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17th Annual Safe Schools, Successful Students Conference

Navigating the cyber world is tricky for both students and the adults who work with them. Let us help you keep your students safe.



NOVEMBER 7-8
Galt House East, Louisville

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Since the creation of this conference 17 years ago, the world of school safety is no longer as black and white as it once was.

It has expanded and changed as our society has become more aware of the need for a comprehensive and reflexive approach to safety in schools.

Technological advances have created both opportunities and hazards for educators, law enforcement, and parents to navigate. Schools increasingly are faced with cyber-safety issues that directly affect a student's learning environment. The need to stay ahead of these technological tools and hazards is critical for those responsible for the education and safety of our school children.

This conference will focus on the traditional aspects of school safety while addressing new ways our schools can create a climate of safety and respect for Kentucky students.



Monday, Nov. 7

Registration
8-9 a.m.

Opening Session

9-10:10 a.m.



Looking Back and Moving Forward

This session will focus on what we have learned over the past several decades about school safety issues and preparedness and what we can expect in the future. The presenter, Bill Modzeleski, is associate assistant deputy secretary of the Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. Modzeleski has more than 35 years of experience working on a wide range of school safety, juvenile justice and emergency preparedness issues. He has served at both the local level and national level.

Monday morning sessions

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

1. Best Practices in Nonmedical Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Nonmedical prescription drug abuse continues to be a problem for children and adolescents, with reported rates of abuse by 12th graders as high as 15 percent. This drug abuse is often comorbid with depression, anxiety, alcohol abuse and other problem behaviors. This presentation will discuss evidence-based interventions designed to reduce risk potential and increase protective factors by modifying family and school environments as well as boosting self-esteem and social competencies. — Molly Johnson, MSN, APRN-CPNP, Ohio University Southern Campus; Scott Johnson, teacher, and Sharon Parsons, attendance and truancy officer and assistant principal, Lawrence County High School, Ironton, Ohio

2. Event Safety – Planning for Extracurricular Events

Each year, multiple school events are planned and set into action. However, how much safety and security planning is implemented prior to the event to better ensure the safety of those who will attend? This program will provide the audience with a brief historical background on school event violence, event safety and security issues, and mitigation methods for those risks and vulnerabilities.

— Capt. James Stephens, Kentucky State Police; Cyril Wantland, consultant, Kentucky Center for School Safety

3. Why Character? Building a Foundation for Success

Do your students lack motivation? Is bullying a constant problem? Is cheating rampant? Do students show disrespect for staff? Vandalism? Drugs? The Character Council of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky

wants to help you be proactive in building a positive school culture. In this dynamic workshop on the “whys” of character education, you will learn how to create an environment where good character is valued, expected and rewarded; get practical tips from an award-winning district; and receive character-building resources for 49 traits.

— Mary Andrea Russell, executive director, and Jim Place, retired director of social responsibility, Character Council of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky

4. Cyberbullying and Internet Safety

Facebook, Topix, texting, sexting – These words did not even exist 10 years ago. Now they are used every day by kids and adults. Law enforcement and school administrators have worked diligently to stay abreast of the changes in technology, but it is a challenge to school personnel when students (or even teachers and parents) use technology to bully. This presentation utilizes the same program as the Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Kentucky Attorney General's Office use to educate students and adults on the dangers of Internet use (and misuse). Three age-appropriate presentations for grades 3-12 touch on topics such as Internet predators, damage to reputation and cyberbullying. Real-life stories, videos and resources will be shared with attendees.

— Pam Sloan, project specialist, Kentucky Delta Rural Project

5. School Resource Officer Roundtable

This session will provide a practical discussion among administrators and successful school resource officers,

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including the use of an SRO in the school to improve school safety and climate. The discussion will include best practices within the legal limitations that police officers must follow in a school setting.

