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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WELCOME BACK

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you well as we begin the 2009-2010 school year. We are sure that it will be another challenging yet rewarding year of assisting students with their academic, personal/social and career development. We encourage you to contact any of us when you have questions; while we don't always have the answers, we will do our utmost to help you find the information you seek.

In case you missed the announcement last spring, Tom Schlimpert has joined our section as a Supervisor, assuming the position vacated in October of last year. A number of you have had the opportunity to meet Tom and we hope many more will have the opportunity during the upcoming year.

A reminder: The Guidance Digest is sent to a guidance contact selected by the school district. To those of you who are receiving the Digest for the first time as your district's guidance contact, we ask that you help us to help keep others informed by forwarding it to all counselors, administrators, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors, nurses and any other staff you think might profit from the information contained within.

If you have difficulties in doing this, contact John Robbins by e-mail at john.robbins@dese.mo.gov.

From the Guidance Counseling and Placement Section Staff: Have a great School Year!!!

Bragg Stanley, Director

John Robbins, Supervisor, Digest Editor

Tom Schlimpert, Supervisor, Mentor Coordinator

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MISSOURI CONNECTIONS: DID YOU KNOW?

THE MISSOURI CONNECTIONS PUBLIC OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP IS ANNOUNCING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE NEW MISSOURI CAREER GUIDE, 2009-10.

Preparing for a career involves many steps and choosing from many possible directions, so it can be hard to know where to begin. The new, improved Missouri Career Guide 2009-2010 provides an inviting starting point.

To see the Guide, go to: http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/documents/Missouri_Career_Guide_2009-10.pdf

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NEW BATCH CODES AVAILABLE FOR MISSOURI CONNECTIONS

Thanks to the continued support of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Career Education, new 2009-10 batch codes for *Missouri Connections, powered by Kuder®* will be added to your Administrative Database Management System, **effective from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2010.**

To locate the new batch codes:

- Go to www.missouriconnections.org.
- Click on **Returning Users**.
- Enter your Administrator User Name and Password.
- Select **Batch Code Information** and review your new codes.
- Individual Login Instructions are available on the administrative home page under Quick Resources & Links to help you distribute the batch codes to your students.

FREE TRAINING OFFERED

Kuder will continue to offer training and customer support, free of charge, for *Missouri Connections*. Please contact your in-state Kuder Field Trainer, Renee Bales, to schedule a face-to-face or online training session at 515.326.1725 or balesr@kuder.com.

NEW INDIVIDUAL PLANNING RESOURCES AVAILABLE

New resources to aid in Individual Planning are now available on the Guidance e-Learning Center hosted by the Missouri Center for Career Education. To see these resources, go to <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/indivplan.html>

COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP FAIR FOR THE CLASS OF 2010 IN ST. LOUIS

The Infinite Scholars Program, a leader in recruiting minority students for college is hosting a fair **on Saturday August 29, 2009** at McCluer South-Berkeley High School, 201 Brotherton Lane, Ferguson Mo 63135 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Don't Miss An Opportunity To Go To College With A Full Or Partial Scholarship. Some Colleges Will Be Accepting Students And Awarding Scholarships On Site. There is no cost to attend, but students must pre-register on-line at www.mohela.com/infinitescholar

Students Need To Bring Multiple Copies Of:

- High school transcripts
- ACT/SAT scores
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume
- On line registration ticket for entry

The program is free and open to the public regardless of race or ethnic origins. If you have questions, please contact:

Glenda D. Terrill, MWDP, Policy Advisor/Planner III, MO State Workforce Board at 573-522-8621 or by e-mail at glenda.terrill@ded.mo.gov

MISSOURI VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM (MoVIP) The Missouri Virtual Instruction Program (MoVIP) offers online courses for K-12 students statewide. Missouri-certified teachers facilitate courses available via any computer with high speed internet service. MoVIP provides Missouri students with equal access to a wide range of coursework, anywhere, any time. MoVIP is administered by the eMINTS National Center, University of Missouri and Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Key information:

State-funded seats are full: State-funded seats (with the exception of homebound) were filled through last spring's registration period on a first-come, first-served basis. There is not a waiting list. Tuition-based seats are not limited and registration is open for those through February 1, 2010. The cost for tuition-based MoVIP courses for the 2009-2010 school is \$325 per semester course; (\$163 per quarter course.) See <http://www.movip.org/registration/>

Homebound seats: State-funded seats are available for homebound students. See <http://www.movip.org/policies/homebound.html>

Counselor available: On July 27, Theresa McClellan officially joined the MoVIP team. A former elementary and secondary at-risk counselor, Theresa most recently served as the guidance director of Jefferson City High School. She is available to provide assistance to students, parents and school counselors. Beginning-of-the-year priorities include

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establishing communication with counselors of high school seniors to assist and ensure their persistence to graduation and enrollment in courses required for graduation. Theresa is looking forward to working with you! See <http://www.movip.org/contact.html>

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SUICIDE PREVENTION REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS AVAILABLE TO HELP SCHOOLS

Last year, the Missouri Suicide Prevention Project received funding to expand the number of Regional Resource Centers from seven to fourteen. At present, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) has awarded contracts covering 12 of the 14 regions. In addition to offering free gatekeeper training, many of these sites also offer other services such as educational presentations, depression screenings or support groups for survivors. To see which Center is in your area and to access contact information, go to <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/issues/suicide/ResourceCenters.htm>

UPDATED FREE ADDICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO ALL MISSOURI SCHOOLS

"Beat Addiction: Choose the Right Path" is an award-winning youth addiction prevention program that is available to all Missouri schools with students in grades 6-12. The new program includes a 30-minute DVD with four testimonials from a diverse cast of youth in recovery from various addictions (Spanish and closed-caption versions are available on the disc), a facilitator's guide and poster. To order your free copy, contact Holly Koofer at (573) 526-7467 or koofeh@molottery.com. You can also view the video online by visiting <http://www.888betsoff.org/resource/index.htm>.

LET YOUTH KNOW THEY CAN BE INVOLVED IN MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.

Missouri Youth REACCH (Responding through Empowerment and Action to Create Communities of Hope) is a developing youth group organized to ensure youth voice in the state's mental health issues. Membership includes youth receiving or having received services; involved in various prevention activities; or just with an interest in mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disability issues. For more information or to join, e-mail missouriyouthreacch@gmail.com. Find out how you can be an advocate for mental health issues. Go to Facebook, search for What can GREEN do for you, and become a fan!

