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Chapter Highlights:

Douglass High School SAVE Chapter, Douglass (KS)

Sponsored by the Allstate Foundation of the West Central US, the Douglass High School SAVE chapter in Douglass, Kansas will conduct interactive activities on May 7, 2010 to assist teens in driving safer. Speakers will include a Kansas Highway Patrol Officer demonstrating a seatbelt simulator and a Wichita area Allstate agent, Krystal Allee, discussing the consequences of distractions while driving.

Serra High School SAVE Chapter, San Diego (CA)

Serra SAVE is also holding their teen safe driving rally on May 7. The Allstate Foundation and SAVE will address the deadly consequences of distracted teen driving and demonstrate real-life solutions to improve teen safety. Senior class students at Serra High will be able to **X The TXT**, i.e. take the pledge to eliminate cell phone texting while behind the wheel. In the past six months, this national pledge campaign has brought more than 65,000 people from across America to affix their thumbprint to pledge banners in a visual vow to keep their cell phones stowed while driving. X The TXT thumb bands that students will receive are everyday reminders of this commitment to eliminate distractions while driving. A demolished vehicle—the result of a drunk driving accident—will be on campus for students to see the harsh reality of the unsafe driving consequences.

Springlake-Earth High School, Earth (TX)

After losing a student in a tragic car accident earlier in the school year, then losing the parent of some elementary and junior high students a month later, Springlake Earth High School has definitely seen the impact and importance of safe driving habits. Thanks to sponsorship from the Allstate Foundation, they conducted a BUST (Bust Up and Stop Texting) event with speakers and students signing pledges. The SAVE Chapter provided awareness on the changes in law for Texas drivers, including the requirement that all passengers must wear their seatbelts regardless of age and that it is against the law for anyone to text in a school zone. In February the SAVE Chapter hosted a program honoring the first victim killed during the Columbine tragedy. They shared Rachel's vision and encouraged students to commit acts of kindness rather than acts of violence. Announcements and flyers are being shared during the week leading up to Prom (May 8) reminding students about the Texas Zero Tolerance law when it comes to drinking and driving.



New Store Item: SAVE Honor Cords!

Brand new in the SAVE Store – SAVE Honor Cords! The perfect way to recognize your SAVE graduates, these purple & orange woven honor cords are 60" long with tassels. Item # 153, \$8 each. <http://www.nationalsave.org/order/honorcord.php>



Monthly Focus: Teen Driving Safety

May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month!

The Allstate Foundation and the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) have partnered to increase youth safety and promote teen safe driving. This is an important time to focus on teen driving safety with events surrounding the end of the school year including prom and graduation. Car crashes take a tremendous toll on the emotional and physical health and well-being of our nation's young people, parents, school officials, and law enforcement. One of the most valuable resources that schools and communities often overlook when addressing school and community youth safety is student involvement. By encouraging youth-led solutions, we can empower students to play a key role in fostering safe and smart decisions that will protect the health and lives of our nation's youth. The good news is, as the growing number of students involved in SAVE attests, students are willing to step up to the plate and actively participate in solving this complex problem. For suggested activities and downloads, visit <http://nationalsave.org/main/teendrivingfocus.php> Be sure to check out the Youth Traffic Safety Contests featured below.

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Most teen vehicle fatalities are preventable... the choice is YOURS...

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Think Twice! Act Once. The choice to arrive alive is yours.

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Question of the Month:

May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month. What can you do to improve the safe driving habits of your peers?

YABer YAK: Dinh Doan, Montbello High School (CO)

Broken pencils, crumpled papers, old classrooms, old friends, and old teachers, these are all signs of the end of the school year! That means no more papers, no more worries, and more freedom to enjoy the glorious summer ahead. With great freedom, requires great responsibility. The month of May is focused on teen driving safety. Being a new driver highly increases the risk of being involved in an automobile accident. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of deaths for U.S. teens. Teenagers underestimate driving hazards and are inexperienced in recognizing dangerous situations when driving. While driving, one must focus on driving. When distracted by cell phones, music, and/or passengers, you are partially impaired and can become a victim to the dangers of the road. Once the dangers and hazards of the roads are realized, it will help prevent accidents from occurring. Once you get behind the wheel, drive safely, and remember, think before you act.

