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Focus On: Weapon Safety

Allstate Foundation Awards Mississippi & Carolina Grants

SAVE is proud to announce that it has been presented with a grant from The Allstate Foundation to support 20 SAVE chapters in North Carolina and 12 SAVE chapters in Mississippi. SAVE, which is committed



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to preventing violence and advocating for student safety in schools and communities across the country, joined forces with The Allstate Foundation in 2005. The foundation aims to help the nonprofit further its mission: to engage, to empower, to encourage and to educate students.

As part of the Allstate Foundation grant, each of the chapters will receive free SAVE affiliation and mini grants for activities, educational materials, ongoing support and technical assistance for SAVE's youth safety efforts, and opportunities to partner with local Allstate agents to further the cause.

The partnership's primary focus in both regions is youth empowerment. SAVE student members at participating chapters will take the lead planning and executing youth safety campaigns aimed to inspire their peers to stand up and take action in keeping schools and communities safe. This includes activities surrounding conflict management, bullying and violence prevention, diversity, teen safe driving, social media safety, peer mentoring to younger students and more. Chapter initiatives will also promote various national observances and events throughout the year, including America's Safe Schools Week in October, the National SAVE Youth Summit in March, National Youth Violence Prevention Week in April and National Teen Safe Driving Month in May.

Participating Chapters in Mississippi:

- Biloxi High School
- Clarksdale High School
- Columbia High School
- Hattiesburg High School
- John W. Provine High School
- Ocean Springs High School
- Port Gibson Middle School
- South Pike High School
- St. Patrick Catholic High School
- Tupelo Middle School
- Stringer Attendance Center
- Vicksburg High School

"We do not need
guns and bombs
to bring peace.
We need love and
compassion"
~ Mother Theresa

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- Pinecrest High School
- Performance Learning Center HS
- Swansboro High School
- Vernon Malone College and Career Academy
- West Clayton Elementary School
- White Oak High School

“It’s vital we do our part in providing education and support for America’s youth to encourage and empower them to be leaders in making our communities safe,” said Allstate Agent Steven James, James Insurance Agency. “Partnering with SAVE allows us to take an active role in arming students with non-violence and safe driving tools to share with their peers. We’re proud to support a student-led organization whose efforts positively impact youth safety nationwide.”

“These mini-grants allow SAVE chapters to implement a variety of campaigns and teach skills to train in peer mediation,” said Carleen Wray, executive director of SAVE. “We can’t thank The Allstate Foundation enough for being a huge part of these efforts for years.”

YABer Yak: Weapon Safety

by Kaitlyn Wade, White Oak High School

Fall is in session, and so are the events that follow. Spending time with family and friends, making fall dishes, and getting into the schedule of schooling once more. November’s theme in SAVE is Weapon Safety, and that means class is in session for the future generations to understand what weapon safety is and how to identify and handle those situations that they may face in the future. Weapon Safety is important for younger generations of SAVE to teach and



mentor to our community, since in 2012 the CDC (Central Disease Control) did a survey at the national level on Youth Violence, and 5.4% of the students in the month preceding the survey were reported with a weapon. Statistics brought to light that before that very survey, around one out of every twenty students were reported with a weapon. Improvements have been made to stop most weapon entries to public vicinities where it is seen as a hazard to the public. To think that anyone could be concealing a weapon with the chance to be used with mal intent is frightening enough, but we as a society need to address the issue to protect each other.

Teaching common lesson of weapon safety to the young age groups of six to fourteen will increase the person’s average awareness and break each incident down using critical thinking. SAVE has some excellent resources on teaching weapons safety, including Ernie the Elephants Weapon Safety Coloring Book and Bookmark for elementary students, and other weapons safety materials are in the SAVE Essentials manual and on the web site: www.nationalsave.org

Speaking out of these issues in your local school’s SAVE chapter and schools need to be heard in order to make our communities a safe place for all.

