

Friday Beat

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The newsletter that takes a [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child](#) approach.

Announcements

National Influenza Vaccination Week

December 5-9, 2022 is National Influenza Vaccination Week. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released the National Influenza Vaccination Week Digital Toolkit to highlight the importance of influenza vaccination. [View the CDC toolkit](#) and download resources. For more information on the flu and where to get a vaccine in Texas, visit [Texas Flu](#).

School Reports: Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Asthma Medication

Texas schools must report to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) the administration of unassigned epinephrine auto-injectors and unassigned asthma medication. The School Health Program and the DSHS Chronic Disease Epidemiology Branch developed reports that include data submitted via the reporting forms. [View the 2021-2022 school year data](#) for administered epinephrine and unassigned asthma medication.

Professional Development

Thriving Schools through Individual and Collective Staff Well-Being

Kaiser Permanente and Alliance for a Healthier Generation are hosting a webinar titled [Thriving Schools through Individual and Collective Staff Well-Being](#) on December 6, 2022. Participants will practice evidence-based strategies to support stress management and receive free resources to improve workplace culture. The webinar is open to educators, administrators and district staff looking to improve staff well-being.

Webinar: Addressing the Impact of ACES in Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Join Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) [Office of Disability Prevention for Children](#) on December 15, 2022, from 10-11:00 a.m. for a free, live [webinar on the impact of adverse childhood experiences \(ACES\) in children with intellectual and developmental disabilities \(IDDs\)](#). Children with IDD are at a higher risk for ACES, which put a child with an IDD at a higher risk of developing mental health conditions and other challenges that may last a lifetime. This webinar examines the role care givers can play in addressing childhood trauma and preventing negative health outcomes among children with IDD. This webinar is intended for parents, providers who work with families, and others caring for infants and children.

Funding Opportunities

Texas Education Agency (TEA) 2023-2025 Charter School Program (Subchapter C and D) Grant

The TEA has announced available funds for the [2023-2025 Charter School Program Grant](#). The purpose of the Texas Quality Charter Schools Program Grant is to support the growth of high-quality charter schools in Texas, especially those focused on improving academic outcomes for educationally disadvantaged students. This will be achieved through administering the 2023-2025 Charter School Program Grant (Subchapter C and D) to assist eligible applicants in opening and preparing for the operation of newly authorized charter schools and replicated high-quality schools. [Notice of Intent to Apply](#) is due by December 15, 2022. Submit the full application to the TEA by January 13, 2023. Read the [full program guidelines](#) for more information.

Health Services

Fighting Fentanyl

HHSC has created a [toolkit for fighting fentanyl](#). Learn about fentanyl, naloxone, and signs of an overdose. The toolkit includes information for schools, parents, and youth. View resources for schools and programs serving youth.

Counseling, Psychological and Social Services

Moving the work upstream: Addressing Disproportionate Representation and Disparate Outcomes

[Texas Department of Family and Protective Services](#) (DFPS) is hosting their first webinar in the Partners in Prevention learning Series on December 8, 2022. This webinar, Moving the Work Upstream: Addressing Disproportionate Representation and Disparate Outcomes, will offer one social work continuing education credit. The webinar will feature two guest speakers. The webinar will explore how the practice of embracing cultural humility may enhance prevention efforts to support families before a crisis and arrive at more equitable outcomes for Texas children and families. [Register for the webinar](#).

Physical Environment

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Program

AHERA is a federal law that helps protect students, their families, educators, and staff from exposure to asbestos in schools. A primary principle of AHERA is “in-place” asbestos management. AHERA requires schools to inspect suspected Asbestos-Containing Building Materials in all school buildings, develop an Asbestos Management Plan for each school, maintain records, and more. View the [AHERA Program flyer](#) for additional information.

Family Engagement

Holiday Season Social Media Toolkit

DFPS has created a [social media toolkit for the holiday season](#). This toolkit includes messages about remaining healthy while traveling, activities for families, stress, and safety. Share these messages with families before upcoming holiday breaks. These messages and links can be used as is, or they can be customized in any way that works best for your community by directing people to your prevention program’s information.

Quote to Note

"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be." -
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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