National SAVE Is Looking for a Few Outstanding Teens to Apply for the 2010-2011 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board!

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere will select up to 8 SAVE members for the 2010-2011 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board (YAB). The YAB will be composed of high school students from across the nation who have demonstrated leadership skills and service in their school and community, as well as having experience and service with the SAVE program. These students should also possess a commitment to the ideals of SAVE. Creative and energetic students are needed to create new materials, plan and attend National Workshops and provide the youth voice necessary to propel SAVE to greater achievements. Rising freshman through juniors are encouraged to apply. For more information, please visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/advisory.php>



Prevention Resources:

Bullying: What Parents, Teachers Can Do to Stop It

Article by the American Psychological Association on what parents and teachers can do to stop bullying. Expert Susan Swearer, PhD, is an associate professor of School Psychology at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) in the Department of Educational Psychology.

<http://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2010/04/bullying.aspx>

Causes and Correlates of Girls Delinquency

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has published "[Causes and Correlates of Girls' Delinquency](#)." Part of OJJDP's [Girls Study Group series](#), the bulletin summarizes the research team's review of social science literature on factors impacting girls' delinquency and notes their policy and program implications. The bulletin identifies eight factors correlated with girls' delinquency: negative and critical mothers, harsh discipline, inconsistent discipline, family conflict, frequent family moves, multiple caregivers, longer periods of time with a single parent, and growing up in socioeconomically disadvantaged families. ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=248352.

Guide Helps Parents Inform their Children About Online Safety

Published by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), "[Net Cetera: Chatting with Kids About Being Online](#)" offers parents practical tips to guide their children in navigating the online world. As the guide notes, online means of interaction come with certain risks, including inappropriate conduct, contact, and content. The information that "Net Cetera" provides can help parents empower their children to reduce these risks. This free resource is available via OnGuardOnline.gov, a Web site maintained by the FTC with support from its partners, among which is the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs. www.onguardonline.gov/topics/net-cetera.aspx. The guide is also available in Spanish at www.alertaenlinea.gov/pdf/stec04.pdf.

The Teaching Diverse Students Initiative

The Teaching Diverse Students **Initiative** by Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, is a database of tools for educators that provide research-based resources for improving the teaching of ethnically and racially diverse students. This initiative places primary emphasis on practices within the teacher's control, such as classroom strategies and pedagogical techniques, and strategies to reduce teacher and student prejudices. The resources also help teachers, administrators, and families identify the characteristics of schools that are important in maximizing the social and cognitive development of diverse students. <http://www.tolerance.org/tdsi/>

Funding/Contest Opportunities:

Allstate Foundation Grants

Thanks to a partnership with The Allstate Foundation, SAVE is conducting special activities and events focusing on Teen Safe Driving in the 2010-2011 school year for selected high schools in most areas of the country. If you are aware of schools interested in receiving grant funds, please contact the SAVE office.

YOUTH-Turn It Around Award Available (Deadline: May 31, 2010)

Make a difference through National Youth Traffic Safety Month this May! Fact: Car crashes are the number one cause of death among teens. Too many of us have lost someone we knew and cared about because of risky teen driving and unsafe choices. YOU can make a difference. YOU can help stop the epidemic of teen traffic crash-related deaths and serious injuries. YOU can turn it around! YOUTH-Turn, an online tool available through National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) and sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), is a resource totally focused on helping teens turn the adversity of a traffic crash into a time for education and change to prevent similar tragedies from happening to someone else. YOUTH-Turn helps youth do just that. The tool provides teens with the information, tips, and resources to turn adversity into action. Brand new to YOUTH-Turn is an opportunity to share your work with NOYS for a chance to receive \$2,500 for a project or event that focuses on turning the tragedy of a youth crash into education that promotes action. Tell us how you and your community have worked to create change for safer teen driving and apply for the YOUTH-Turn It Around award! <http://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=0Aa2-72us1ekdZGQ3ZjlnZHRfMTZjeHptcWN0cA&hl=en>



