



Friday Beat

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For additional resources on these topics and others related to school health education and services, visit the School Health Program web site at www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth

Quote to Note:

"The only way around is through."

-Robert Frost

Program Notices and Postings:

***Important Note* -- "Everything You Need to Know About Head Lice" Pamphlet**

The pamphlet is now available for ordering online through the DSHS Forms and Literature Catalog: <http://dbs.dshs.state.tx.us/mamd/litcat/default.asp>. The catalog/publication number is 1-29. The subject is "parasites". There is a maximum number of 100 pamphlets that may be ordered free of charge. Requests made by fax must provide the catalog/publication number, publication title, quantity, requestor's full name and address. The DSHS Warehouse fax number is 512-458-7707. Please note that the DSHS Warehouse will NOT accept orders via phone as previously noted in the past edition of the Friday Beat. All orders must be submitted online or in writing (via mail or fax).

2007 Proposed Legislation - 80th Legislative Session

The School Health website has a new document and power point presentation posted for download. Both items provide summaries of proposed legislation, which may have an impact on school health. These bills, filed in both the House and Senate, are current as of January 29, 2007. Both are available at www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth. Click on the "Legislative Updates" link.

The Texas Obesity Policy Portfolio

The Texas Obesity Policy Portfolio is now available for download on the School Health program website. The Portfolio is a tool that can be used to influence the current direction of obesity in Texas. It serves as starting point for policy development and implementation. To download the Portfolio, visit www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth.

Upcoming Conferences/ Meetings/ Professional Development:

***Reminder* 2007 Annual Texas Behavioral Health Institutes Conference-July 30 to August 3, 2007**

The 2007 Annual Texas Behavioral Health Institutes Conference, "Building Better Health Through Resiliency and Recovery", will be held July 30-August 3, 2007 at the Austin Renaissance Hotel. This year's focus will be on providing Texans with access to integrated public health, mental health, and substance abuse prevention and treatment services in their communities. Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors, Licensed Professional Counselors, Social Workers, Nurses, School Teachers, School Counselors, School Administrators, Prevention Specialists and Consultants, and Community Organizers are all encouraged to attend. For more information, please visit www.txsaoinstitute.com/default.asp.

Health Education:

Coordinated School Health Program Submission Deadline Extended

The deadline for submission has been extended through the end of the 2006-2007 school year for those districts that wish to develop their own Coordinated School Health Programs. If your district selects a program for your elementary, middle and/or junior high school(s) that has already been reviewed and approved by TEA, you do not need to submit any additional information. Local school districts that wish to take advantage of the extended deadline to submit a locally-developed Coordinated School Health Program should contact Marissa Rathbone, Director of Health and Physical Education, at (512) 463-9581. To view the official correspondence from TEA, visit www.tea.state.tx.us/taa/curr012607.html.

Healthy and Safe School Environment:

FY 2007 Schools Chemical Cleanout Campaign Grant – Deadline: March 14, 2007

The Office of Solid Waste at the Environmental Protection Agency announced the availability of the FY 2007 School Chemical Cleanout Campaign (SC3) Grant. Interested proposals should be a demonstration, training, outreach and/or education project that uses the lessons learned from other chemical management programs to develop a new or expand an existing program that makes available and improves chemical management in the K-12 schools of a community. Detailed grant information is available at www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/07-06.pdf.

Stranger Safety School Resource Kit

The Safe Side and the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) announced, January 29, 2007, Texas First!, a partnership that will donate a child safety program to all 1,037 Texas independent school districts. The safety program, called the *Stranger Safety School Resource Kit*, is designed for grades K-2. The program includes lesson plans and activities for the classroom, as well as a home video that students can share with their families. Every Texas independent school district can request its reserved copy of the *Stranger Safety School Resource Kit* by going to TASA's web site (www.TASAnet.org), clicking on the Texas First! icon, and completing a simple two-step registration procedure. Please note that Coppell-based Resolve Corporation ships the materials.

Health Services:

New CDC Pandemic Flu Resource

The CDC released a new pandemic flu resource today titled "Interim Pre-pandemic Planning Guidance: Community Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Mitigation in the US". The document has an appendix for school guidelines. To download the document, please visit: www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/community/community_mitigation.pdf

AED Grant Opportunity—TASB “Loss Prevention Grant”

TASB Risk Management Fund is receiving applications for its “Loss Prevention Grant!” It's an easy way to acquire your Cardiac Science Powerheart AED through School Health Corporation at specially negotiated TASB BuyBoard pricing. To learn more about the TASB Loss Prevention grant call Dave Pulias at School Health (866) 323-546509 or Roger Mattei at Cardiac Science at (504) 615- 5483. Deadline for submission is Friday March 9th.

Physical Education:

Saucony “Run for Good” Program Grant- Deadline: February 15, 2007

Saucony is accepting applications for its “Run for Good” program. The grant program seeks to encourage active and healthy lifestyles in children. All proposals submitted for consideration must demonstrate the grantee will conduct programs that increase participation in running in order to positively impact the lives of participants. For more information, go to www.sauconyrunforgood.com.

Nutrition Services:

District Administration (DA) Leadership Series Web Seminar

On, March 14, 2007 the DA Leadership Series Webinar titled "Improving Nutrition & Wellness in Schools" will take place at 11:00am. Registration is free and seating is limited. Participants will learn how to

- Develop health-promoting school environments
- Offer inviting and nutritious menu choices
- Meet state and national wellness program guidelines
- Review health and nutrition case studies and success stories
- Implement quality wellness programs in your school

For more information, please visit, <http://promediagr.p.acrobat.com/aramarkevent/event/registration.html>.

External links to other sites appearing in the Friday Beat are intended to be informational and do not represent an endorsement by the Department of State Health Services. These sites may also not be accessible to people with disabilities. External email links are provided to you as a courtesy. Please be advised that you are not emailing the DSHS and DSHS policies do not apply should you choose to correspond.

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