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Monthly Focus: Focus on Internet Safety

June is National Internet Safety Month! **SAVE** encourages students to be extremely careful when using the internet. Messages posted in any kind of a public forum can be read by anyone. Personal information such as name, address (home and email), telephone number, school name, or information on family and friends should never be shared with anyone you meet in cyberspace. Never reveal anything about other people that could possibly get them into trouble. It is important to remember that people you meet online, whether in a chat room or message forum, may not be who they say they are. Also, be careful not to put any personal details, including locations, on your instant messenger "away" message. The approaching end of the traditional school year calendar is a good time to spread awareness in your school about internet safety. For suggested activities and downloads, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/june.php>. For additional information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>.

SAVE Question of the Month – June

Please share the SAVE Question of the month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the forum is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country. **The June Question of the Month: "Now that schools are out for the summer, students will be on the Internet more frequently. How can you protect yourself from a Cyberbully?"** Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

YABer Yak on Internet Safety

– Submitted by Brehanna Jordan, CoChair (North Chicago, IL)

June is here - it's time for summer and you're finally out of school!!! Now a days we all use the internet a lot so we need to be safe. SAVE encourages students to be safe and recommends that personal information not be given out at all. You shouldn't chat with strangers because who you're talking to may not be who you think they are. Before getting out of school maybe your chapter could do a few activities about internet safety such as writing and performing plays or skits that demonstrate how during an online chat, someone can go about trying to get your personal information, having your SAVE members write papers on internet safety, or by making a Internet Safety Pledge for students to sign. Whatever you pick just make sure you're using the internet safely. **HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!!!!** For more information on Internet Safety, visit National SAVE's website: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/june.php>



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	MORE INFO
OCTOBER			
17	2009 National SAVE Summit	Charlotte, NC	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php
19-23	America's Safe Schools Week	Global	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/safe%20schools%20week.php
21	National SAVE Day	Global	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php
23	SAVE Rock-A-Thon	Global	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2009 SAVE SUMMIT! The SAVE Masquerade: Unmasking Violence for 20 Years!

**October 17, 2009
Charlotte, North Carolina**

Thanks to a generous grant from the Allstate Foundation, the 2009 Summit will be held on the campus of West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, North Carolina on Saturday, October 17, 2009 to celebrate SAVE's 20th Anniversary and the birth place of SAVE. There will be motivating workshops, outstanding speakers, a multimedia slide show presentation, and a national service project dedication. Workshop sessions will be filled with both fun and educational information. The sessions will be presented by SAVE members from across the country. Visit the Summit Web Page for information on speakers, presenters, other summit highlights and to register for this historical summit! <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>

2009 National SAVE Service Project & Alex Orange Memorial – Peace Gardens!

The National Youth Advisory Board has announced the 2009 National SAVE Service Project Initiative – Peace Gardens! Each year, SAVE chapters across the country participate in a common service project. This is a chance for SAVE chapters to feel a part of the national effort, while making a difference in their own community. The YABers are encouraging every SAVE chapter to create a Peace Garden in their school or community. A place where students and adults can sit, reflect and enjoy the friendship of others. Please be sure to send us a photo of your SAVE members in your Peace Garden so that it can be displayed at the National SAVE Summit! In addition, in honor of SAVE's 20th Anniversary, the YAB would also like to purchase a memorial in honor of Alex Orange for the Peace Garden at West Charlotte High School. Since the 2009 SAVE Summit is going to be held at West Charlotte High School on October 17th it will be an opportune time to present the memorial to them! In order to accomplish this, we are asking each SAVE Chapter to conduct a small fundraiser and send the proceeds to National SAVE – be sure to mark the donation for Alex's Memorial. Thank you for remembering Alex Orange and the first SAVE chapter formed in 1989 through this effort! More info: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>

SAVE Participates in Capitol Hill Youth Traffic Safety Educational Fair hosted by NOYS

SAVE Youth Advisory Board Members, Casey Storey and Cassady Tetsworth participated in the May NOYS (National Organizations for Youth Safety) meeting. As part of National Youth Traffic Safety Month they also exhibited at the educational fair hosted by NOYS on Capitol Hill. Over 60



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personal office visits were made and over 60 staff attended the educational fair! Congratulations to the NOYS members and youth for the great work in making NOYS for youth safety on Capitol Hill!