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OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM TRAINING OF TRAINERS

The training will be held on September 14-16 at the BJC Barnes-Jewish Hospital Campus, St. Louis, Missouri. For more information, contact: Lynne Lang at 314-286-0504 or by e-mail at Lynne.lang@bjc.org. You can learn more about the program components at: www.olweus.org.

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. THE ANNUAL MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) LEADERSHIP

DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE – will be held on September 19-20, 2009, at Tan Tar A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri. A brochure with registration information is available at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/Conferences.htm>

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will be held on September 24-25 in Columbia, Mo at the Courtyard by Marriott, at 3301 Lemone Industrial Blvd. Information and a registration form will be available **in the near future** at the MACS website at <http://macs.mo-actc.org/macs/>. You can also contact Stacie Wild at swild@sfccmo.edu to get more information or the registration form.

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will be held on November 15-17, 2009 at Tan Tar A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri. To see more information about it, go to <http://www.missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference09.html>

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GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT WEBINAR SERIES PLANNED FOR THIS FALL

The following webinars will be presented for professional development in the coming months.

[Guidance Program Evaluation: Program + Personnel = Results](#)

September 29 & 30 (Two part series)

[An Introduction to the Internal Improvement Review \(IIR\)](#)

October 20 and 29 (Same session – offered two times)

[Evaluating School Counselors](#)

October 22 and November 3 (Same session – offered two times)

More information about these webinars, including registration directions, will be sent in a Special Transmission. Please pass this information on to all other counselors and administrators in your buildings.

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FREE WEBSITE AVAILABLE

Counselor's Room is a FREE website for school counselors and school social workers that has organized classroom guidance lesson plans, therapeutic games and group activities for school counselors to download. All of the resources are hands-on activities as opposed to worksheets, and follow the ASCA model. It was designed as a service to help serve the counseling community (both school counselors and school social workers). There is NO FEE to join and NO FEE to download any of the resources. To visit the website, go to <http://www.counselorsroom.com>

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MISSOURI CONNECTIONS: DID YOU KNOW?

From Renee Bales, Missouri Field Trainer: "July was a busy month with several conferences as well as training opportunities. I had the opportunity to present to approximately 350 special education educators at the Missouri Transition Conference. I have already had several requests for additional trainings as a result of that conference. The Missouri ACTE conference followed with great responses from many users of the program who stopped by our booth. The *Missouri Connections* presentation offered at the conference was well attended. Rhonda Mammon from the Springfield School District did a co-presentation with me on how to incorporate *Missouri Connections* into the school district."

If you are interested in training, contact Renee at balesr@kuder.com or 515-326-1725.

MISSOURI EMPLOYERS ID THE SKILLS THEY NEED MOST

New studies by state economic developers spell out the skills workers need to do well in occupations important to Missouri's future.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development and its business partners across the state are releasing "competency models" that identify the core competencies needed for careers in industries the state has targeted for growth, including information technology, transportation, energy and life sciences. To read the complete story, go to:

http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/MC_newsroom_competency-models_073109.htm

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ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOR INFORMATION AVAILABLE

The following are two web sources brought to our attention that are good sources for information, posters and curriculum about addictive behaviors:

- National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information: 800-729-6686 <http://ncadi.samhsa.gov>
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) 877-643-2644 <http://www.nida.nih.gov/pubcat>.

PRESENTATION SCHEDULED

ACA of Missouri and ACAM-KC, together with the Department of Psychology of Avila University in Kansas City, would like to invite counselors to attend Dr. Harriet Lerner's presentation at Avila on September 26, "Shame: A Blueprint for Restoring Voice and Self-esteem." MSCA members will be offered the ACAM members' rate, though this would only make a difference to MSCA members who are LPCs and thus could use the three NBCC CEUs associated with the presentation.

There is a \$5 discount for registering by September 4th. Graduate students, however, are charged \$10 (60% discount) no matter when. Registration and secure online payment are available on the ACAM website at www.counselingmissouri.org.

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RESOURCE AVAILABLE

The Missouri State Library and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education are happy to announce that LearningExpress Library has been renewed through Sept. 30, 2011, and is available to all MOREnet members as a part of their membership. LearningExpress Library is funded through MOREnet's K-12 Program and the REAL Program reserves.

Access LearningExpress Library at www.learningexpresslibrary.com. Promotional materials are available at www.more.net/online/promotional01.html.

LearningExpress Library is a comprehensive collection of test-preparation tools, skill-building materials and career resources. More than 770 online practice tests and interactive skill-building tutorials are available, along with more than 130 e-book titles developed by expert academic and industry professionals.

- Preparing for professional certification, licensing and aptitude tests in health care, civil service/government, law enforcement, firefighting, EMS, military and real estate, among others.
- Improving workplace skills such as resume building, interviewing techniques, job search and assessment, business writing and core computer skills.
- Achieving higher scores on college entrance exams such as the ACT and SAT and improving performance on Advanced Placement (AP) exams.
- Preparing for graduate school admissions tests such as the GMAT, GRE, LSAT and MCAT.
- Improving proficiency levels in reading, writing and math for elementary, middle and high school students as well as adult learners.

Features include:

- Practice tests that mimic the timing, scoring and Q&A format of official exams.
- Instant feedback and diagnostic score reports to pinpoint strengths and weaknesses.
- Detailed answer explanations, which allow for a better understanding of the subject matter.
- Instant essay scoring that enables writing skills improvement and provides authentic essay practice for the ACT, SAT and GED exams.
- Individual user accounts that allow patrons to save works-in-progress and access completed tasks and score history.
- Personalized notifications that alert users of related tests, courses and eBooks based on their usage patterns.

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Once an individual sets up an account, they can access their learning centers anytime, anywhere there is an Internet connection.

Please contact MOREnet Technical Support at (800) 509-6673 or help@more.net with any questions about accessing LearningExpress Library. For information on training for LearningExpress Library and other Online Resources visit <http://www.more.net/training/index.html>.