— Lucy Riffle, KCSS consultant (moderator); Deputy Glenn Woodard, Warren County Sheriff's Department; Officer Bob Couchman, and Lt. Robert Carter, Madisonville Police Department; Officer Bill Eckler, Berea Police Department

6. Effective School Based Prevention

This session will review effective child abuse prevention and awareness efforts on a local and national level. Participants will be equipped with tangible tools to implement strategies that enhance primary, secondary and tertiary prevention of child maltreatment within the school environment. Model practices for planning and implementing community-based Child Abuse Prevention Month activities will be reviewed.

— Kate Dean, programs and training specialist, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky

7. Investigating Social Networking

This session will provide basic information about e-mail tracing and documenting social networking sites for school administrators, teachers, parents and IT professionals. Topics will include identification of e-mail clients, steps to recover the expanded e-mail header, and identification of the IP address for tracing and/or preserving for law enforcement. The presenter will review the steps for documenting a social networking site.

— Jim McKinney, law enforcement instructor, Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training

8. Student Discipline Case Law Update

Each year the Kentucky School Boards Association's legal staff update the Kentucky Student Discipline Desk Reference. Using this update as a reference point, KSBA's staff attorney will survey

and discuss new student discipline cases that need to be on your radar screen. The program will include discussion and question-and-answers regarding search and seizures, student speech and due process cases from Kentucky, the U.S. Supreme Court and other states.

— John Fogle, staff attorney, Kentucky School Boards Association

9. Extreme Decision Making for Extreme Problems

Jon Akers, former high school principal and state school safety director, will conduct a unique problem-solving exercise. Six current secondary principals will serve as a brainstorming/problem-solving team. The problem-solving team will receive a variety of real-life school discipline or safety problems to consider and solve, with no prior information. They will be given five minutes to develop an action plan to resolve this issue. The audience will listen to the behind-the-scenes problem-solving discussion, and given the opportunity to submit detailed problems that they would like to see addressed by this problem-solving team of principals.

— Jon Akers, director, Kentucky Center for School Safety

10. What is Alternative Education

This roundtable discussion about alternative education in Kentucky will include topics such as the role of alternative education as an intervention tool to use with students at-risk of not achieving to their potential, best practices in alternative education and the types of programs in Kentucky.

— Dr. Ronnie Nolan, director, and Lue Cole, program improvement specialist, Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children; Sherri Clusky, Kentucky Department of Education; Lu Young, superintendent, Jessamine County Schools; Dr. Ann Lyttle-Burns, administrator, Fayette County KECSAC programs; Dan Orman, assistant superintendent, Oldham County Schools; Melanie Barrett, coordinator, ACE High School, Christian County

Monday Luncheon

Noon-2 p.m.

Outstanding TELL Kentucky Schools!

The 2011 Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) Survey resulted in a record-breaking 80 percent of Kentucky's school-based educators responding to the first statewide survey in the Commonwealth. Join Kentucky Education Commissioner Dr. Terry Holliday as outstanding schools with excellent TELL Survey results and student achievement are recognized for their remarkable teaching and learning conditions.



Cyber-Survivors to Cyber-Thrivers

Cyberbullying affects almost half of all U.S. teenagers. In this dynamic presentation, Karen McCuiston, a career educator and school safety consultant who experienced and managed the 1997 Heath High School tragedy in her capacity as a district administrator, public relations/grant writer, will define this threat and share strategies to combat this growing problem that affects our educational process and students' mental health. With comprehensive technology plans in place, students can use the virtual world to their advantage without fear of threat or harm.

— Karen McCuiston, Bluegrass Educational Consulting

Monday afternoon sessions 2:15-3:30 p.m.

11. Response to Intervention (RTI) for Behavior

This session will review the basic approaches to the Response to Intervention process for behavior. Behavior RTI utilizes the same features as academic RTI: systematic implementation of evidence-based practices using data for screening, selecting interventions and monitoring progress. This session will feature the development of a continuum of interventions and supports for your school/students.