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50 Best Awards Available (Deadline: May 31, 2010)

May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month because it is an important time for youth to be focused on driving safety. To support youth-led National Youth Traffic Safety Month projects, The Allstate Foundation is awarding \$1,000 to 50 local youth organizations for their youth-developed and implemented projects that demonstrate a strong focus geared towards youth traffic safety with a focus on distracted driving prevention. With prom, graduation, and summer trips just ahead, youth-led teams can work together with The Allstate Foundation and National Organizations for Youth Safety to decrease the number of traffic-related deaths and injuries that involve young drivers and passengers. <http://noys.org/docs/50%20Best%20Rules.pdf>

Youth Gang Prevention and Intervention Grant Program (Deadline: May 20, 2010)

Eligibility: Local governments, institutions of higher education and nonprofits
Amount: Up to \$325,000. Purpose of Grant: To provide funding for localities to replicate selected secondary gang prevention and intervention programs that are considered promising or effective. These programs must be a part of an existing community-based comprehensive anti-gang initiative.
<http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=181>

Graffiti Hurts Grant Program (Deadline: June 30, 2010)

Keep America Beautiful has begun its 2010 Graffiti Hurts Grant Program, which offers three grants of \$2,500 each to help communities step up their local graffiti-prevention activities. This year's program will present one grant to a community with a population under 75,000, one to a community with between 75,000 and 250,000 residents, and one to a community with more than 250,000 residents. The funds must be used for projects that will be initiated in fall 2010 and completed no later than December 31, 2011. Local governments, police departments, youth groups, downtown associations, crime prevention organizations, and other groups dedicated to eradicating graffiti vandalism are encouraged to apply. Proposed projects can address graffiti prevention and education, eradication, or enforcement of local anti-graffiti laws. Programs that include prevention initiatives and engage and educate youth are encouraged to apply.

Be Big In Your Community! (Deadline: June 30, 2010)

Clifford wants to hear about your BIG ideas. The BE BIG In Your Community Contest will award \$75,000 in community grants* to BIG ideas that best demonstrate Clifford's BIG Ideas which are Share, Be Kind, Help Others, Be a Good Friend, Play Fair, Have Respect, Be Truthful, Believe in Yourself, Work Together and Be Responsible. Scholastic, HandsOn Network and American Family Insurance will work with the winners to bring their Big Ideas to life! Everyone is invited - parents, kids, teachers or community leaders - to submit their ideas now through June 30, 2010. For contest entry forms and official rules visit www.scholastic.com/cliffordbebig/contest

Safety Scholars Contest (Deadline: July 1, 2010)

Just make a 25 or 55-second video about any issue related to teen driver safety, and upload it to www.safetyscholars.com. The top 10 videos will be posted online, and America votes which ones should be made into public service announcements. The creators of the winning videos receive a \$5,000 college scholarship! To learn more about the contest, and to see the 2009 winning videos, visit www.safetyscholars.com. Safety Scholars is sponsored by Bridgestone.

Fizwoz Campus Challenge (Deadline: Ongoing)

The fizwoz Campus Challenge is offering ten \$500 grants to school organizations that use the FREE fizwoz Assignment Desk to invite photo and video submissions taken at service projects for possible use by the news media. fizwoz.com is the premier online marketplace for iPhone captured media. Utilizing a state-of-the-art auction engine and cutting-edge mobile applications, fizwoz enables the average citizen to reach all levels of media buyers, from multinational media powerhouses to campus newspapers. Just tell fizwoz how your school organization would use \$500 and the FREE fizwoz Assignment Desk to get students and others with iPhones to submit newsworthy pictures and videos of service projects on GYSD or anytime in April 2010. If they like your plan, your organization will get \$500 to take your project and could receive \$5,000 in December for the Best Use of Fizwoz by a student group. Learn more at www.fizwoz.com/college