Violence Prevention Resources & Information:

Safe and Drug-Free Schools' National Conference Scheduled for August

On August 3-5, 2009, in National Harbor, MD, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools will hold its [2009 National Conference](#). The conference, whose theme is "The Power of Change," will address issues related to civic and character education, crisis planning, mental and physical health, substance abuse, and violence prevention, among others. The registration deadline is July 10, 2009. There is no registration fee, however, early registration is recommended as space is limited. To obtain further information about the conference and register online visit <http://www.osdfsnationalconference.com/>.

Centers for Disease Control – Keep Teen Drivers Safe on the Road

Learning to drive is one of life's milestones. Parents can encourage teen driver safety all the time, throughout the year. This June, during National Safety Month, learn how you can make a life-saving difference by keeping teen drivers safe on the road. www.cdc.gov/Features/SafeTeenDriving/

Disconnected Youth: A Look at 16- to 24-Year Olds Who Are Not Working or In School, released by the Congressional Research Service (CRS), recognizes that youth who are not working or attending school become disconnected from social networks that could potentially ensure employment, housing, and financial support. Historical precedence suggests that these disconnected youth are placed at an increased level of vulnerability to negative outcomes. CRS research indicated that female youth (16 to 24 years) were more likely to be disconnected than their male counterparts (6.4% and 3.8%, respectively). Furthermore, minority youth were more likely than their white counterparts to be disconnected (11.2% Black females, 9.5% Hispanic females, and 4.2% white females were disconnected). A similar trend was observed for males across race and ethnicity. CRS also analyzed how poverty, educational attainment, and health insurance influenced disconnectedness. Finally, this CRS report delineates recommendations for policy makers aiming to protect and improve the living conditions for disconnected youth. (Under the "Investing in Older Youth Means Investing in America"). <http://ftp.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R40535.pdf>

Under YOUR Influence

National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) are excited to announce a new Web site entirely focused on helping parents teach their teens to drive safely – Under YOUR Influence (www.underyourinfluence.org)! Parents have teens who are just learning to drive. Now what do they do, right? Where's the driver's ed. manual for parents? There's no doubt about it. Raising kids is one of the most – if not THE most – challenging things in life. Parents want the best for their children. They care, they love, they want the reassurance that they're doing the right thing, especially when it comes to teaching their teen how to drive safely. With automobile crashes as the leading cause of death for teens, a parent's role as teacher, encourager, and enforcer - their influence - is more important now than ever. That's why the new Web site Under YOUR Influence has been created. From discussing underage drinking and impaired driving to the vital importance of seat belts and support and enforcement of graduated driver license laws, this site is meant to be the resource parents need in their role in both teaching their child how to drive safely and establishing rules that will protect them both as a driver and passenger. Check out www.underyourinfluence.org for more information. Use it as a parent's driver's ed. manual, and you don't even have to take a test afterwards! Drive by the Rules. Keep the Privilege!

Injury and Violence Briefs

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control is supporting the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) to develop publications designed to educate state policymakers on injury and violence topics and to track legislation on key injury and violence topics. NCSL has also created an injury

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and violence prevention web page, which can be found at: <http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=13951>. This website includes legislative tracking for key injury and violence topics, links to injury prevention resources, and other reference materials. The latest CDC funded publications on injury prevention are attached and include a legisbrief on the burden of injuries on state budgets, a postcard on older adult falls prevention, and a postcard on teen driving safety. A postcard on teen dating violence will also be available soon. All of these materials and more are available on the NCSL website and can be distributed widely. They have already been distributed to state legislators and legislative staff nationwide. Feel free to use them in your education materials for a variety of audiences.

National Sleep Foundation Alert: Caffeine, Technology Affecting Teens' Ability to Stay Alert

The use of nighttime media-related technology and a reliance on caffeinated beverages are affecting teens' ability to stay alert and fully functional throughout the day, according to a study in the journal *Pediatrics*. Researchers asked subjects, middle and high school students aged 12 to 18 years old from a suburb of Philadelphia, about their sleep behavior, technology use and caffeine intake. According to the study, one-third of the students reported falling asleep during school and caffeine consumption among students who fell asleep was 76 percent higher. Teens typically need about 9 1/4 hours of sleep each night to function best; although for some, 8 1/2 hours is enough. Here's a little advice for teens out there: Try to avoid the TV, computer and telephone in the hour before you go to bed. Stick to quiet, calm activities, and you'll fall asleep much more easily!

