

# Student Support Services E-Newsletter

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## *School Counselors, School Social Workers, School Psychologists and Students working collaboratively to build the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!*

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**Learn & Earn + EARN Scholarship = Free 4-year College Education**



### **The Message: Graduate!**

#### **New, Updated Resources on NCLB Web Site**

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Web site has been updated with new resources and revised materials. The November Edition of the NC NCLB Newsletter has been posted. This edition, available on the Web at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/nclb/communications/news>, features an update on the Framework for Change: The Next Generation of Assessments and Accountability, an interview with Associate Superintendent Rebecca Garland, a new name and approach for Compensatory Education work, 2007-08 AYP results, changes to look for when the 2007-08 NC Report Cards are released in January 2009, and more. For hard copy editions, call NCDPI Communications at 919.807.3450.

#### **IEP Training Modules Online**

Training modules to assist educators and administrators in creating Individualized Education Plans (IEP) are available at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/ec/policy/presentations/>. Educators may access the materials for independent study or use within their schools.

#### **Updated Forms for NC Teacher Evaluation Process now Available**

Updated forms for the North Carolina Teacher Evaluation Process have been added to the Professional Development Web site. The revised material includes:

- Progress Goals Form
- Professional Development Plan
- Rubric/Assessment Form
- Record of Activities Form
- Summary Rating Form

Please visit <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/profdev/training/teacher/> to view or download the resources.

## **April AIG Head Count Now on Web**

The Report for the April Head Count for Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Children is now available on the Exceptional Children Web site at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/ec/data/childcount/>. The AIG child count data are North Carolina's children ages 5 through 20 receiving AIG services under a differentiated education plan (DEP).

## **Plagiarism Resource**

Plagiarism is a persistent problem today. Educators at all grade levels face the challenge of teaching students ethical behavior in the completion of assignments and in the creation of projects.

In order to support students and teachers in North Carolina, we are pleased to announce the launch of a plagiarism Web site that is a collaboration between NCDPI's Instructional Technology Section and the English Language Arts Section. The site is available at <http://www.ncwiseowl.org/it/plagiarism/default.htm>

The site provides:

- background information, definitions, and characteristics of plagiarism;
- instructional strategies for teachers to minimize student plagiarism;
- guidelines for developing plagiarism policies and procedures;
- suggested resources links; and
- downloadable PDF brochures for students and for teachers.

## **Professional Development Newsletter Examines New Evaluation Tools**

Check out the latest information about the new executive and teacher evaluation instruments in the September Professional Development newsletter. The newsletter is available to view and download at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/profdev/newsletter/2008/>.

## **Printable Application Feature now available on CFNC**

CFNC now offers applicants the ability to view and print an exact copy of the CFNC online application data as it was submitted. Students who apply online using a CFNC application, can view and print a simple pdf version of the submitted application from the Application Agreement Page (also referred to as the "confirmation page"). When students click on the newly added "View PDF" link, a pdf file will appear in a printable format allowing students to have a copy of their exact application data as submitted. The Application Agreement Page can also be accessed from the Application Manager screen located under "Online Applications." The information included on the pdf files will not change if students alter their information on a future application. The new printable file only applies to in-progress and/or future submitted applications. Please contact Katie Prosser, [prosserce@northcarolina.edu](mailto:prosserce@northcarolina.edu), if you have any questions.

## Power Careers Scholarship and Intern Program

Power Careers Intern Program is for graduating seniors interested in a technical field of work. The program is designed to attract the most promising high school and community college talent, provide students an introduction to the business of power plant operations, support students' completion of targeted two-year Associate Degrees, and possibly a career opportunity. Interested students should complete an application and participate in a formal interview process.

- A teacher, career development counselor, or faculty member should nominate potential student workers
  - A standard nomination form and scholarship form are provided to the participating schools
- Students must enroll at a community college in either Electrical/Electronics, Industrial Systems, or Electric Power Production Technology two-year Associate Degree curriculums
- Preferred GPA is 3.2 but 3.0 acceptable depending on teacher recommendation
- Student workers must be 18 years of age and possess a valid driver's license
- Student applicants must clear all background reviews and drug screening
- Student applicants must pass standard Progress Energy employment tests
- If selected, student workers will begin work in June or September 2009
  - Summer work includes 10-weeks as a student worker at 40 hours per week. (\$10/hour)
  - School semester work includes 20-hours per week for 11-weeks of each semester. (\$10/hour)
- Scholarships are awarded at \$650 per semester for qualifying students.
  - Scholarships are renewed provided a 3.2 average is maintained.

The Program is available to students located in Progress Energy's Service Territory. This includes the Asheville area schools and schools in the Eastern half of North Carolina (Raleigh to Wilmington). Contact Lee McCollum at 919-546-7585 or [lee.mccollum@pgnmail.com](mailto:lee.mccollum@pgnmail.com) for application forms and additional information.

