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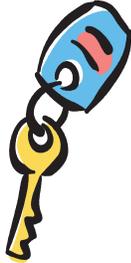
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TRAFFIC-SAFE TEENS



Global Road Safety Week is April 23–29, 2007, preceding **National Youth Traffic Safety Month** in May. These awareness weeks provide you with the opportunity to remind teens about the costs and consequences of reckless or impaired driving, as well as the responsibility of being behind the wheel. In 2005, U.S. drivers ages 16–20 were involved in roughly 1.5 million car accidents (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [NHTSA], 2006). Moreover, car accidents is the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year-olds (NHTSA, 2005).

The goals of Global Road Safety Week are to “raise awareness about the societal impact of road traffic injuries, highlighting the risks for young road users; and promote action around key factors that have a major impact on preventing road traffic injuries, such as use of helmets and safety belts, and prevention of impaired driving and speeding” (National Organizations for Youth Safety, 2007). National Youth Traffic Safety Month follows the same tenets as Global Road Safety Week, but will build a youth-led campaign focused on peer education.

Community Works instructors can integrate the goals of both traffic safety events by teaching students about street smarts and road safety. You can use the brochures *Road Rules* and *Streetwise: The Way To Be* (available at www.ncpc.org/tcc) with your *CW* students. You can also visit the National Youth Traffic Safety Month website (www.noys.org/YouthTrafSafe/toolkit.html), which contains project ideas, safety messages, resources, and statistics.

UNDERAGE DRINKING...AND DRIVING



April is also **Alcohol Awareness Month**. Not only can you teach teens about the dangers of substance abuse, but you can align *Community Works Session 19: Underage Drinking: Recognize and Prevent* with your traffic safety teachings. A 2005 nationwide survey found that nearly 30 percent of American high school students “had ridden in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol [in the 30 days preceding the survey]” (Centers for Disease Control, 2005). Moreover, three of five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

On an average weekend evening, approximately one of every ten drivers is legally impaired or drunk. Remind teens to use seat belts at all times, day or night, and to be alert to signs of a drunk driver, such as: unusually wide turns; weaving or swerving; hugging the center line or driving left of center; excessively fast or slow speeds; stopping suddenly without apparent cause; inconsistent turn signals; and driving with headlights off in the dark. Tell teens that if a driver ahead of them seems impaired, don’t try to pass. Instead, maintain extra distance with the car ahead, and be prepared to stop. If the driver is behind them, turn right at the next intersection to let him or her pass. If the impaired driver’s vehicle is approaching, slow down, move to the right, and stop.

For a free, electronic copy of *Community Works* session 19 email tcc@ncpc.org.

FEATURED ON THE WEB

- Check out NCPC’s blog! Staff blog about current crime prevention issues almost every day. To view the blog visit www.ncpc.org.
- If you are a *Community Works* instructor who has submitted a *Community Works* Site Agreement Form but has not received a password for the Members Only site, please contact Debra Eisenman at Deisenman@ncpc.org or 202-261-4116.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



National Crime Prevention Council and the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education present the western regional *Community Works* Implementation Training June 18–19, 2007, in Phoenix, AZ. Cost is \$175 per participant, which includes a copy of the curriculum. Contact www.ncpc.org/tcc.

National Association of School Resource Officers 17th Annual National Conference July 22–27, 2007 Orlando, FL Contact www.nasro.org/conference.asp.

National Crime Prevention Council 8th National Conference on Preventing Crime October 3–5, 2007 Atlanta, GA Contact www.ncpc.org/NationalConference2007.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK AND NATIONAL & GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY



Don't forget that **National Volunteer Week** is April 15–21, and **National & Global Youth Service Day** is April 20–22, 2007! The *Community Works* program requires instructors to engage students in a service-learning project. If your students have yet to complete their project, or if they'd like to conduct another project, consider completing it during April's days of service!

For project ideas that coincide with the *Community Works* session you are teaching, visit the *Community Works* online session enhancements at www.ncpc.org/tcc. If you'd like to find a National & Global Youth Service Day event near you, obtain materials to help plan your project, or to register your service-learning project, visit www.ysa.org/nysd.

For more information about engaging youth in service, check out *Charting Success: A Workbook for Developing Service-Learning Projects, 4th Edition*. This workbook is designed to help teens select, plan, and complete service-learning projects. To order *Charting Success*, call 800-NCPC-911 and request item M11C (\$11.95 per copy, plus the cost of shipping), or visit www.mcgruffstore.org.

RESOURCES FROM THE FIELD



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NCPC launched a delete cyberbullying campaign in early March. Teens, parents, and educators can view the campaign's Web public service announcements, listen to radio spots, and read pertinent information about cyberbullying. To view the campaign visit www.ncpc.org/cyberbullying.

The **Office of National Drug Control Policy** recently released the report, *Teens and Prescription Drugs: An Analysis of Recent Trends on the Emerging Drug Threat*. The report includes current statistics regarding teen drug abuse, which you can use to supplement *Community Works Session 20: Drug Abuse: Recognize and Prevent*. To read the report, visit www.mediacampaign.org/teens/brochure.pdf.

HAVE A QUESTION? ASK NATIONAL TCC!

Many of you have asked if National TCC has information available about model and best practice *Community Works* sites, as well as information about developing a successful *Community Works* program at your site. TCC's case study guide highlights best-practice programs in a variety of settings, and the methodology behind creating these successful programs, it will be available later this spring.

TCC also has a guide entitled, *Community Works for School Resource Officers: A First-rate Prevention Choice*, that can help school resource officers (SRO), teachers, and community leaders obtain administrative and parental support for the program. To order the SRO guide call 800-NCPC-911 and request item M84 (\$9.95 per copy, plus the cost of shipping), or visit www.mcgruffstore.org.

If you have a question or concern about TCC or the *Community Works* program, please contact tcc@ncpc.org.