators in communities across the country where students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are historically under-represented in gifted programs. *Educators from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.*

Here is a link for more information about the scholarship opportunity <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=4590>

For additional information contact David Welch, Director of Gifted Education Programs at (573) 751-2453 or david.welch@dese.mo.gov

ATTENTION: THOSE INVOLVED IN THE COUNSELOR MENTORING PROGRAM

To complete your evaluation, visit the following web address: <http://mcce.org/mentoring/login/>

You must enter your email address to log in to the online evaluation system. If we have two email addresses for you on file, we used a school email address for the purposes of your evaluation system login. If you encounter any difficulties or have any questions, contact Lacey Fischer at lfischer@ucmo.edu or (660)543-8759. The link will be open until May 30.

RESULTS-BASED EVALUATION INTERVENTIONS USED TO SHOW POSITIVE IMPACT

Counselors are beginning to share examples of their results-based interventions with others. To see examples of projects done by practicing school counselors in the state, visit the Guidance E-Learning Center at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/evaluation.html>

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VIDEO AVAILABLE ON CAREER GUIDANCE

Dr. Ray Davis, Education Associate: Career Guidance Office of Career and Technology Education, South Carolina State Department of Education, has informed us that their Legacy Series currently has a video posted that features Dr. JoAnn Harris-Bowlsbey (Maryland) and Dr. Norm Gysbers, University of Missouri, reviewing the essential components of a comprehensive career delivery system. These two internationally acclaimed career guidance leaders review past trends in career guidance and share their perspectives on future trends in K-16 career guidance.

The 90-minute video reviews the first 100 years of career guidance and future trends and is divided into four segments. The segments include: Populations Served, Theoretical Basis, Methods of Practice, and Counselor Training.

This video would be an excellent in-service for districts wanting to examine where they are with each of the four topics covered in each segment. It would be appropriate in the schools for school counselors, CTE teachers, work-based learning folks, and school administrators. It effectively describes the critically important role of career guidance in college and career readiness, by telling how and why career guidance prepares the next generation for a global workplace. The historical perspective is accentuated by suggestions from these two career guidance legends on what we need to do to prepare our profession for challenges in the near future.

With both Norm and JoAnn having invested over 50-years each in the profession, this series is "must-see TV" for the career guidance community in South Carolina. Their legacy has contributed greatly to the K-16 work in South Carolina. The SC Comprehensive Developmental Guidance and Counseling Model was designed in 1999 based on Norm's work in Missouri. All of our GCDFs in South Carolina used a Career Development Facilitator curriculum designed originally in the mid-1990s by JoAnn. We are all better at career guidance in South Carolina because of their outstanding work."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TO DISTRICT GUIDANCE CONTACTS: LAST ISSUE FOR YEAR

This will mark the last regularly scheduled Guidance Digest for the 2008-2009 school year. We want to thank you for your help this year in forwarding the Digest to others within your districts.

If you are aware of a change taking place next year for your district guidance contact or if your e-mail address will be changed in some manner, please let me know at john.robbsins@dese.mo.gov and make sure that the information is inserted in the proper place on Screen 03 of Core Data. By doing this, your district will be assured of continuing to receive the Digest when it resumes transmission in the fall. **The first issue for the 2009-2010 school year is tentatively scheduled for August 7, 2009.**

We realize that some counselors will be working in their districts for varying periods of time after students leave for the summer and that some work during their district's summer school session. Information that comes to us between now and early June that needs to be brought to the attention of counselors will be sent out in the form of "Special Transmissions"; those will end by June 15.

REQUEST FOR RESULTS-BASED PROJECTS

As mentioned earlier in other transmissions, we are attempting to gather as many results-based projects as possible to provide a resource of ideas for counselors to use with students and to also help in demonstrating the positive impact that counselors can have on student outcomes. If you have completed such a project, would you please consider sending a powerpoint or summary of it to Bragg Stanley at bragg.stanley@dese.mo.gov

Have an enjoyable summer!!

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

TIME FOR A GUIDANCE PLANNING SURVEY (NEEDS ASSESSMENT)?

If you need to do a Missouri Guidance Planning Surveys (Needs Assessment) during the upcoming year, remember that the Assessment Resource Center has one available that utilizes the latest standards and GLE's. To get further information about this and to access their online catalog, go to http://arc.missouri.edu/index.php?p=K12/K-12Ser_DownloadCat.htm

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

MISSOURI CONNECTIONS: DID YOU KNOW?