PLEASE PASS TO COLLEAGUES. GRANT APPLICATION AVAILABLE.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has issued a grant application for the Service-Learning program in the Community Education Section for the 2009-2010 school year. School-based Service-Learning programs combine meaningful service to the community with classroom studies in a way that improves student learning and strengthens the community while applying core concepts from the regular classroom curriculum. If you are interested in submitting a grant application, a copy of the application is available on the Department's Web site at: http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/service_learning_index.htm. The deadline for submission is 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2009. Please note this grant application has a primary emphasis on poverty in the community.

PLEASE PASS TO COLLEAGUES TEACHING ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES OR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (ESS CLASSES) THIS YEAR.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has just launched its third year for free field trips for students enrolled in ESS classes. DNR staff will help you set up visits to DNR regulated sites, join you on the trip, and reimburse your school for transportation, up to two substitute teachers, and lunch. To learn more about this project, go to dnr.mo.gov, click on "site directory" and scroll down to Field Trips and Career Awareness Project. Since the fall of 2007, we have provided field trips for over 30 schools and we hope to cover about 25-30 this year if the weather cooperates. Also, I'm compiling a list of ESS teachers to develop a directory targeting this group. So if you have taught, are teaching or would like to teach an ESS class, please let me know!

This project will be presented at the STOM conference (STOM.org) in Jefferson City, on Saturday, October 3, 2009. Another opportunity comes up October 16-18 at the annual conference of the Missouri Environmental Education Association in Ozark, MO (visit meeaa.org for more information; registration is now open). Feel free to call James D. Lubbers, Ed.D., Environmental Education Specialist at 800-361-4827, or e-mail (preferred) at jim.lubbers@dnr.mo.gov.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SECTION AVAILABILITY FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

From time to time we get questions as to whether DESE personnel can come out to schools to provide some technical assistance. Although our state budgets are very tight right now, one of our priorities is to assist schools in any way we can to help improve their guidance services when called upon to do so. We feel strongly that school improvement can and should be a collaborative partnership between DESE and the schools. We encourage schools to call us anytime if they have questions about their guidance programs. We look forward to working with you.

PERKINS IV TECHNICAL SKILL ATTAINMENT (TSA) GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM AVAILABLE

This program memorandum provides guidance for the 2009-10 school year related to the state's "Perkins IV" Technical Skill Attainment (TSA) requirements, including the increased percentage of students to be tested this year, pass/fail criteria, clarification of secondary program completion, and instructions for data entry into the MOSIS system. The memorandum has already been sent to superintendents and career center directors. To see the complete memorandum, go to <http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/documents/PM2009-03.pdf>

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CHECK OUT THE SAMPLE CURRICULUM LESSONS AVAILABLE ON THE GUIDANCE E-LEARNING CENTER.

The Comprehensive Guidance Program curriculum framework is organized around three (3) Strands: Personal and Social Development, Academic Development and Career Development. These Strands lead to nine (9) Big Ideas which are further described by Concepts and K-12 GLEs. The development of the Guidance Curriculum Framework was informed by the standards established by the American School Counselor Association, the National Career Development Association, and the Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) report. The guidance curriculum implementation strategies are directly aligned with the Show-Me Performance Goals by design.

To see these lessons, and download for use as is or modification, go to

<http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/lessons/index.php>

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

MISSOURI CONNECTIONS: DID YOU KNOW?

According to a recent e-mail from Renee Bales, Missouri Field Trainer for Kuder, the numbers of assessments taken that are available through the Education and Career Planning System through Missouri Connections has continued to grow when looking at the August time frame for the last several years.

In addition, Renee noted that she continues to offer trainings on use of the system and has a great number already scheduled for this year. She will also be attending the Missouri School Counselor Association Fall Conference and the Building Bridges Conference, both of which will be held at Tan Tar A in November of 2009.

If you have training needs in order to utilize the Missouri Connections system, please contact Renee at 515.326.1725 or balesr@kuder.com To see what Missouri Connections has to offer, go to <http://www.missouriconnections.org/>

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MISSOURI YOUTH PORK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Missouri Pork Association is now accepting applications for the 2010 Youth Pork Ambassador Scholarship program. This program combines a scholarship opportunity with the chance to actively participate in Missouri's pork industry. The Ambassador will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, payable to a technical school, community college or a four-year university, as well as many opportunities to increase their knowledge of the pork industry.

The Missouri Youth Pork Ambassador Program will help youth develop strong relationships with both pork producers and allied industry members. It is an opportunity to learn about pork production and the industry and to improve communication and leadership skills. The main goal of the Ambassador is to promote the Missouri Pork Association and the pork industry at various events. The Ambassador will gain valuable experience and develop relationships that will last a lifetime.

As the Missouri Youth Pork Ambassador, participants will attend various events throughout the year including the University of Missouri Pork Institute, Missouri Pork Classic golf tournament, the Governor's Conference on Agriculture, the Missouri State Fair and the Missouri Pork Expo. Participants will also be given the opportunity to job shadow professionals in the pork industry. Applicants must be a senior in high school up to a sophomore in college as of January 1st of the year they will begin the program.

Applications and three letters of recommendation are due **December 15, 2009**. Visit www.mopork.com/youth_youthporkambassador.asp for complete details and an application. You may also contact Diane Slater, director of communications for MPA, at (573) 445-8375 or diane@mopork.com.

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SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK IS SEPTEMBER 6-12, 2009

A free [National Suicide Prevention Week Information & Media Kit](#) (PDF, 3.8 MB) is available online from the American Association of Suicidology. The kit includes sample press releases, public service announcements, proclamations, op-eds, and flyers. Click on the following link to access a poster that can be downloaded http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/2009_SPweek.pdf In addition, you can visit the DMH website at <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/ResourceCenters.htm> to see contact information for the Suicide Prevention Resource Center in your area.

WEBINAR TO BE OFFERED CONCERNING MILITARY FAMILIES

The webinar "**Reducing Mental Health Stigma: Real Warriors, Real Battles, Real Strength**" will feature a presentation by Brigadier General Loree Sutton, director of the Department of Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury.

The seminar will be offered Monday, September 14, 2009 at 11am Central Time. Offered via a webinar interface, attendees can interactively participate through their computer and view the presentation while listening through a phone.

The goal of this webinar is to increase awareness and educate professionals about current mental health challenges faced by U.S. military service members and their families, identify sources of mental health stigma, and share information about activities undertaken by U.S. military to reduce stigma attached to seeking mental health care.