— *Mike Waford, director, Kentucky Center for Instructional Discipline*

12. College and Career Readiness - Resources at Your Fingertips

This session will provide an overview of KDE resources for proficiency and college and career readiness, strategies available to help schools and districts, as well as other agencies, best meet the needs of each individual student— all students – in Kentucky. Strategies to be discussed include transitional interventions, academic and career advising, Persistence to Graduation Tool, Kentucky System of Interventions, and accelerated learning. Participants will receive an overview of new resources and will have an opportunity to ask questions.

— *April Pieper, education program consultant for secondary Interventions, Kentucky Department of Education*

13. Programs of the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition and Kentucky Office of Highway Safety

This workshop will share information about the many free programs offered by these two groups. Programs such as Fatal Experience, Hands-on Student Simulation, 3D Car, Rollover Simulator, Ghost Out, Judgment Day, and many others will be discussed. Find out how you can sign up to use these free resources.

— *Bob Douglas, executive director, Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition; Brad Franklin, SADD state coordinator, Kentucky Office of Highway Safety*

14. School Bus Safety: Securing the Weak Link

School bus safety is an often overlooked piece of the overall safety program within the school district. Risks and vulnerabilities within the school transit system can inhibit safe transit if not properly mitigated. This session will provide participants with a better understanding of the risks involved in the school transit system, and provide them tools to enhance their current school bus safety program.

— *Capt. James Stephens, Kentucky State Police*

15. Sexting – How Do We Protect Our Children from Themselves

Sexting (sex + texting) is the sending of provocative, inappropriate messages, images or video by teens to others via online or mobile devices. This session will provide an overview of this dangerous practice, the implications for cyberbullies and predators, and the steps that can be taken by children (and the adults in their lives) to avoid the emotional, criminal and future impact of sexting. Resources for parents, community, students and educators will be shared.

— *Dr. Christine McIntosh, consultant, Kentucky Center for School Safety*

16. TELL Kentucky School to School Exchange

Participate in a school-to-school exchange of ideas as the TELL Kentucky-Celebrated Schools and members of the TELL Kentucky Working Coalition engage in an in-depth discussion about creating the teaching and learning conditions that yield high academic achievement. We want participants and panelists to generate ideas we can share across the Commonwealth.

— *Moderator Michael Dailey, director, Division of Next Generation Professionals, Kentucky Department of Education*

17. The Regional School Programs Alternative School Model

This workshop will feature the strategies and methods that allow for the successful coordination of three different programs serving students with severe behavior disorders and complex needs. The presenter will discuss the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services (NKCES) program and how its programs are coordinated.

— *Mike Flynn, regional programs principal and Aaron Bouie, assistant principal, NKCES*

18. Inside/Outside: Checklists for School Safety

This interactive workshop will provide an overview of the National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities' free checklists that combine the nation's best school facility assessment measures into one online source for assessing the safety of school buildings and grounds. It includes more than 400 measures covering school grounds, buildings and facilities, building access control and surveillance, mechanical systems, and emergency power. The checklist is updated frequently and may be used for planning and designing new facilities or accessing existing structures.

— *Jack Rose, Kentucky Center for School Safety*

19. Synthetic and Herbal Substances Targeting Youth

School administrators and law enforcement are continually searching for ways to stay up-to-date on substances students are using or bringing to school. This presentation will provide basic awareness about herbal incense products and other synthetic products that are being found in schools. The presenter will discuss several types of products available both locally and online and cover other ways youth are trying to get high, along with steps communities and parents are taking to combat this new epidemic facing our youth.

— *John Branscum, retired assistant chief, Nicholasville Police Department*

20. Suicide Prevention and How to Respond

This workshop will review best and evidence-based practices for secondary school-based suicide prevention, including staff training, student programs and creating comprehensive suicide prevention and post-crisis plans. Participants will be eligible to receive a free, school-based suicide prevention kit for middle or high school students (limit one per school; nonschool participants will have their free kit mailed to their secondary school). Model practices from Kentucky schools will also be reviewed and discussed.

