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This 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:

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

Tom Schlimpert, Supervisor, Mentor Coordinator

John Robbins, Supervisor, Digest Editor

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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}

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/>

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

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>

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

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!

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

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>

B. THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF CAREER SERVICES (MACS) FALL CONFERENCE

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.

C. 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>

D. 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>

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