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YOUTH IN SERVICE



PREVENTING THEFT IN SCHOOLS

As students and faculty make their way back to school this month, it is important to remember that everyone can play a role in preventing theft in schools. In a 2006 survey of middle and high school students in four states conducted by TCC staff, theft was identified as one of the most pervasive problems in schools across the country. This problem was seemingly aggravated by the number of personal electronic devices today's young people use and carry. There are steps students can take to keep their belongings safe.

Consider posting these tips in your classroom or community center.

- Keep your belongings locked in your locker while at school.
- Leave valuables such as jewelry and expensive electronic devices at home.
- Never leave your backpack or purse unattended.
- Never leave anything of value in your desk, even if you're only going to the restroom.

Use *Community Works*' Session 22: *Property Crimes: What You Can Do* to teach teens about property crimes, their impact on individuals and the community, and how teens can protect themselves and others from property crimes. For a complimentary copy of Session 22, email tcc@ncpc.org.

CELEBRATE CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

October is Crime Prevention Month! During this month, communities across the country recognize and celebrate the practice of crime prevention, while promoting awareness of important issues such as victimization, volunteerism, and creating safer, more caring communities. The month-long celebration spotlights successful crime prevention efforts in communities nationwide.

The National Crime Prevention Council is sponsoring a Crime Prevention Month poster contest as a way to engage children and youth in crime prevention month. Encourage your students to submit a poster that visually depicts their ideas of preventing crime or staying safe in their communities. For more information about the rules, awards, and deadlines for the contest, visit www.ncpc.org/tcc.

NCPC's 2007–2008 Crime Prevention Month Kit is now available. The theme of this year's kit is "Protecting Children and Youth," and it contains a 12-month calendar that highlights ways to engage children and youth in crime prevention and keep them safe while using the Internet. The kit includes reproducible brochures in English and Spanish that correspond to crime prevention strategies highlighted in each month of the calendar.

To order one complimentary Crime Prevention Month Kit, call 800-NCPC-911 (800-627-2911). An electronic version of the kit is available on NCPC's website, www.ncpc.org.

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Now that the new school year has begun, *Community Works* instructors can register their *Community Works* sites by completing the 2007–2008 Site Agreement Form (available at www.ncpc.org/tcc).

Registered *Community Works* instructors

- Will receive technical assistance with the program, lesson development, and service project planning at their request
- Are eligible to apply for a service-learning mini-grant to support youth-led projects
- Are eligible to apply for an instructor stipend to support additional costs associated with program implementation

For more information about registration and a list of other benefits, visit www.ncpc.org/tcc.

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COMMUNITY WORKS IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING

Are you interested in learning how to successfully implement the *Community Works* program? NCPC invites you to a two-day implementation training at the Hilton Atlanta in Atlanta, GA, from October 1–2, 2007. This training will introduce participants to the *Community Works* program, cover crime prevention and law-related education basics, share teaching strategies to engage student participants, and discuss how *Community Works* can supplement existing curricula or programs. This training is appropriate for law enforcement officers, teachers, community organization workers, court diversion personnel, juvenile detention staff, and anyone who wishes to engage young people as partners in prevention.

The attendee registration fee is \$175. This fee includes the two-volume *Community Works* curriculum and continental breakfast and lunch each day. The registration deadline is September 14, 2007. **A limited number of scholarships are available.**

For more information about the training or scholarships, contact Lori Brittain at Lbrittain@ncpc.org or 202-261-4161.

Community Works training participants will receive a special discounted registration rate to attend the 8th National Conference on Preventing Crime from October 3–5, 2007, which is also being held at the Hilton Atlanta in Atlanta, GA.

NCPC'S 8TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PREVENTING CRIME

The National Crime Prevention Council's 8th National Conference on Preventing Crime: *Helping Build Safer Communities* will be held from October 3–5, 2007, in Atlanta, GA. The conference's training sessions include the following tracks:



- Crime prevention for business
- Partnering with government and law enforcement
- Promoting crime prevention and personal safety basics
- Protecting children and youth
- Leadership in crime prevention
- Emerging crime trends

The conference is designed for law enforcement officials; crime prevention practitioners; community-based leaders; policymakers on the local, state, and national levels; government officials; state leaders; youth organization staff; and other concerned citizens. This is an opportunity for colleagues with a common interest to come together to share resources and ideas and to work toward collaborative solutions.

For more information about the conference, visit www.ncpc.org/NationalConference2007. If you have additional questions about the conference, please contact conference@ncpc.org or 202-261-4165.

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Alliance for Children and Families' 2007 National Conference will be held from October 17–19, 2007, in Anaheim, CA. Contact www.alliance1.org.

International Bullying Prevention Association's 4th Annual Conference: Best Practices on Bullying and School Violence Prevention will be held from November 5–8, 2007, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Contact www.stopbullyingworld.com.

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