This activity is intended for all professionals and leadership interacting and providing services to military service members and their families social workers, nurses, counselors, marriage and family therapists, case managers, employee assistance professionals, school counselors, program directors, and other health and mental health professionals.

Civilians who are not working for the military or the VA are asked to pay a small program fee of \$25. Students with a valid college or university email address can attend for a reduced price of \$15.

Registration is required and available at www.taps.org/professionaleducation. For questions about the program or registration, please contact education@taps.org

PROGRAM OFFERED FOR CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED FAMILY MEMBERS

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The program, 4-H Living Interactive Family Education (LIFE) is a family strengthening program to address the needs of children of incarcerated parents or other family members that uses the 4-H Club model. For more information about this program, contact Tammy Gillespie, director of the 4-H LIFE Program, at 573-882-3316 or gillespjet@missouri.edu.

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A REMINDER

Guidance Program Implementation and Guidance Program Evaluation are two areas in which emphasis continues to be directed. There are many resources available to help in these areas at the Guidance eLearning Center which can be accessed at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/>

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WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

WORKSHOP AVAILABLE ON PLAY THERAPISTS AND COURT TESTIMONY:

Kristi Perryman and Barb Hylton will be presenting a workshop on "Play Therapists and Court Testimony" on Saturday, **September 26, 2009**, at the Springfield-Greene County Library Center in Springfield, MO. The workshop is from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. To see more about this workshop and/or to register online, go to

<http://www.moplaytherapy.org/workshops.html#bd33da5875ad60dfd2843546f395306b>

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- * 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 will run from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the date selected. The fee of \$30 includes lunch and materials ***Registration is limited to 20 participants per location*** To register please select your location and click on the appropriate link:

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Courtesy Of Department Of Higher Education: Events Scheduled For Counselors

CollegeWeekLive, the world's largest college fair, is excited to announce the addition of two new events focused exclusively on the counselor community. In collaboration with The ACT, CollegeWeekLive will be hosting two Guidance Counselor Days at CollegeWeekLive. The first Guidance Counselor event is on October 8, 2009 and the second will be in February 2010. These events will enable admissions representatives participating in CollegeWeekLive to connect live and network with guidance counselors from across the country and around the world.

CollegeWeekLive is the world's biggest virtual college fair, with hundreds of colleges and universities from around the world exhibiting and tens of thousands of attendees. CollegeWeekLive events revolutionize college admissions, making the process easier and more cost-effective by bringing together students, parents, counselors and colleges online to interact, transcending time and distance. CollegeWeekLive is completely free to attendees. [Sign-Up Now.](#)

CollegeWeekLive attendees can watch admissions experts speak on topics such as how to prepare for the SAT, how to write a winning application essay or how to pay for college and have questions answered via live chat. Attendees can also video chat with college students and learn what campus life is really like. The event features scholarships and special promotions available only to those who attend. To see more about CollegeWeekLive, go to its' website at <http://www.collegeweeklive.com/>

Two Programs To Help Students: March 2 Success And ASVAB

March 2 Success is a free no obligation tool that provides educational content to help anyone improve their knowledge and test scores in the areas of Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. The content is provided by Peterson's, Educational Options and College Options Foundation. To learn more about this program, go to <https://www.march2success.com/index.cfm>

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is another means of helping students in their exploration of career choices. While the ASVAB was originally designed to predict future academic and occupational success in military occupations, Numerous validation studies since have also indicated the ASVAB assesses academic ability and predicts success in a wide variety of occupations. To see more about the ASVAB, go to <http://www.asvabprogram.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=overview.test>

Missouri Baptist Heritage Scholarship Available

High school seniors or first-year students at Hannibal LaGrange College or Southwest Baptist University (one award to each school) 2-year, \$2000 scholarship
10-20 page research paper, including 4 primary sources, on some facet of Missouri Baptist history
Tentative submission deadline: April 1, 2010 (may be extended, but not later than April 15)

The MBHC encourages interested students to investigate making this a senior independent research study credit. For more information, contact Joanna Perkins, archivist, Missouri Baptist Historical Commission, jperkins@mobaptist.org, or see our website, <http://www.baptistparchments.org/article164484.htm>

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

Free Training Offered

Chads Coalition for Mental Health is sponsoring free Suicide Prevention trainings in Kansas City on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 and in St. Louis on Thursday, November 19, 2009 Attendees will receive a **Free** Signs of Suicide (SOS) KIT. Sign up now, space is limited Max of 2 attendees per school/organization
For more information, contact **Neal Penberthy** at npenberthy@msn.com or (314) 348-3412.

SYSTEM SUPPORT

Regional Technology Conference Scheduled. Please Pass To Those In Your School Who Are Interested In Technology And 21st Century Careers

The Four State Regional Technology Conference (FSRTC) has been a source for the professional development of technology teachers (college/university, high school and middle school), teacher educators, industrial technology teachers, engineering technology, school-to-careers, and multimedia technology teachers.

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Please Forward This To Principals, Teachers, And Social Studies Department Chairs:

The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution invite schools to nominate a teacher who does an exemplary job in instilling in students an understanding of American History and especially the American Revolution. State winners can move to the National contest where winners get a paid scholarship to a summer institute at Valley Forge.

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Model Professional Development Plans That Can Be Shared Online And With New Counselor Training Are Being Requested.

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[Catalogs in PDF format](#) are also available for printing, and you may contact library staff by phone at (800)392-7217 or (660)543-8759 to borrow materials.

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From: Renee Bales, Missouri Field Trainer, Kuder, Inc.

"September was a very busy training month. Many schools attended trainings to learn how to build Personal Plans of Study's on *Missouri Connections, powered by Kuder*[®]. I was also invited to do trainings at professional development programs and more training at

individual schools. **An idea for schools:** Two professional development training opportunities in which I participated were for school districts that brought several districts together for a joint professional development program." You can contact Renee about training at balesr@kuder.com or 515-326-1725.

Scholarship Opportunity available to graduating seniors (male or female)

The Delta Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity at Northwest Missouri State University has established an alumni scholarship. Information about the scholarship, along with a link to the application form, may be found at www.nwtke.com/content/scholarship.

Free Newsletter available

Mapping Your Future is a national collaborative, public-service organization of the financial aid industry - bringing 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.