## Legal Center for Foster Care and Education

On October 7, 2008, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351, Fostering Connections Act) was signed into law. This law includes many provisions specific to the education needs of children in out-of-home care. The Legal Center for Foster Care and Education will develop a number of tools to assist jurisdictions with implementation of the new law, and is available to provide training and technical assistance. Please be sure to visit [www.abanet.org/child/education](http://www.abanet.org/child/education) for updated information.

## American Association of Suicidology Announces School Suicide Prevention Accreditation Program

The American Association of Suicidology (AAS) has created and will make available to school-based professionals a School Suicide Prevention Accreditation Program. The program provides an extensive Resource Guide and Recommended Readings to help prepare school-based professionals working with students at risk and/or charged with implementing a school suicide prevention program to achieve and demonstrate knowledge competencies in 16 content domains of relevance to better serving these aims. For more information, visit the AAS website at [www.suicidology.org](http://www.suicidology.org)

## **Career EXPO 2008 for Durham Middle School Students**

Durham's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Career EXPO was held Thursday, November 13 at Northgate Mall. The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, Durham Public Schools Career & Technical Education, Student Services Departments, Futures for Kids, and local businesses sponsored career EXPO 2008. Career EXPO was a career exploration event that provided middle school students and their parents/guardians the opportunity to ask questions and interact with close to 200 career professionals.

Career professionals representing life, environmental and animal sciences, biotech/pharmacology, healthcare, construction, architecture, engineering, advanced manufacturing, finance, information technology, business management, service careers including law, safety & transportation, marketing & sales, human resources, education, the arts, communications, hospitality & tourism and entertainment professions were available. Students were able to learn about training & education requirements, salaries, and things they should do now to prepare for a specific type of work in the future. At several stations, the students were able to have hands-on experiences with high tech equipment and tools used in occupations. Representatives from Durham Public Schools' high schools were on site to promote Career & Technical Pathways offered at their high schools. Students were able to talk to representatives from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics and the Shodor Computational Science Education Foundation. Representatives from Futures For Kids, the online career service for North Carolina students, were there to assist students with login information and to give pointers on how best to use the service. In addition, Durham's Mayor William Bell was on hand to discuss careers in city government.

Students were required to talk to at least one career professional from each of the six cluster areas and to ask each professional to initial their event sheet. At the end of the event, students presented their initialed event sheet and completed an evaluation form. Two students and two parents who participated in the event had a chance to win \$100 student gift cards and \$50 parent gas cards. There were over 2000 attendees, which included students, parents/guardians, career professionals, volunteers, event coordinators, local Durham Public Schools, DPI officials, and Durham City & County government officials.

The 2008 Durham Career EXPO resulted from internal and external partnerships: DPI Career Development Consultant, Director of Talent and Workforce Development of The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, Durham Public Schools Executive Director of Career & Technical Education, and Durham Public Schools Executive Director of Student Services.

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## **Child Mental Health Initiative (CMHI)**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2009 for Cooperative Agreements for Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families (CMHI). The purpose of this program is to support States, political subdivisions within States, the District of Columbia, Territories, Native American Tribes, and tribal organizations, in developing integrated home and community-based services and supports for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families by encouraging the development and expansion of effective and enduring systems of care. [http://sims.samhsa.gov/rn/images/SAMHSA\\_01.gif](http://sims.samhsa.gov/rn/images/SAMHSA_01.gif). Request for Applications (RFA) No. SM-09-002 Posting on Grants.gov: October 2, 2008 Receipt Date: January 15, 2009 Announcement Type: Initial

## Professional Development Opportunities

- **See the Change, Be the Change: Moving North Carolina's System of Care Forward**, December 2 - 4, 2008, Hilton Wilmington Riverside Wilmington, NC. More information on registration, exhibiting, and sponsorship can be found at [www.nccollaborative.org](http://www.nccollaborative.org)
- **National Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference**, February 24-28, 2009, Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA. Mark your calendar!
- **2009 Supervision Institute**, February 27 & 28, 2009, UNC Charlotte, Registration information located at <http://education.uncc.edu/oeo/supervision/superegistration.htm>
- **American Counseling Association Annual Conference & Exposition**, Co-sponsored by the North Carolina Counseling Association, March 19-23, 2009, Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC, More information can be found at <http://www.counseling.org/Convention>
- **12<sup>th</sup> National Conference School Social Work Association of America**, March 25-28, 2009, Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia, PA. Mark your calendar!
- **American School Counselor Association National Conference**, June 28-July 1, 2009, Dallas, Texas, Mark your calendar!
- **North Carolina School Counselor Association's Fall Conference**, November 4 - 6, 2009, Koury Conference Center, Greensboro, NC

*If you are aware of workshops, trainings, and/or staff development activities that benefit student support services personnel, please send all pertinent details to [tsmith@dpi.state.nc.us](mailto:tsmith@dpi.state.nc.us).*

## Mark Your Calendar



**National School Counseling Week**  
**February 2 – 6, 2009**

**National School Social Work Week**  
**March 1 – 7, 2009**

**National Youth Violence Prevention Week**  
**March 23-27, 2009**

**National School Nurse Week**  
**May 6 – 12, 2009**

**National School Psychology Awareness Week**  
**November 6 – 13, 2009**

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