— *Jan Ulrich, state suicide prevention coordinator, Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services*

Tuesday, Nov. 8

Keynote speaker

9-10:15 a.m.

Creating a Culture of Dignity and Respect in Schools



Rosalind Wiseman will present a general overview of the philosophy and practices of her *Owning Up* curriculum and her book – the New York Times best-seller *Queen Bees and Wannabes*. Wiseman draws from real-life scenarios to demonstrate how cliques, bullying and social hierarchies among children and adults can be placed in a larger context of social justice. Educators will learn concrete strategies for responding effectively to perpetrators, targets, and bystanders of kids' social conflicts, and how to apply them to their individual teaching experiences. Wiseman empowers teachers and all other professionals who work with youth to create a climate of safety, respect, and dignity so every participant leaves with positive ways to impact their community.

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Tuesday morning sessions 10:45 a.m.-noon

21. Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

This session will introduce domestic violence basics and how domestic violence affects children and teens. The presenter will discuss the signs to look for in students who are exposed to domestic violence. Participants will learn strategies for supporting students in this situation and get more information and resources for parents involved in domestic violence situations.

— *Lisa Gabbard, training coordinator, Kentucky Domestic Violence Association*

22. From the Courts to the Courts: Safety and Liability Issues in Athletics

Sports are a big business and an integral part of American society and whether it is professional, Olympic or amateur athletics, there are serious safety and liability concerns at stake. This session will provide school board leaders and administrators a basic understanding of the risk management implications of athletic programs.

— *Myron Thompson, director of risk management, Kentucky School Boards Association*

23. Social Media: Minefield or Missed Opportunity

Teachers being charged with “inappropriate friending,” students creating fake Facebook pages discrediting teachers and principals: Is social networking a digital minefield ready to indiscriminately target everyone involved in the educational process at your school? School districts are struggling to set manageable policies covering social networking, while at the same time using Facebook and Twitter as part of their educational marketing or communication plans.

How do they create virtual guidelines that protect staff and students without restricting useful technology tools? This session will define social networking and explore its use and misuse within the tenuous teacher-student relationship. Also provided will be possible policies and guidelines for schools to keep the teacher-student relationship a professional one.

— *Karen McCuiston, Bluegrass Educational Consulting*

24. Internet Safety Toolkit and Training Project

The purpose of the Internet Safety Toolkit and Training Project is to prevent child sexual abuse and exploitation by increasing knowledge among professionals, parents/caregivers and youth about the inherent risks associated with the Internet and associated technologies, and to teach strategies to reduce these risks. Participants will receive 50 free toolkits and will learn more about the process for engaging communities in Internet-based child sexual abuse prevention educational campaigns.

— *Joel Griffith, operations manager, and Kellie Warren, program coordinator, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky*

25. Reducing Racial Disparity in Suspensions: A Discussion of Resources and Promising Practices for Teachers and Administrators

In this session, the presenters will update the audience about their efforts to provide resources to Kentucky public school educators and administrators.

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Tuesday morning sessions

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tors to assist them in reducing racial disparity in out-of-school suspensions in Kentucky. Attendees will learn about resources and programs they can use to help reduce racial disparity in their schools and districts.

— *David May, professor and KCSS research fellow, James Bliss, associate professor, Department of Educational Leadership, Sherwood Thompson, assistant dean, College of Education, Cindy Judd, research librarian, College of Education, and Roger Cleveland, associate professor, Department of Educational Leadership, Eastern Kentucky University*

26. How to Deal with Conflict: Expecting Success

In an ever-changing world, we all have the opportunity to witness change for the good and bad. With these changes, the art of communication has changed as well. In this session the presenter will discuss a new conflict resolution program and how it has helped make school personnel better communicators.

