

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

Due to schedules and commitments, this issue of the Digest is a week later than would normally be the case. As a result, the length is greater than usual. Also, with this issue, the look of the Digest has been changed. We are trying to follow our own advice to constantly strive to improve what we do.

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

Workshop On Instructional Strategies For The Guidance Curriculum to be offered by SuccessLink (Address: 915 Southwest Blvd., Suite N, Jefferson City, MO 65109, Ph: 573-636-4395)

As a result of the workshop, counselors will:

- * Understand the nine instructional strategies that have the highest probability of enhancing student achievement.
- * Understand how instructional strategies may be used to enhance student achievement.
- * Understand different types of knowledge, how they are learned, and how they should be taught.
- * Understand how instructional strategies can be matched to the different types of knowledge.
- * Understand how to use instructional strategies in guidance curriculum planning.

The workshop is intended for K-12 Counselors and 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:

To register for the **October 21, 2009 workshop at SuccessLink/Jefferson City** please [click here](#)

To register for the **October 26, 2009 workshop at Northeast/Kirksville** please [click here](#)

To register for the **December 8, 2009 workshop at South Central/Rolla** please [click here](#)

To register for the **December 10, 2009 workshop at Kansas City** please [click here](#)

To register for the **January 12, 2010 workshop at Missouri Western/St. Joseph** please [click here](#)

To register for the **January 14, 2010 workshop at Southeast/Cape Girardeau** please [click here](#)

To register for the **January 20, 2010 workshop at Northwest/Maryville** please [click here](#)

To register for the **January 26, 2010 workshop at Southern/Webb City** please [click here](#)

To register for the **February 4, 2010 workshop at Central/Warrensburg** please [click here](#)

INDIVIDUAL PLANNING

Missouri Connections: Did You Know?

A recent article on the Missouri Connections website details the benefits to Students who take part in the A+ Schools Program. It read in part "High school students who complete the state's A+ Schools Program earn two years of paid tuition at a public community college or an eligible career or technical school. Many of the students who take advantage of the A+ schools program say they would not foresee higher education in their futures without it." To See the entire article, go to the Missouri Connections website at http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/MC_newsroom_aplus-program_082409.htm

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.

The 67th Four State Regional Technology Conference will be held at Pittsburg State University/Kansas Technology Center, Pittsburg Kansas on November 12-13, 2009

Theme: "Sustainability Through Lean and Green Technology" To see more about the conference, go to

<http://www.pittstate.edu/college/technology/fsrtc/>

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.

Directions for applying for the recognition can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mossar/> and then go to the "Teacher Award" in the Drop Down menu

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

If you would like to share your plan, delete confidential information and send to Tom.Schlimpert@dese.mo.gov Please indicate your size school (large, medium, small) as well as the grade levels served. Names are optional. If you are willing, identify your contact information on the plan itself. If your district has a good template that can be shared, please include that as well.

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

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.

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

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.

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.umsl.edu/toughskills. For more information, contact Rosilee Trotta, 314-615-7637, or by e-mail, TrottaR@missouri.edu.

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