



Youth Initiative Program

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YIP Forum Reminder

The Youth Initiative Program (YIP) will hold its next networking forum at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2008 in the assembly room of the El Paso Housing Authority, located at 5300 East Paisano. Please make plans to attend.

Tables will be available for agency or group brochures or activity flyers.



Housing Authority City of El Paso

Networking at YIP Forum

About 200 people attended the June 19th YIP forum in celebration of the 4th of July and to hear featured speaker Detective Roger Chairez of the El Paso Police Department's Gang Unit.

YIP thanks: The Juvenile Justice Center Challenge Program Color Guard, Officer Slade Davis of the Northeast Regional Command for singing "God Bless the U.S.A.", Sierra Providence Teen Health Resource Center for providing the all-American menu, our volunteers - Angie Rivera, Norma Flores, Joe Rubio, Pat Gonzalez, Cindy Peters -, Patrick Perez for the entertainment and a special thanks to all of you who attended to share!

Childhood Trauma Seminar

The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children in conjunction with the City of El Paso Department of Public Health will be presenting a two-day seminar on Childhood Trauma on July 23-24, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Canutillo Independent School District Administration Building, 7965 Aircraft Road.

Very specific intervention techniques will be demonstrated which are designed to stabilize those in crisis in the days that follow exposure at a time when specific trauma intervention would not be appropriate. Part II will address specific interventions and protocol in the first four weeks in school and community settings. Cost: \$20; CE credit provided for SW, NBCC, TX LPC, Nursing CE credit \$35. Credits available day of seminar. For information contact Debra Davis at debra.a.davis@elpasotexas.gov.



Juvenile Justice Center Challenge Boot Camp Program Color Guard

←At the June YIP Forum (l-r):

(Retired) Lt. Joe Molinar - El Paso Police Department Crimes Against Children Section, YIP **Officer Raul Garcia, Nell Tovar**, YIP Coordinator, **Lt. Humberto Talamantes**, Pebble Hills Regional Command Center, **Araceli Salcedo**, Coordinator of the School Emergency Preparedness Program, and **Lt. Monica Gomez**, Crimes Against Children Section.



The University of Texas at El Paso Upward Bound Program is accepting applications for the 2008-2009 academic year. Ninth and Tenth grade students enrolled in the Ysleta Independent School District are encouraged to apply. Upward Bound is a free, year round college prep program for high school students that prepares low income, potential first generation college bound students for success in post-secondary education.

Once selected students remain in the program until graduation from high school and completion of their first summer semester of university. Along with Math, English, Reading and Science improvement classes, program benefits include: college visits and field trips, assistance with college application and financial aid processes, participation in academic programs and cultural events, career awareness, monthly allowance, preparation for college admissions tests, and much more. Contact Adrian McGinnis, UB Coordinator, at (915) 747-5840 or (915) 747-5149.



Detective Roger Chairez of the El Paso Police Department Gang Unit spoke about gang issues in the area, gang involvement indicators and prevention. Contact: Sgt. Reginald Moton at (915) 564-7360.

Free Training & Employment for Migrant and Seasonal Workers

If your parents worked in agriculture during the last 24 months, you could qualify for vocational training and employment services through Motivation, Education & Training (MET). MET's Classroom Training is taught by Western Tech, International Schools, and El Paso Community College. All training, supplies, books, tools, and stipend are paid by MET. The Work Experience Training for individuals with a high school diploma or GED offers about \$7 per hour for 3 months to gain office skills in a non-profit environment and then job placement assistance. Contact MET at 1359 Lomaland Dr., Room 701, El Paso, TX (915) 598-9071 or 206 8th St., Fabens, TX (915) 887-2792. E-mail elpaso@metinc.org.

Texas Reading Club Jubilee

The Fabens Independent School District Community Library has partnered with the Texas State Library Commission to celebrate 50 years of literacy across Texas by hosting the Texas Reading Club Jubilee 1958-2008 on August 4, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fabens Middle School Cafeteria, 800 Walker Drive, Fabens, Texas. Activities will run through July 31 to promote reading as a leisure activity, stimulate curiosity, and to encourage children to use library resources. Volunteer readers are needed for Wednesday mornings beginning at 9:15 a.m., and goody-bag donations such as pencils, stickers, coloring books, crayons, entertainment passes, and food passes are appreciated. Contact: Manuela Gutierrez (915) 765-2611.



Welcome to Emily Hobel, UTEP's new Director of Marketing and Promotions, Intercollegiate Athletics! Emily hails from Kentucky, but moved to El Paso from Long Beach, California in March 2008. She can be reached at (915) 747-8759 or emhobel@utep.edu.



