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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:

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>

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}

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.

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

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.

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

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/>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

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-acte.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>

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>

WORKSHOP ON CURRENT TOPICS IN THE SUPERVISION OF COUNSELORS AVAILABLE:

The MO Mental Health Counselors Association is co-sponsoring a continuing education workshop on skills in Supervision with **COMTREA**, the community mental health agency in Jefferson County, on Saturday, **September 26** from 9-4. **Dr. Verl Pope**, Professor at Southeast MO State U. and member of the MO Committee for Professional Counselors, will be once again presenting this workshop. The content will be similar to the workshops that he presented for MMHCA last spring and those workshops were very well received by the participants.

Registration is now open on the MMHCA web site at: <http://www.mmhca.net/continuingeducation.html>.

THE FOLLOWING 3 WORKSHOPS ARE BEING OFFERED AT SEVERAL RPDC CENTERS:

There is still room for you to attend! Please go to your RPDC website and register.

Clusters, Personal Plans, Resources:

October 20 SE (Cape Girardeau) RPDC; **October 21** St. Louis RPDC; **October 29** South Central (Rolla) RPDC

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

Target Audience: 5th grade through 12th grade teachers, administrators, advisory teams, curriculum directors and counselors.

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This “hands on” 2 and ½ hour workshop provides an overview of the Career Clusters framework and how it can be used to link what students learn in school with the knowledge and skills they will need for college, career development and work, along with how the clusters bring relevance into the classroom. The numerous resources/activities along with career gender resources/activities will be given at no cost to you.

Curriculum Manager Training (This workshop takes place on the afternoons of the above mentioned cluster workshops)

Join Renee Bales (Field Trainer for Missouri Connections)-This 2 hour workshop is a follow-up of the Clusters Workshop. Learn how to build a master database of your district courses and align them with clusters. Create a custom curriculum template where students can develop their Personal Plans of Study.

You will need to bring a list of your school course offerings for the afternoon workshop.

METS and Non-Bias in the Classroom:

October 15 St. Louis RPDC; October 28 S. Central (Rolla) RPDC; 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.

***Presenters for Region 6 South Central RPDC in Rolla will be Tanya DeGonia and Larry Nash (MCCE Career Education Coordinators)**

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM WORKSHOP AGAIN AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WORKING WITH AT-RISK TEENS

Educators and trainers in schools, organizations or the workplace, especially those working with at-risk adults or teens, can learn a fun, fresh approach to teaching critical life skills through a Dean's Certificate program offered November 4-5 by University of Missouri Extension and University of Missouri-St. Louis.

“Many people take for granted such skills as communicating effectively, taking responsibility, and handling anger appropriately, but lacking these critical life skills can seriously impact a person's ability to get along with others at home and at work,” said Rosilee Trotta, LCSW, MU Extension urban youth and family specialist.

The 12-hour training will be held at the JC Penney Conference Center at University of Missouri-St. Louis. The program will use the revised version of a proven life skills curriculum called *Tackling the Tough Skills™: A Curriculum Building Skills for Work and Life*. Trotta is the book's author and the course instructor.

This certificate program equips participants to teach critical life skills related to attitude, responsibility, communication, problem solving, preparing for the workplace, anger management, conflict resolution, critical thinking, self-esteem, teamwork, and dealing with stress.

Participants will earn 1.2 Continuing Education Units (CEUs). This program meets requirements for training funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

The \$275 fee includes a copy of the revised curriculum and three meals. The registration deadline is October 28.

The curriculum has impacted adults and teens around the world since being published in 2000. Originally written to help people transition from welfare to work, the curriculum is used to teach life skills to diverse audiences, including Adult Basic Education/GED students, job trainees, middle and high school students, adult and juvenile offenders, school-to-work participants, as well as to teach soft skills to employees in the workplace.

Online registration and more details are available at ce.umsi.edu/toughskills. For more information, contact Rosilee Trotta, 314-615-7637, or by e-mail, TrottaR@missouri.edu.

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