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Mrs. D's Motivations - Speak Up!

by Sarah Dianich, SAVE Advisor of the Year

Hello SAVE chapters! I hope you had a very successful America's Safe Schools Week and SAVE Day! As we move into November, the focus is on weapon safety, and although some of us might not see this as a major issue, past tragic events highlight the need to be diligent in reporting weapons on campus - no matter how rare it may seem. Just last year in Virginia, one student thwarted a mass school shooting after spotting social media posts detailing the would-be shooter's plans. Just a few weeks ago, a student came forward after hearing of his classmate's plans to recruit other students in carrying out a mass attack in their Ohio high school. These heroes' diligence in reporting may have saved countless lives. Think about starting a "Stand Up, Speak Out!" campaign at your school, promoting the idea of standing up to bullying and speaking out about violence, weapons, and potential threats to others' safety. Start a poster or social media campaign - or both. Get the word out to keep weapons out of your school!



Of course, as SAVE members, we would ideally like to prevent students from using weapons in a harmful way in the first place, and a great place to start teaching weapon safety and non violence is with our younger students. National SAVE offers one tool in the form of the "Ernie the Elephant Coloring Book," and other initiatives can include having high school SAVE chapter visit local elementaries for SAVE Assemblies or Programs. This is a fantastic opportunity to role model for the young people in your community, providing them with activities and guidance in violence prevention. Our high school SAVE group travels to our various district elementary schools throughout the year, then holds large "SAVE Summit" at the middle school towards the end of the year, where we play games, have high school students talk about their experiences with bullying, and break into small groups to get serious about making schools a safer place. The high school students love this experience, and younger students not only get some great encouragement to be an upstander, but they also get involved in SAVE because of it. Ask your chapter what they can do to encourage younger students to stay safe and violence-free.

A final reminder as the holidays approach: #GivingTuesday is November 29th - remind your local businesses or anyone else who supports SAVE that this is the perfect time for a donation to SAVE or get the word out about Amazon Smile, which gives a percentage of Amazon purchases to SAVE if you sign up. It's a very simple way to help out SAVE.

Have a safe November, SAVE chapters!

National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

OJJDP invites fifth graders to participate in the 2017 National Missing Children's Day poster contest. The annual contest creates an opportunity for schools, law enforcement, and other child advocates to discuss the issue of missing and/or exploited children with youth, parents, and guardians and to promote child safety.

OJJDP will invite the national winner, parents, teacher, and state clearinghouse manager to Washington, DC, to participate in the National Missing Children's Day commemoration in May 2017. Submissions due: March 16, 2017.

<http://mecptraining.org/educate/national-missing-childrens-day/>

peace
begins
with
a smile

-Mother Teresa-

Youth Summit

April 1, 2017
McKimmon Center
Raleigh, NC

Join Us!

- **Students**
- **Educators**
- **School Resource Officers**
- **Dropout Prevention**
- **Social Workers**
- **Counselors**
- **Youth Leaders**
- **Parents**
- **Coaches**
- **Safety Coordinators**

Dynamic Speakers

Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) will be celebrating 28 years of SAVEing Youth at the National Youth Summit! The Summit will showcase successful practices in preventing violence and train participants in effective ways to make their schools and communities safer. This event is a time for youth voices to be heard in workshops, peer-to-peer presentations, and activities that **Encourage, Educate, Engage, and Empower** youth with violence prevention strategies. There will be motivating workshops, outstanding speakers, national awareness efforts and special presentations.

What Makes You Smile?

SAVE chapter members are asked to create an 8 1/2 X 11 poster with the theme of "What Makes You Smile?." Be sure to include your name, chapter and state on your posters. Posters will be displayed at the Summit. If you cannot attend the Summit, please mail your chapter's poster to the National SAVE office before March 15, 2017.

Agenda

- 9:00 Registration, SAVE Store & Activities
- 10:00 Opening Session
- 11:15 Workshop Sessions I
- 12:00 Luncheon Session
- 1:15 Workshop Sessions II
- 2:00 Closing Session
- 3:00 Adjourn

- ## Sessions
- **Bullying**
 - **Racism**
 - **Dating Violence**
 - **Diversity**
 - **Social Media Safety**
 - **Collaboration**
 - **Self-harm**
 - **Social Norms**
 - **Mental Health**
 - **Substance Abuse**
 - **Teen Driving Safety**

Want 3 free tickets to the Summit?

Submit a breakout session proposal. Share your chapter's success and ideas in a 40 minute session. Chapters chosen to present will receive 3 free tickets. Submit your proposal at nationalsave.org/summit

SAVE Awards

Chapter Photos

Video Contest

Students Against Violence Everywhere



Learn more at nationalsave.org