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Operation: Military Kids continues to support children of Military Families with Hero Packs, Youth Activities at Your Events, Camps, and Resources for Parents and Schools. They will have a session at the Missouri School Counselors Association Conference in November. You can look at www.4-hmilitarypartnerships.org for more resources. Operation: Military Kids is a partnership of Army Child, Youth and School Services, National 4-H Headquarters/USDA, and University of Missouri Extension.

Missouri Operation: Military Kids is supported by the 4-H/Army Youth Development Project under Kansas State University special project number 2007-48661-03868.

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SYSTEM SUPPORT

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Thursday, October 15, 2009

[Register](#)

Friday, October 23, 2009

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3rd Annual St. Louis ACAM/Missouri Baptist University Counseling

Conference will be held on October 31, 2009 At Missouri Baptist University

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http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/missouri_connections_news_room.htm and clicking on Missouri's Hot Jobs.

ABC Awards Program For 2010-All Elementary, Middle And Junior Schools Eligible.

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.

The ABC Program helps to identify, promote, and share the content and concepts of successful career awareness and exploration programs throughout the country. This recognition and award program generates interest, support, understanding and commitment for career guidance at the elementary and middle school levels, as well as recognizing schools that promote the ideal that career awareness and exploration is essential for students as they plan for their future.

Go to the Guidance Consortiums web site <http://guidanceconsortium.com/> for details and application materials. Click on the tab ABC Awards and apply.

Missouri Leaders Outline Need For Increased Training At Missouri Community Colleges

The article states that the need for workers with vocational or technical training is growing quickly, and Missouri must be ready to keep up. To See the complete story, go to the following site: <http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/38156/>

Get Set for College

This is an outstanding *college planning newspaper* produced by ACT that walks high school students and parents through this complex process. Please note the Missouri organizations listed on the back of the newspaper that sponsor this newspaper. Quantities of this valuable guide can be ordered free of charge through:

1. Your fall ACT packet
2. Online at <http://www.act.org/path/secondary/resources.html>
3. By calling 847-634-2560

Information on School Flex Program

Senate Bill 291 established the "School Flex Program" to create an incentive for potential dropouts to stay in school part-time and keep working toward a diploma. To see more information and guidelines, go to <http://www.dese.mo.gov/divimprove/sia/documents/Schoolflexmemo9-30.pdf>

Career Education Coordinators Source Of Information

The following link contains a map and contact information of your Regional Career Education Coordinators. These are great resources for career education information, lesson plans, and materials. Contact them if you'd like to provide your students with current and relevant career information. <http://missouricareereducation.org/for/equity/coordinators.html>

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

Resource for counselors faced with School-Wide Crisis/Critical Incident/Emergency

The Missouri School Counselor Association has a ***School-Wide Crisis/Critical Incident/Emergency Management Plan: A Survival Guide for Professional School Counselors*** posted on the Guidance eLearning Center that is available to all who may be faced with assisting students dealing with issues of grief and/or loss. This document, as well as other materials that can be used in implementing the Responsive Services component of Comprehensive Guidance may be found at

<http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/responsive/index.html>

Information about H1N1 flu and the availability of vaccine

The Department of Health and Senior Services has launched a toll-free phone number to provide up-to-date information to the public about H1N1 flu and the availability of vaccine.

A link to the DHSS news release on this topic is available on DESE's main Web page: <http://dese.mo.gov>

Free Drug Prevention Resources:

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) provides free resources for educators on its [NIDA for Teens](#) Web site. Resources include educational activities, teacher guides, quizzes, videos and games to teach students about drug abuse and addiction.

SYSTEM SUPPORT

Help Nominate a Teacher of the Year

The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution sponsors the Missouri Graham Clark Teacher of the Year Award. This award will recognize a teacher from a Missouri elementary, middle/junior high or high school, public or private, who by his or her actions in the classroom or school setting, "perpetuates the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American People." The award will be made at the annual meeting next April. The State Winner then competes for national competition where the prize is the Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. The winner will receive a trip to Freedoms Foundation Summer Teacher Graduate Workshop at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. This award, valued at over \$1,400.00, will include tuition, room, and board provided through the Freedoms Foundation. Transportation expenses will be limited to \$400.00. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will provide this professional educational opportunity to an educator who will bring back to the classroom a heightened level of creativity and enthusiasm to their students of the American Revolutionary era.

Submissions may be in hard or electronic copy (Electronic copy preferred)

Superintendents, Principals and others should nominate deserving teachers with the following format and need to include:

Nominee Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

School:

School Phone Number:

Nominator Name and Position

Why this teacher should be recognized with this award:

Biographical summary of the nominee (required):

The winning teacher will be a guest of the Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution in April 2010

Completed nominations must be submitted to the chapter by close of business Friday, January 15, 2009.

Submit completed applications to

Bragg Stanley, 511 Nancy Dr., Columbia MO 65203

Jbstanley_2000@Yahoo.com

Upcoming Conferences

Counselors Invited To Gifted Conference In St. Louis

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) will hold its' conference in St. Louis, November 5-8, To see more information and or register for it, go to <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=2692>

The Annual Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA) Fall

Conference will be held on November 8-10, 2009 – at Tan Tar A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri.

Information about the conference and a preview brochure are posted at

<http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/Conferences.htm>

The Annual Building Bridges Conference For 2009 will be held on November 15-17, 2009 at Tan Tar A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri. To see more information about it, go to <http://www.missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference09.html>

Workshops of Note

METS and Non-Bias in the Classroom:

November 3 SE (Cape) RPDC

***Join Tanya DeGonia and Camille MacDonald** (Career Education Coordinators for MCCE)

Target Audience: 4th grade through 12th grade teachers, administrators, curriculum directors, and counselors

This 2 and ½ hour presentation explains what the METS initiative consists of (Math, Engineering, Technology and Science), where it came from, why we have this initiative and how to benefit our students. Learn how to increase the quality of interactions with students, become aware of unknown differences in treatment of individuals in the classroom and how to provide a more positive learning environment. Also provided are numerous METS resources to use for presentations. There is no cost.

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CURRICULUM

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

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INDIVIDUAL PLANNING

MISSOURI CONNECTIONS: DID YOU KNOW?