Please call (915) 621-6789 for graffiti removal; keep this number handy to share with your neighbors!



Myrtle Lewis-Fykes, Coordinator, (left) and **Ceci Carpio**, Program Assistant of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) Program for the El Paso Independent School District, finished a successful school year of facilitating activities toward anti-drug and anti-violence initiatives. Congratulations to our SDFSC partners!

Country Fair Gears Up for 2008!

The Country Fair a fun-filled family friendly community wide two-day event that supports Community Solutions, a program that provides specialized services for children of prisoners and their families. Organizations and individuals who support the concept of healthy children and strong families may participate. Hand made crafts; game booths, country style foods, information booths –anything “country” and appropriate for youth can be entered; deadline August 15, 2008. Booth costs, Non-profits \$50 (\$15 refund); for-profits \$75 (\$25 refund). Refunds if all rules adhered.

Fair admission is \$1 for adults 18 and older. Children under 18 enter free. There are many free activities including all day entertainment and evening dances; hourly drawing prizes. Contact: Carolyn Esparza (915) 861-7733 or Kadey Wright (915) 861-3436.

Dawn Thurmond Serves Through Filling Life-Long Dream

Dawn Thurmond, who formerly served the community through the YWCA Racial Justice program, is now serving through her own company. “The Morning Muse”, dedicated to empowering people to lead the best lives they can manifest for themselves, provides services to people and organizations. Dawn, President and Inspirer, can be reached at (915) 479-0381 or www.themorningmuse.com.



Summer Safe Swim

The recent See and Save media campaign sponsored by the Texas Department of Protective and Family Services (TDPFS) stresses that constant supervision of kids around water combined with layers of protection such as swim lessons, pool fencing, the buddy system, knowing limitations of floatation devices, toilet lid locks, etc., is the best way to prevent child drowning. Besides swimming pools, drowning can occur in large and small amounts of water, such as spas, drainage ditches, buckets, and even commodes. Check out website: www.seeandsave.org. Contact Paul Zimmerman, Region 10 Public Information Officer, TDPFS, (915) 834-5747 or cell (915) 227-7760; paul.zimmerman@dfps.state.tx.us.



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Come Together Conference Texas Victim Services Association

The Texas Victim Services Association is sponsoring their 10th anniversary conference in Austin, Texas at the Sheraton Austin Hotel, from September 9-12, 2008. More than 20 advanced workshops offer best practices to ensure that victims receive the highest level of services, help you manage, develop and sustain your program, and network with experience victim service providers. Cost: \$225/member or \$275 non-member. Register online at www.txvsa.org by August 9, 2008.



Dr. Michael Crawford Addresses Partners at the May YIP forum.

Dr. Michael Crawford of Crawford and Associates Consulting and Counseling Services is offering a one day Quality Customer Service Training to be held on Saturday, July 12, 2008, at Park University, Bldg. 614, room #9 & #7 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. This is a 7-session series for \$150 (single session \$25). Register at (915) 999-4143 or e-mail Michael_crawford2@excite.com.

Revive 2008 Free Concert

The Revive 2008 Free Concert will be held at the Don Haskins Center on July 5, 2008 at 6 p.m. This will be the first time in El Paso that a recording artist who is heard on K-LOVE Radio (Starfield) and a recording artist who is heard on Spanish Christian radio (Tercer Cielo) will perform on the same stage on the same night.... Call (915) 474-5576 for information.

Lunchtime Stories in the Park

Lunchtime Stories in the Park at San Jacinto Plazawill run every Thursday (except July 3rd) until August 28, 2008. Each will be from 12 p.m. noon to 1 p.m. at the San Jacinto Park downtown and each will feature a special guest to tell stories of interest to all. The event is in coordination with the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department, El Paso Times Newspaper, El Paso Times Online Division, Central Business Association, and the Small Business Administration.

Take a different lunch break, enjoy the outdoors, and learn something new! For information call Sandy Rodriguez (915) 240-3310.



Canutillo High STEP Team

Teens from Canutillo High School completed the Student Teen Emergency Preparedness (STEP) program in May 2008. Each group of students researched emergency preparedness and presented their work to an elementary school audience. A STEP team from Fabens High School has also completed the program this year. If your school is interested in having this training, please contact coordinators Helen Gutierrez, (915) 564-7257, GutierrezMH@elpasotexas.gov or Gizelle Alvarado (915) 564-7245 AlvaradoG@elpasotexas.gov.



