

TEENS, CRIME, AND THE COMMUNITY



YOUTH IN SERVICE

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- Community Works session enhancements are complete. Check out the tips, service-learning project ideas, discussion questions, and supplemental resources for all 31 sessions.
- Site Agreement Forms are available for you to download and complete. It's not too late to become a registered site and receive the benefits that are restricted to CW implementers (technical assistance, access to members' only web material, eligibility to apply for service-learning grants, eligibility to apply for an instructor stipend).

October is Crime Prevention Month, a good time to teach teens crime prevention tips to help keep them safe. Share the tips below with teens to help them learn how to stop school violence.

Students can...

- Refuse to bring a weapon to school, refuse to carry a weapon for another, and refuse to keep silent about those who carry weapons.
- Report any crime immediately to school authorities or police.
- Report suspicious or worrisome behavior or talk by other students to a teacher or counselor at your school.
- Learn to manage anger effectively. Find out ways to settle arguments by talking it out, working it out, or walking away rather than fighting.
- Help others settle disputes peaceably. Start or join a peer mediation
 program, in which trained students help classmates find ways to settle arguments
 without fists or weapons.
- Set up a teen court, in which trained youth serve as judge, prosecutor, jury, and defense counsel. Courts can hear cases, make findings, and impose sentences, or they may establish sentences in cases where teens plead guilty.
- Become a peer counselor, working with classmates who need support and help with problems.
- Mentor a younger student.
- Start a school crime watch. Consider including a student patrol that helps keep an eye on corridors, parking lots, and groups, and will provide a way for students to report concerns anonymously.
- Ask each student club to adopt an anti-violence theme.
- Welcome new students and help them feel at home in your school. Introduce them to other students.
- Start (or sign up for) a "peace pledge" campaign, in which students promise to settle disagreements without violence, to reject weapons, and to work toward a safe campus for all.

You can also share information about crimes that are prevalent in your area (e.g. substance abuse, underage drinking, theft, cyberbullying, weapons use, hate crimes). Help teens learn how to prevent these crimes by teaching the corresponding topical sessions from the *Community Works* curriculum.

For more tips on creating safer school and communities, check out the monthly articles on the TCC website (www.ncpc.org/tcc).

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21st Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment January 22-26, 2007 San Diego, CA Contact: www.chadwickcenter.org/ conference.htm

Putting the Pieces
Together for Children and
Families: The National
Conference on Substance
Abuse, Child Welfare and
the Courts
January 31-Febraury 2,
2007
Anaheim, CA
Contact:

www.cffutures.org

National Crime Prevention Council 8th National Conference on Preventing Crime October 3-5, 2007 Atlanta, GA Contact: www.ncpc.org/National Conference2007

COMMUNITY WORKS SERVICE-LEARNING GRANTS

The first deadline for service-learning project grant applications is November 1, 2006. You must be a registered *Community* Works site/implementer to be eligible to apply for a service-learning grant. To register, please complete the Site Agreement Form (which you can download from www.ncpc.org/tcc).

The grants are awards of up to \$500 to be used to support the development of youth-led service-learning projects. Remember that completion of a service-learning project by youth is a requirement of the *Community Works* program. For more information about the grants, or to download an application, visit www.ncpc.org/tcc.

NEW RESOURCES FROM NCPC

GANG FACT SHEETS FOR EDUCATORS AND YOUTH



NCPC's new gang fact sheets for educators and youth can help you pinpoint the factors that may cause youth to join gangs, learn how gangs recruit members, identify warning signs that youth are involved in gangs, and learn ways to help youth leave gangs safely. You can download the fact sheets from www.ncpc.org/tcc and share them with other educators and youth.



You can also order the gang fact sheets. For a free, single copy, please email tcc@ncpc.org with your name and address, and specify which fact sheet you would like. To order bulk quantities, please call 800-NCPC-911 and request item number F37 (for *Youth Gangs: Know the Facts*) or item number F38 (for *Straight Talk About Youth Gangs: Fact for Educators*). The price for 25 copies of either fact sheet is \$10; for 50 copies, \$15; and for 75 copies, \$18.75 (prices do not include shipping).

CRIME PREVENTION MONTH KIT, 2006-2007

The *Crime Prevention Month Kit 2006-2007, Partnering with Law Enforcement to Prevent Crime* is here. This year's kit is designed to extend resources and enhance efforts through partnering with law enforcement and other organizations. The kit, in 12-month calendar form, provides strategies and reproducible materials to help communities work together with law enforcement to prevent and reduce crime. The strategies and program examples for each month illustrate ways to build on traditional crime prevention practices through partnerships. The materials and resources in the kit are intended for use in everyday outreach, newsletters, special events, public service announcements, and targeted media campaigns. The kit is filled with ready-to-go resources for the law enforcement officer or community partner looking to educate communities on the basics of crime prevention and how people can work together with law enforcement to help "Take A Bite Out Of Crime."

To order the kit, call 800-NCPC-911 and ask for item K21D. Cost is \$2.00 plus shipping.

If you have a question or concern you would like to see answered here, email tcc@ncpc.org.