New Biomedical Program Flourishing in 13 High Schools

A tough, new science curriculum is giving some Missouri students an early taste of the rigors and rewards that await those who prepare for biomedical careers. And students say that they relish the challenge. To see the complete **Missouri Connections** article on this, go to:

http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/MC_newsroom_pltw-biomedical_111009.htm

DOD TO AWARD SMART SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH \$45 MILLION

The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) employs more scientists and engineers than any other government agency. But America's national security workforce is rapidly aging, and many defense researchers are expected to soon retire. Filling those vacancies won't be easy because the U.S. isn't graduating enough students from the so-called STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). To help offset that problem, Congress in 2005 created a highly lucrative DOD scholarship aimed at bolstering the Pentagon's science and engineering talent pool. And this year, that program is bigger than ever. DOD's Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship program's overarching goal is promoting the education, recruitment, and retention of outstanding undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in STEM disciplines. Since 2005, the Program has awarded 576 SMART scholarships worth \$96.5 million. DOD expects to award 300 scholarships this year worth a total of \$45 million.

Just how generous are the SMART scholarships? Students not only get their full tuition and fees paid, but are given allowances for books and health care. On top of that, they receive an annual cash stipend ranging from \$25,000 to \$41,000. In exchange for receiving the award, students must agree to work for a DOD laboratory for a specified period of time. Students who are at least 18 years of age, enrolled or planning to be enrolled in a STEM discipline program, and are U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for a SMART Scholarship. Applications must be received by December 15, 2009. The SMART Program is administered by Triangle Coalition member, the American Society for Engineering Education, and the Naval Postgraduate School. For more information, or to apply online, visit www.asee.org/smart.

DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS INTERESTED IN "GREEN JOBS"?

The National Career Development Association (NCDA) website recently had an article concerning counseling students interested in following this path. To read the article, go to http://www.associationdatabase.com/aws/NCDA/pt/sd/news_article/23199/_PARENT/layout_details/true

WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE AN APPRENTICE?

Five students, all in different stages of the program, share their thoughts and feelings about life as an apprentice. Follow this link to see more about what is involved in being an apprentice:

<http://www.washdcjatc.org/blog.cfm>

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

FREE MANUAL ON TRAUMA AVAILABLE

[The Heart of Learning and Teaching: Compassion, Resilience, and Academic Success](http://www.k12.wa.us/CompassionateSchools/HeartofLearning.aspx) publication we just completed here at OSPI in partnership with Western Washington University. This 246-page manual focuses on the impact of trauma on learning and suggested strategies for prevention/intervention in school and community settings. It is available for download, free of charge at www.k12.wa.us/CompassionateSchools/HeartofLearning.aspx

SYSTEM SUPPORT

POSSIBLE RESOURCE FOR COUNSELORS

The *Journal of School Counseling* (JSC), sponsored by the College of Education, Health & Human Development at Montana State University is dedicated to publishing articles that promote the effective practice of school counseling. The mission of the journal is to promote a community of scholarship that includes the thoughts, practices, and research of school counselors and counselor educators from throughout the nation. To see the journal, go to <http://www.jsc.montana.edu/index.html>

NEWSLETTER CONCERNING GRANTS AVAILABLE

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CURRICULUM

Remember to Check Out The Sample Curriculum Lessons Available On The Guidance E-Learning Center.

The Comprehensive Guidance Program curriculum framework is organized around three (3) Strands: Personal and Social Development, Academic Development and Career Development. These Strands lead to nine (9) Big Ideas which are further described by Concepts and K-12 GLEs. The development of the Guidance Curriculum Framework was informed by the standards established by the American School Counselor Association, the National Career Development Association, and the Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) report. The guidance curriculum implementation strategies are directly aligned with the Show-Me Performance Goals by design.

To see these lessons, and download for use as is or modification, go to

<http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/lessons/index.php>

INDIVIDUAL PLANNING

Missouri Connections: Did You Know?

Tell your students and parents: www.missouriconnections.org is a wonderful resource for students and their parents to use for college and career information. Winter break would be a great time to do some college and career exploration. Make sure to check it out! (Students can use this resource even if they don't remember their user id and password.)

College Goal Sunday Set For 2010

The [Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel \(MASFAP\)](#) and the [Missouri Department of Higher Education \(MDHE\)](#) are partnering closely to bring an expanded [College Goal Sunday \(CGS\) program](#) to Missouri for 2010.

To assist students and parents with filling out the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#), knowledgeable financial aid advisors will be on hand at **24 FAFSA Frenzy*** locations on 3 different dates. To access a complete list of CGS sites in your area, check out the [MDHE Web site](#). Additionally, we would welcome your assistance in staffing any of the 2010 FAFSA Frenzy/CGS sites. You DO NOT have to be an expert on the FAFSA or financial aid in order to help out – all levels of knowledge are welcome and volunteer duties can include jobs such as staffing a registration table. If you are willing to volunteer, please complete the [Volunteer Application form](#).

*FAFSA Frenzy, a program of [College Goal SundaySM](#), is offered in Missouri through partnerships between the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) with the [Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel \(MASFAP\)](#), the [Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority \(MOHELA\)](#), the [Lumina Foundation for Education](#), and the [YMCA](#).

State Agencies Target Students with "Graduation Matters" Message

Holiday moviegoers may have seen an unusual message during the traditional ads and previews this Thanksgiving holiday. At 36 Missouri theaters across the state, the previews included a "Graduation Matters" message, directed at young people and featuring Missouri high school and college students. To see the complete news release about this effort, go to www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/MC_newsroom_psa-outreach.htm

Minority Teaching Scholarship Program Helps Prospective Teachers

The Minority Teaching Scholarship is a loan/loan forgiveness program designed to attract academically talented minority individuals into the teaching profession. For students who meet all of the program's obligations, the loans are forgiven through conversion to a scholarship (gift aid). For more information, please visit the Missouri Department of Higher Education's (MDHE) website at www.dhe.mo.gov/minorityteaching.shtml or contact MDHE at (800) 473-6757, option 4.

Have you ever thought about students with disabilities serving in AmeriCorps or AmeriCorps*VISTA?

If not, you should!! National community service is open to everyone!! The Missouri AmeriCorps Inclusion Project seeks to recruit people with disabilities into volunteerism opportunities. This project, hosted at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Institute for Human Development, teaches organizations and students about AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps*VISTA by providing free presentations and one-on-one technical support. If you want to find out more about this opportunity for the students you support, *contact Jane St. John* by email stjohnj@umkc.edu or call **800-773-8652**.