A. INVITE MISSOURI CONNECTIONS TO YOUR COLLEGE/CAREER FAIR

The Missouri Connections Public Outreach Partnership is interested in participating in a number of career fairs across the state in the coming 2009-10 year. If your school is planning an event where students and parents will be exploring career and educational opportunities, please quickly contact Michele Clark at Michele.clark@dese.mo.gov or call 573-526-4297 to provide information about your event. The "POP Workgroup" is now putting together its schedule and hopes to include yours.

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B. 2009-10 MISSOURI CAREER GUIDE

The Missouri Connections Public Outreach Partnership is pleased to announce the Missouri Career Guide is being refreshed and updated for the 2009-10 school year. Its target audiences are primarily students in grades 10 and above, as well as adult job seekers and career changers. This publication from MERIC has been valued by students and adults for many years. The 32-page guide may be available online later this week. Schools will be able to order quantities of the publication for their 2009-10 students at cost for printing and shipping. A small quantity (about 50 each) will be distributed free of charge to secondary counselors attending the MSCA Conference in November. This project is being conducted by the Missouri Connections "POP workgroup," MERIC, MCCE, DESE, MDHE, DWD, and the State Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Check the [Guidance e-Learning Center](#) for more information. DESE and MCCE will provide additional information on their websites when the publication becomes available this summer.

FREE CAREER PLANNING INFORMATION AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Many high school and college graduates may be wondering about finding a job in a difficult economy. Mapping Your Future (MappingYourFuture.org), a national nonprofit organization, provides free resources to help job seekers prepare for the challenges of the current job market. Students and others can use the online career planning information and resources to plan their job search or determine opportunities in their areas of interest.

The free "explore career" resources, located at <http://mappingyourfuture.org/planyourcareer/> include a variety of information:

- Assessing skills and interests
- Developing a career plan
- Researching careers
- Finding work
- Reviewing other online job guidance and job search resources

In addition, for those students, graduates, and parents who have experienced a change in their income and who also are repaying a federal student loan, there are options available to manage student loan payments. Mapping Your Future provides information online about loan deferment and forbearance options. Students, graduates, and parents may also contact their lender directly for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

The Missouri Knights of Columbus Council has informed us that it is offering eleven (11) scholarships to Missouri high school OR college students. Each scholarship is for \$1000 and is payable in two installments upon notification of successful enrollment in college or technical school.

Four of the scholarships are intended for those preparing for ordained Catholic ministry. The remainder are for general education. Applicants must either be a member of the Knights of Columbus OR be the son or daughter of a member.

The application and complete information is available for download from the Missouri Knights of Columbus website: <http://www.mokofc.org/>. (Look for the "online forms" tab on the front page).

For questions or additional information, contact the State Scholarship Chairman: J. Y. Miller at j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net.

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS NEED TO CONTINUE TO BE AWARE OF STUDENTS FACING DIFFICULTIES

According to a recent report released by the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), drawn from SAMHSA's 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), about 1 in 12 American adolescents experienced a major depressive episode MDE in the past year. About two fifths of those with MDE received treatment for their depression in the past year, and rates of treatment were particularly low among adolescents who did not have health insurance coverage—with only about 17 percent of these adolescents receiving treatment. These findings highlight the need for increased efforts to raise parental, caregiver, and teacher awareness of the signs of adolescent depression and the availability of treatment options, as well as the need for improving access to treatment among adolescents without health insurance.

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A RESOURCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

The National Education Association Health Information Network has compiled a list of resources available to deal with mental health needs. To see these resources, go to <http://neahin.org/programs/mentalhealth/index.htm>

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

A REMINDER ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATING WITH TEACHERS:

From: *Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Programs: Linking School Success with Life Success* p. 52

“It is important that all teachers are informed about the district’s comprehensive guidance program. A minimum of one in-service per year should be conducted to provide teachers with new information, share ideas, and discuss mutual concerns. Teachers should be given the opportunity to volunteer to participate in each phase of the program.

Guidance curriculum activities need to be presented in appropriate content areas. The activities are most effective when professional school counselors and teachers jointly plan the delivery process. They work together to determine when the units will be presented. The professional school counselors and teachers involved determine the details of the implementation of guidance curriculum activities. **It is recommended that teachers should take part in the presentation and evaluation of the guidance curriculum activities.”**

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