— *Lt. Robert Carter, Madisonville Police Department*

27. A Positive Solution to In-School Suspension

This session targets secondary administrators and teachers who want to increase classroom instructional time by reducing the amount of time students spend in in-school suspension. It will introduce a modified version of the PBIS Check-In/Check-Out program that includes a behavior contract with a reward system that is appropriate for high school students. The workshop will use nontechnical terms and will be interactive; at the end, participants should be able to identify target students, implement this strategy and monitor progress.

— *Terri L. Hall, school psychologist, Laurel County Schools; Mike Waford, director, Kentucky Center for Instructional Discipline*

28. Encouraging and Supporting Our Children With Parental Controls

The presenter will explain ways to limit or restrict access to information via the Internet, computer and cell phone as well as ways of protecting our children from outside entities having access to them. The presenter will provide valuable information and resources on establishing parental control options to protect children and prevent negative distractions during and after school.

— *Shannon Tinsley, school resource officer, Hopkinsville Police Department*

29. Very Important Girls – No Girls Allowed

Very Important Girls (VIG) and No Girl's Allowed (NGA) Days are research-based programs that were developed at Pulaski Elementary School to reduce and prevent relational aggression, including bullying, sexual harassment and intolerance of diversity. VIG and NGA can be implemented with any upper elementary or middle school population. Participants will learn step by step how to plan a full day of gender-specific activities to prevent relational aggression throughout the entire school year.

— *Sue Stickley, school counselor, Pulaski County Schools*

30. Bullying – The Flip Side

What is bullying and what are the real problems? Participants will be asked to look at bullying from a completely different perspective. The untreated victim is the biggest safety threat to the schools. When it comes to bullying, everyone in the school is either part of the problem or part of the solution. Which side are you on? There is no middle ground!

— *Sgt. Scott Harvey, Nicholasville Police Department*

2011 Safe Schools, Successful Students Conference registration form Nov. 7-8, Galt House East, Louisville

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Tuesday morning

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Conference information/Invoice

• **To register:** please return this form to: Safe Schools, Successful Students Conference, 260 Democrat Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601, or fax to 1-502-783-1182 or REGISTER ONLINE: www.kysafeschools.org (click on the Events calendar)

• **Hotel Registration:** A block of rooms is being held at the Galt House East (www.galthouse.com) in downtown Louisville under the name of "Safe Schools Conference" for the nights of Nov. 6 and 7. Telephone number is (502) 589-5200. Rates are \$127 West Tower and \$157 East Tower (plus tax) for a single, double, triple or quad with a maximum of four persons per room. These rates are guaranteed until Oct. 24, (pending availability), so please make reservations as soon as possible.

The Galt House is fully equipped to meet accessibility needs for individuals with disabilities. Services are available to participants with sensory impairments who request an interpreter or a reader *prior* to the event and indicated on their registration form.

• **Parking fee:** Conference participants will receive a reduced self-parking rate of \$10 per night; valet parking is \$18 per night.

• **Leadership credit:** Effective Instructional Leadership hours (EILA) credit and School Board Member Credit are available for this conference.

• **Conference registration fee:** \$195. This fee includes admission to all breakout sessions, keynote sessions, conference materials and exhibit materials. *Lunch on Monday, Nov. 7 is \$15.

• **Early on-site registration:** Beat the Monday morning rush, register early! Register on Sunday Nov. 6 from 4-6 p.m. at the Galt House East registration desk (2nd floor).

— No cancellations; however, substitutions allowed —

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Mark your calendars now for these upcoming KSBA and KCSS training events

KSBA Winter Symposium

Dec. 9-10 • Downtown Marriott, Louisville

KSBA Annual Conference

Feb. 3-5, 2012 • Galt House, Louisville

Bullying Prevention Symposium

March 19, 2012 • Eastern Kentucky University

Safe Schools and Communities Conference

June 19 - 21, 2012 • National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green

Youth Leadership Symposium

June 25 - 26, 2012 • Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport, Erlanger