

## SAVE eSOURCE August 2008



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### Monthly Focus – Back to School

It is "that" time of year again. Students are heading back to school and it's hard to determine who is more excited, the students or the parents! Students have their pens and paper, and their outfits for the first day of school, but have you thought about safety and what you need to do to prepare for a safe school year? A small amount of planning now, can help everyone have a more pleasant and safer experience for the entire school year and beyond. SAVE Chapters nationwide are encouraged to lead their school sites in safety activities. This month's focus includes activities in the areas of Safety Awareness, Crime Prevention, and Conflict Management in the classroom. Let the beginning of the school year be a time to concentrate on new SAVE activities, fewer cases of violence in and around the school and community, and the safety of those around you. For suggested activities and a Back to School Safety toolkit, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/august.php>. Be sure to watch for your back to school mailing from SAVE for additional information. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

### SAVE Question of the Month – August

Please share the SAVE Question of the month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the website is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country!

**The August Question of the Month comes from Deputy McDaniel in Florida: "I'm looking forward to starting a SAVE chapter at the high school I work at. I would love to get some insight on ways I can promote this club to my kids and get them pumped up to be a part of it. I appreciate all that you guys do and I hope to hear from you soon."** Send your responses to: [forum@nationalsave.org](mailto:forum@nationalsave.org) Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

### Upcoming Events:

#### August

- DARE International Conference ~ August 12-14, 2008
  - [www.dare.com](http://www.dare.com)
- California School Resource Officer Association Conference ~ August 26-28, 2008
  - [www.csroa.org](http://www.csroa.org)

#### September

- Peace Day ~ September 21, 2008
  - <http://peaceoneday.org/home.aspx?band=hi>

#### October

- Kentucky Safe Schools, Successful Students Conference ~ October 6-7, 2008
  - [www.kysafeschools.org](http://www.kysafeschools.org)
- AASA Safe and Secure Schools: Superintendents Lead the Way Conference ~ October 8-10
  - [www.aasa.org](http://www.aasa.org)
- **October 16: ALLSTATE TEEN DRIVER SAFETY INSTITUTE, Raleigh**
  - [www.keepthedrive.com](http://www.keepthedrive.com)

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- America's Safe Schools Week ~ October 20-24, 2008
  - <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/safe%20schools%20week.php>
- **National SAVE Day – October 22, 2008**
  - <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php>
- **National SAVE Rock-A-Thon – October 24, 2008**
  - <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php>
- Youth Service Institute 2008: Across the Street, Around the World – October 26-28
  - <http://www.ysa.org/institute>

## **Violence Prevention Resources & Information:**

### ***Schools Anti Bullying Web Gateway***

There are numerous successful projects and Schools Anti Bullying Groups/Networks in many countries. Each project has been demonstrated to have a positive impact and has improved the school environment. This Gateway aims to gather links to best practices around the world on a searchable website.

<http://www.schoolsantibullying.com/>

### ***Federal Report Features Children's Well Being***

The [Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics](#) has released "[America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2008](#)." The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is one of the [22 Federal agencies](#) that constitute the Forum. The report addresses such topics as family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education, and health.

### ***New Bulletin Examines Girls' Delinquency Rates, Causes***

Sugar and spice and everything nice? Get real. By 2004, girls made up 30 percent of all juvenile arrests, and a new study group convened by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks to figure out why - - and what to do about it. The Girls Study Group has issued a series of bulletins, and its latest, "Understanding and Responding to Girls' Delinquency," addresses girls' and boys' patterns of offending, risk and protective factors linked with delinquency, and causes and correlates of delinquency among girls.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/218905.pdf>

### ***OJJDP Report Examines Best Practices To Address Gang Problems***

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has published "[Best Practices To Address Community Gang Problems: OJJDP's Comprehensive Gang Model](#)." The report provides communities responding to a present or potential youth gang problem with guidance in implementing OJJDP's Comprehensive Gang Model. It describes the research informing the model, notes findings from evaluations of several programs demonstrating the model, and outlines best practices derived from practitioners with experience in planning and implementing the model in their communities. <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/222799.pdf>