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/123/6/e1005>

Funding/Contest Opportunities:

Enter for a Chance to See your Big Idea Win a \$25,000 Grant! (Deadline: 6/26/09)

Bring YOUR BIG Idea To Life! We know you have some really great BIG Ideas about making the world a better place! Maybe you have a BIG Idea you've been thinking about for a long time OR maybe you know of a BIG problem you'd like to fix? Now is your chance to put those Big Ideas into action! If you have a BIG Idea that demonstrates Clifford's BIG IDEAS and helps make your community a better place, tell us! The Be Big Fund will help bring the winning BIG Idea to life with help from Clifford and our friends at HandsOn Network. BIG Awards! One (1) Grand Prize entry and ten (10) runner up entries will be selected. The grand prize entry will be honored with a \$25,000 community grant and the runner up entries will each be honored with a \$2,500 community grant (via HandsOn Network affiliate organizations or designees) from the Be Big Fund to be used toward implementing the winning proposals.

<http://www.scholastic.com/cliffordbebig/contest/>

A Brighter Future Grants (Deadline: July 1)

A Brighter Future for Children and Youth, an initiative of the United Methodist Church, supports nonprofit organizations that address the needs of children and young people age 5 to 18 in the areas of violence prevention, anti-abuse, and relationship abuse. Grants of up to \$4,000 are provided to small-scale, community, and church-based programs. Priority is given to programs that have significant involvement of women and youth at the grassroots level. Funded programs should demonstrate the ability to raise additional funds from other sources. Grant requests must be submitted by July 1, 2009. Application guidelines and forms may be downloaded at: <http://hbs.gbgm-umc.org/umw/money/grants/abrighterfuture>

BJ's Charitable Foundation – Community Program Grant (Deadline: 7/10/09)

The BJ's Charitable Foundation strives to enhance and enrich community programs that primarily benefit children and families. The Foundation seeks organizations that promote safety and well-being of children and families, support education and health programs provide community service opportunities and aid in hunger and disaster relief. <http://www.bjs.com/about/community/charity.shtml>

Pay It Forward Foundation – Pay It Forward Mini-Grants (Deadline: 09/15/09)

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 community. These projects must be based on the “pay it forward” concept – where one person does a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others. <http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/mini-grant.html>

Wal-Mart State Giving Program (Deadline: September 18)

Through the State Giving Program, the Wal-Mart Foundation seeks to support organizations with programs that align with our mission to create opportunities so people can live better. The State Giving Program strives to award grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact. The Foundation has four areas of focus: Education, Workforce Development / Economic Opportunity, Health & Wellness, and Environmental Sustainability. Minimum grants are \$25,000. The State Giving Program will begin accepting applications for the Fall Funding Cycle on June 15. Learn more at: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8168.aspx?p=8979>

Southern Poverty Law Center - Mix It Up Grants Program (Deadline: Rolling)

The Southern Poverty Law Center's Mix It Up Grants Program funds small-scale, youth-directed activist projects that focus on identifying, crossing and challenging social boundaries in schools and communities. Projects must promote collaboration across social boundaries. <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>

mtvU Grants (Deadline: Weekly Throughout School Year)

Every week throughout the school year, mtvU in partnership with Youth Venture will help fund a new student-run community service organization, or a new project being undertaken by an existing organization. If you've got an original idea about how to make the world--or your campus--a better place, mtvU Grants can help you make it happen. Are you interested in launching your own organization to address issues like global warming, literacy, health issues, civic participation, community and social problems - any problem you can identify mtvU grants can get you started to help find a solution. You could receive: Up to \$1,000 for your organization; An opportunity to be featured on mtvU News; and Exclusive access to helpful resources and tools in cooperation with Youth Venture, including the opportunity to join a global network of other young changemakers on genV.net. <http://www.genv.net/mtvU>

Allstate Foundation Grants

Thanks to the Allstate Foundation, SAVE will be doing special activities and events in the following areas of the country: Southeast Region, North Central Region, Midwest Region, West Central Region, New Jersey, Texas and California. If you know of schools interested in participating in these grants, please contact the SAVE office.



Have a safe and enjoyable summer!