Fabens High School STEP



MODEL CITIES — EL PASO

Free! Healthy Marriage Classes “Twogether in Texas”

The “Twogether in Texas” Healthy Marriage Initiative promotes free, skills-based pre-marriage education and provides couples with the tools needed to manage the challenges inherent in relationships. Classes, benefiting couples who are seriously dating, engaged or married, as well as singles, include eight hours of training including communication skills, conflict resolution, and the elements of a healthy marriage.

Beginning September 1, 2008 couples completing the classes will be able to request that the County Clerk waive the State Marriage License Fee, and the 72 hour waiting period to get married. For information call Roger O'Dell or Doug Mungavin at Model Cities – El Paso, (915) 591-0404 or www.elpasomarriage.org.

Out of Stock Alert - Teen Dating Violence Information

Due to overwhelming response and increasing demand, Jennifer Ann's Group has run out of educational cards on teen dating violence. Donations are being accepted toward additional printings in advance of their second Annual Fundraiser to Prevent Teen Dating Violence to be held on September 13, 2008. Lectures to parents, students, educators and other professionals are still available. Contact Dr. Elizabeth L. Richeson, Ph.D.M.S.PsyPharm, Advisory Board of Jennifer Ann's Group at drricheson@jenniferann.org or website: www.jenniferann.org.

Thanks to the STARBUCKS

Thanks to Cora Cardona, Starbucks Store Manager, 6900 North Mesa for your support to YIP and community!



El Paso Tobacco Network

The Tobacco Network invites you to a meeting to be held at noon, July 11th, 1100 North Stanton, B003 (basement). Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Nora Hernandez at norag@utep.edu or call (915) 747-5072.

Mark Your Calendar For Diabetes Expo

Telemundo 48, El Diario De El Paso and the El Paso Diabetes Association will sponsor Diabetes Expo on September 13, 2008 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Paso Convention Center. The Expo will feature blood glucose, cardiovascular, foot and eye screenings, exercise sessions, blood pressure checks, live cooking demonstrations and diabetes prevention.



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John Harris (right) President of Sierra Providence Health Network, Marcella Van Hoove (left), Administrative Director for Sierra Providence Teen Health Resource Centers and Melina Castro, District #4 City Representative, celebrate the new location of the Sierra Providence Teen Resource Center now located at 4717 Hondo Pass.



Ruth Armstrong, Education Outreach Coordinator, serves the Teen Center at 4717 Hondo Pass. The center is open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For information call (915) 755-TEEN (8336).



5k Run & Family Walk Event

The Children's Hospital at Providence is sponsoring the 2008 Trot For Tots 5k run and family walk for the Child Crisis Center (CCC) on Saturday, August 16, 2008 at Ascarate Park, 6900 Delta, to raise funds for the CCC Emergency Shelter and Circle of Love Nursery.

Fun Fair activities include a mascot race, face painting and kids games - all free! Race fees: free for children 5 and under; \$5 for ages 6-12; \$20 for adults; \$15 per person for teams of 10 or more. (day of race fees slightly higher). Free t-shirts to first 300 attendees.

Sponsorships are greatly appreciated. To sponsor or for information, call (915) 562-7955 x 218.

Children Under 21 with Medicaid Can Receive Free Therapy Services!

Omega TheraPlayHab Services

wants parents to know that qualifying patients under 21 with Medicaid (El Paso First, Texas Star, Superior and CHIP) may be eligible to receive Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy services with no out of pocket expense, including transportation; physician referral is required. Speech Therapy addresses issues such as receptive and/or expressive language disorders, articulation and/or oral motor disorders, and stuttering. Occupational Therapy addresses sensory integration issues as well as fine motor disturbances. Physical Therapy addresses strength, coordination, and gait training. Call (915) 771-8523, (915) 478-0652 or e-mail Dr. Scotti Ballmer, sballmer@elp.rr.com.

Post Your Event on Calendar Nonprofit Enterprise Center

The Nonprofit Enterprise Center (NpEC) will include your upcoming events and post your nonprofit job opportunities on their monthly mailing and website. Contact Alma Garcia at alma@nonprofitec.org.



Recovery Under the Stars!

Recovery Alliance, an organization of people in recovery from alcoholism and drug addiction, will be celebrating "National Recovery Month" on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at the Chamizal Park Amphitheater. The day-long event includes a Rally for Recovery kick-off, followed by live music and entertainment at Recovery Under the Stars, voter registration tables, local celebrity speakers, cultural dancers and games and activities throughout the day - appropriate for all ages!. Barbeque, picnic foods and traditional border favorites will be offered. Contact: Lydia Smith (915) 594-7000.

Recovery Alliance provides residential recovery services at Casa Vida de Salud.