### ***Strategies for Creating a Safe Learning Environment for Children***

Selected titles in the popular series ***Safe and Secure Guides to Creating Safer Schools*** have been revised and are being released along with updated mentoring guides under the title of ***Strategies for Creating a Safe Learning Environment for Children***. The newly revised series, published via a joint partnership between the Hamilton Fish Institute on School and Community Violence at The George Washington University and the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, provides resources, tools, and guidance for creating safe school settings and involving the community in supporting students of all ages. All 11 publications can be downloaded free-of-charge at <http://gwired.gwu.edu/hamfish/Publications/Guides/> or by visiting the Hamilton Fish Institute homepage at [www.hamfish.org](http://www.hamfish.org)

## **Funding Opportunities:**

### ***Disney MinnieGrants Available to Support Youth-Led Service Projects***

Youth Service America and Disney are pleased to launch a second round of Disney MinnieGrants to engage children and youth, ages 5-14 as community volunteers. The selected applications will receive \$500 to support

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their youth-led service projects. The **deadline is August 30** and projects must take place October 15-November 15, 2008. Grantees from the first round of Disney awards of 2008 are eligible to apply. Visit <http://www.YSA.org/awards> for more information and application materials.

### ***Macy's Shop For a Cause – September 20, 2008***

This one-day shopping event is one of the many ways Macy's gives back to our community through support of local non-profit organizations! On Shop For A Cause Day, guests have the opportunity to participate in a unique shopping experience including discounts, entertainment, special events and the opportunity to win thousands of dollars worth of prizes. Participating organizations sell \$5 shopping passes to the event. Your organization keeps the proceeds from every shopping pass you sell. It's that simple! By purchasing a shopping pass, customers can support their favorite cause, while enjoying a day full of extraordinary discounts and events throughout the store. <http://www.macys.com/campaign/shopforacause.jsp>

### ***Pay It Forward Mini Grants***

Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund one-time-only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Projects must contain a "pay it forward" focus - that is, they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially - to be considered in the grant making process. <http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html> **Deadline: September 15, 2008**

### ***Kids in Need Teacher Grants***

Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. The Kids In Need Foundation helps to engage students in the learning process by supporting our most creative and important educational resource — our nation's teachers. <http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/index.php> **Deadline: September 30, 2008**

### ***PepsiCo Foundation Grants***

The PepsiCo Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations located in U.S. communities where company employees live and work. The Foundation's Health and Wellness grant category encourages healthy lifestyles and positive behavior changes. Through the Diversity and Inclusion category support is provided to organizations that focus on minority-owned businesses, workplace equality, or skill development for low-income high school students. The emphasis of the Environment category is water resource management in developing nations. The Thought Leadership category supports research initiatives that address issues critical to the betterment of society. Grant requests of up to \$100,000 may be submitted throughout the year. The next deadline for grant requests over \$100,000 is September 15, 2008. Visit this website to take an eligibility quiz and submit an online application. [http://www.pepsico.com/PEP\\_Citizenship/Contributions/GrantGuidelines/index.cfm](http://www.pepsico.com/PEP_Citizenship/Contributions/GrantGuidelines/index.cfm) **Deadline: September 15, 2008**

### ***Caring Institute Accepting Nominations for the Caring Award***

The Caring Institute ( <http://www.caringinstitute.org> ) is now accepting nominations of individuals of all ages for the Caring Award. Nominations should describe, in at least five hundred words, individuals who personify caring and would be a worthy role model to be emulated by others. Letters of recommendation should be included to give testimony to a long-standing commitment to public service. Nominations should give consideration to: length of service; scope and impact of work; degree of difficulty and obstacles encountered; and imagination and innovation. Award recipients are flown to Washington, D.C., and honored at a special ceremony. Young adults recipients receive educational monies for college tuition. Complete award program information and nomination form are available at the Caring Institute Web site: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10011830/caringawards> **Deadline: September 28, 2008**

### ***Teaching Tolerance Grants***

Pre-K through grade 12 classroom teachers can get funds for projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas. (Proposals from other community organizations and houses of worship will be considered on the basis of direct student impact). <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp> **Deadline: open.**

## Contests/Recognition Opportunities:

### *Speak New Words Music Video Contest*

The "Speak New Words" Music Video Contest is available to high school and college students who are at least 13 years of age. You must be a U.S. citizen and enrolled in high school or college in the United States. You must create an audio-visual video, no shorter than one minute and no longer than four minutes, in which you perform original (created by you) words (lyrics - spoken or sung) that will include 13 character traits that you believe are necessary if in bringing about positive change in their community as well as inspiring your generation to greatness to be eligible for this award. <http://www.americanstudentsfund.org/snw2008/> **Deadline: September 7, 2008**