FREE college financial aid workshop for High School Counselors!

You are invited to attend a FREE college financial aid workshop hosted by the MASFAP (Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel) Association. Online registration is now available at www.fsaregistration.ed.gov/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x114587aff&varPage=activity

The event will cover the following topics:

Overview of Financial Aid Programs

FAFSA4caster

Academic Competitiveness Grants (ACG)

State and Institutional Aid

Applying for Federal Financial Aid

Completing the FAFSA on the Web worksheet

Searching for Scholarships

There will be 4 free workshops across the state. Each workshop will last from 9AM - Noon.

- * St. Louis Workshop @ Saint Louis University on Dec. 8th
- * Columbia Workshop @ University of Missouri Columbia on Dec. 9th
- * Kansas City Workshop @ Metropolitan Community College- Maple Woods campus on Dec. 10th
- * Rolla Workshop @ Missouri University of Science and Technology on Dec. 11th

Please email earlyawareness@masfap.org with any questions.

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

Suicide Prevention Can Start in School

A recent article in Edutopia reinforces the idea that many teen suicides can be prevented and schools can play an important role in that effort. To see the entire article, go to www.edutopia.org/teenage-suicide-prevention-screening-programs

Information provided to assist in preparing, responding, and building resiliency in emergencies available

The Office of Disaster Readiness newsletter, *Advance Notice*, is now available on the following link: www.dmh.mo.gov/diroffice/disaster/AdvanceNoticeFall09.pdf

Pass to your administrators: A free online toolkit is available on supporting the military child

Some two million military children have had one or both parents deployed since 2001. Understanding the challenges facing military families -- and the resources available to assist military children -- is essential to meeting their unique educational needs.

From transferring records to streamlining course sequencing, there are steps a district can take to ensure military kids don't encounter roadblocks in achieving their educational goals.

The American Association of School Administrators (AASA) has received a grant from the Veterans Support Foundation to develop an online toolkit to raise awareness and encourage advocacy regarding the education needs of military children and to offer resources to the school administrators serving these students. The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Educational Partnership worked with AASA to gather resources and make suggestions on content. To see the toolkit, go to

<http://www.aasa.org/MilitaryChild.aspx>

SYSTEM SUPPORT

Missouri Scholars Academy Nomination Information for Counselors

The 2010 Missouri Scholars Academy nomination information was mailed to your superintendent in early December. Please check with your superintendent to secure the information you will need to submit your district nomination(s).

Please note that all nomination for the Missouri Scholars Academy must be postmarked on or before February 11, 2010. Late submissions will not be accepted. If you have questions, contact David Welch, Director, Gifted Education Programs at 573-751-2453.

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State Fair Community College will be hosting a free training for teachers and counselors on Tuesday February 9 on **Missouri Connections**. The morning is listed as a Beginner Training and the afternoon is listed as Advance Training. Afternoon attendees are requested to bring a list of course offerings at their school to use in activities. To register, e-mail name, school contact phone and session(s) you will attend to dkutnick@sfcemo.edu or call June Skutnick at (660) 596-7306 or toll free at (877) 311-7322, ext 7306.

You can also contact Renee Bales, Missouri Connections Field Trainer, if you have questions about training at balesr@kuder.com or (515)326-1725.

Insight into why students don't finish college

Most young adults who started college and didn't finish say they left because they needed to work more to make ends meet, according to Public Agenda's latest survey, ***With Their Whole Lives Ahead of Them*** underwritten by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**. Juggling work, school and family proved to be the biggest challenge to these students.

Some 2.8 million students enroll in some form of higher education each fall, but federal statistics show fewer than half of all college students graduate within six years.

Your attention is directed to myth No 3 in the report; it underscores the importance of post-secondary planning. To see the report, click the title above.

ACT Releases a New Report Detailing the Most Common and Fastest-Growing Occupations

The eight-page report, *Occupational Opportunities*, is available online, for free. Three charts in the report present projected annual openings, recommended skill levels, and average annual salaries associated with some of the nation's most common occupations. The information is based on ACT research, along with data extracted from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) developed by the U.S. Department of Labor and data published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. To see the report, go to <https://na1.salesforce.com/sfc/p/300000000Wu5sq.dPz3aIv7RWotOEyiSs.c3HA4=>

Using Career Clusters in Individual Planning

Liberty Public Schools has customized Career Cluster templates to reflect the Liberty Public Schools Grade 9-12 curriculum. The information is included in their Course catalog/Academic Planning guide that is given to each student/parent prior to enrollment. It is also explained in student presentations as well as parent evening meetings. The templates are also promoted through their website, and their school district email weekly email distribution list. To see the templates, go to <http://www.liberty.k12.mo.us/parents/curriculum/career-education/career-cluster-course-recommendations>

To learn more about what Liberty did, you can contact:

Greg Casel,

Liberty Public Schools District Director of Guidance and Counseling

By phone at 816-736-7045 or by e-mail at gcasel@liberty.k12.mo.us

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

New middle school curriculum to help with depression, stress and anxiety available

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) and the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention (AFSP) have added *LOOK LISTEN LINK: A Health Curriculum for Middle School* to Section III of the Best Practices Registry (BPR). The curriculum is designed to provide middle school-aged students with greater knowledge about depression and healthy ways of coping with stress and anxiety. Programs listed in Section III of the BPR address specific objectives of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and have been reviewed for accuracy, safety, likelihood of meeting objectives, and adherence to prevention program guidelines. To see more about the program, go to http://www.sprc.org/featured_resources/bpr/standards.asp#programs and click on the title.

SYSTEM SUPPORT

Seeking AP Readers

The AP Program is now accepting applications for AP teachers to serve as AP Readers in June 2010. Encourage your AP teachers to apply for one of the best professional development opportunities available for educators. Readers are particularly needed for Comparative Government and Politics, Human Geography, Spanish Literature, and World History. Direct your teachers to **Become an AP Exam Reader** on AP Central® for more information on eligibility requirements and the application process.

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There is an additional workshop on this topic in Springfield on Jan. 7, 2010 that was left off the list. If interested, please contact Successlink at 573-636-4395 for information or help in registering.

