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TO: District Superintendents, Title IV SDFSC Contacts, School Psychologists, Site Administrators

FROM: Title IV/TUPE/ Prevention Programs Coordinator
School-Community Partnerships Department

SUBJECT: School Safety/Prevention Tip Sheet for Site Administrators

The attached informational item was received today from Linda Sargent, School Safety Consultant with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office. The PDF document entitled, "Tips for School Administrators for Reinforcing School Safety", was created by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). Please take note of the upcoming KCSOS training opportunities that specifically address school safety measures highlighted in the NASP tip sheet.

- *Tip #7: "Provide crisis training and professional development for staff based upon needs assessment."*
 - October 26, 2006: **Listening to Students: Using the Healthy Kids Resilience/Youth Development Module Data to Improve Your School** (Presenters: Bonnie Benard, Carol Burgoa.) For more information, see attached flyer. To register - contact Stephanie Frey, (661) 636-4638.
- *Tip # 4: "Conduct a formal review of all school safety policies and procedures to ensure that emerging school safety issues are adequately covered in current school crisis plans and emergency response procedures. (Such reviews should take place at least annually" per Ed. Code)*
 - **Crisis Response Training** November 1, 2006: (Presenters: Linda Sargent, Sgt. Joe Grubbs, BPD. To register - contact Monica Fetalvaro at (661) 636-4652).
- *Tip # 8: "Highlight violence prevention programs and curriculum currently being taught in school. Emphasize the efforts of the school to teach students alternatives to violence including peaceful conflict resolution and positive interpersonal relationship skills. Cite specific examples such as Second Step Violence Prevention, bully proofing, or other positive interventions and behavioral supports."*
 - **KCSOS supported programs that fit the "Suggested Steps to Reinforce School Safety" (page1) include the following:**
 - **Peer Conflict Mediation Training** (see website for details, Conflict Mediation staff training was offered September 28, 2006)
 - **Safe School Ambassadors program overview:**
 - November 28, 2006 staff, students in grades 4-8
 - November 29, 2006 staff, students in grades 9-12
 - **Caring School Community curriculum training** (grades K-6). Dates TBD, contact Daryl Thiesen (661) 636-4757 for details.
 - **Bullying Prevention/Intervention workshop**, November 17, 2006. (Presenter-Wayne Sakamoto, San Diego COE). To register - contact Monica Fetalvaro at (661) 636-4652.
 - **Too Good For Drugs and Violence curriculum training**
 - **Too Good For Drugs-** Grades K-6, October 17, 2006.
 - **Too Good For Drugs & Violence-**grades 9-12, October 24, 2006.
 - To register – contact Stephanie Frey at (661) 636-4638.
 - **Project ALERT** curriculum training, November 15, 2006. To register – contact Stephanie Frey at (661) 636-4638.
- Tip#12: Threat assessment and risk procedures and teams for conducting the assessments.
 - KCSOS printed a **Threat Assessment** protocol template document several years ago in collaboration with Kern County law enforcement and Kern County Mental Health. To inquire about this document, contact Linda Sargent at (661) 636-4744.

Should you have any questions please call me, Daryl Thiesen (661) 636-4757 or email: dathiesen@kern.org.

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