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Guidance and Placement Services DIGEST

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Please forward this Digest to your colleagues.

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The Guidance and Placement Services Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

Announcements

Webinar Scheduled

Using Missouri Connections for Career and Educational Development: A Best Practices Webinar is scheduled for January 27th 1:00-2:30 PM

A panel of 5 school districts will share with participants how they are incorporating Missouri Connections into their Guidance Programs. This will be an opportunity to gain new and fresh ideas on how Missouri Connections can play an important role in helping advance the career and educational development of students. To enroll, go to My Learning Plan at

<https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/Catalog.asp?D=11005&H=1>

Program Components

From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA list-serves 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

"Smart About Spending" Expansion Portfolios Now Available

"Financial literacy" is more than a catchphrase; it's a necessity for today's high school student. It's also the driving force behind the Missouri Department of Higher Education's (MDHE) newest publication - an expansion portfolio, complete with financial literacy and money management tips to guide your students through high school and beyond.

Equipped with color-coded, stair-stepped tabs, the [Smart About Spending \(SAS\) expansion portfolio](#) includes loose-leaf sheets that cover [all four competency areas](#) listed in the [Missouri Department of Secondary and Elementary Education's \(DESE\) curriculum](#) for the Personal Finance course:

- Income
- Money Management
- Spending & Credit
- Saving & Investing

The [SAS expansion portfolio](#) was created specifically for high school students and currently serves as a companion piece for the MDHE's [College Life brochure](#). The section entitled "Money Management," features information on the Federal Reserve's role in controlling the money supply, using services available from financial institutions, creating a financial (budget) plan, insurance and other risk-management strategies that protect against financial loss, the consequences of personal financial decisions, and the effect of inflation on spending and saving decisions. Other topics include: review your credit report; watch out for banking fees; make wise investments; determine your future salary; and balance your account regularly.

You can order the Smart About Spending expansion portfolio and other MDHE publications free of charge using the MDHE's [online publication order form](#). For more information regarding the MDHE's financial literacy efforts, please contact MDHE Student Assistance Associate, Marilyn Landrum at (573) 522-6285 or marilyn.landrum@dhe.mo.gov. Questions regarding MDHE publications may be sent to info@dhe.mo.gov.

INDIVIDUAL PLANNING

Missouri Connections: Did You Know?

A Dec. 28 news release posted on the Missouri Connections website gives information about funding recently awarded to aid research in identifying opportunities related to “green” occupations, as well as the skills needed for these jobs.

Missouri defines “green jobs” as jobs directly involved in generating or supporting a firm’s green-related products or services. Examples of specific occupations with “green” potential include farmers, engineers, environmental compliance inspectors, biologists, construction managers, among others. To see the entire news release, go to http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/MC_newsroom_green-skills-grant.htm

Free Newspaper for college bound seniors

Get Set for College is an outstanding newspaper that contains comprehensive information about all facets of college planning. If you have not already submitted your request, use this website to order copies for your college bound students <http://www.act.org/midwest/getset.html> This newspaper is provided free of charge by ACT and the member organizations of The Missouri School-College Relations Commission. Express your appreciation to the contributors listed on the back of the newspaper.

Individual Planning resources available

It is the time of year when high school age students begin planning for their next year. Remember that the guidance e-Learning center contains a number of resources that can help in this process. To see this information, go to

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

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

Free registration for Military Child Education Coalition Guard & Reserve Institute Training in Overland Park, Ks

Having a parent in the military is a unique dynamic among some of the students you may have in your school. Living with the reality of a parent going to war for up to one year at a time can be a difficult situation for a child to manage. Schools and youth-serving programs often report a decrease in grades, increased behavioral problems, and emotional changes in students with a parent deployed.

More than 7,500 students in the KC Metro area have at least one parent serving in the Military's National Guard or Reserves. Statewide, there are more than 30,000 children with a parent in the Military.

The training is primarily held for school educators, especially counselors and administrators of all grade levels, and members of the National Guard and Reserves and their families. It is also a valuable training for professionals working in Boys & Girls Clubs, Afterschool Programs, and YMCA Staff, 4-H programs and other youth and Family serving professionals.

It will be held in Overland Park, Ks on January 27-28. Registration is free for this training. The training is a two-day session (12 full seat hours required for institute credit – attendance both full days required – no partial attendance accepted) For more information or to register, go to <https://gmhost1.gomembers.com/clients/t-mcec/etrakwebapp/meetings.aspx> and scroll down to GRI -Overland Park-KS

If you have questions, please contact: Sarah R. Jones, Outreach Liaison Specialist,
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Resource for Winter Weather Available.

The Department of Mental Health Office of Disaster Readiness has posted The Winter issue of *ADVANCE NOTICE*. It deals with preparations for possible winter difficulties and gives resources that might be of value in your community. It is now available at the following link:

<http://www.dmh.mo.gov/diroffice/disaster/AdvanceNotice%20winter09.pdf>

SYSTEM SUPPORT

Save the Date!!! SUCCESS Webinar coming in February

The Guidance and Placement Services Section of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), has developed the SUCCESS AWARD to recognize school districts or individual buildings within districts for their commitment to fully implementing a comprehensive guidance program focusing on the academic, career and personal/social development of all students. **A webinar is tentatively scheduled for February 8** concerning this award. More information about this will be sent out in a Special Transmission including registration information and current forms as soon as the date is confirmed.

Upcoming Conferences

A Conference on Creating Successful Interventions for Asperger • Tourette • OCD will be held on January 27, 2009 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Kauffman Center "Town Square" 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64119. To see more information about this go to http://joshuacenter.com/conference_kc2010.htm

The Annual MSCA Spring Conference with the theme " Technology Boot Camp" presented by Dr. Russ A. Sabella will be held on **Friday, March 5, 2010** at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, MO. For more information or to download a registration form, go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/Conferences.htm>

The Annual Pathways Conference will be held at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO, **March 7-9, 2010.**

This is an opportunity for schools and supporting agencies and/or organizations to network and build a strong support system for students at-risk. Information and forms are now available at

<http://dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/>

2010 Missouri ACTE Summer Conference will be held from **Monday July 26, 2010 to Thursday, July 29, 2010** in Springfield, MO. To see more information as it becomes available, go to <http://www.mo-acte.org/> and click on conferences.

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