

Youth Initiative Program

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MEETING REMINDER

The Youth Initiative Program (YIP) will hold its next networking meeting on Thursday, November 16, at 10 a.m. in the El Paso Housing Authority Assembly Room, 5300 E. Paisano. Please make plans to attend; bring your agency information! Contact: YIP office at (915) 298-9600.



Coats for Kids Drive

The El Paso Federation of Families is conducting a Coats For Kids Drive for less fortunate area youth. Please drop off new or gently used coats at 5304 El Paso Drive, call (915) 771-7363 or e-mail anmartinez@epcounty.com.



Students Learn Effects of Alcohol

Robert Ramirez, Communities in Schools, guides a Dolphin Terrace middle school student through an exercise with the Fatal Vision goggles to experience the effects of alcohol and the dangers of drinking and driving.

Parent Support Nights

The El Paso Center for Children, Del Valle High School, Lancaster and LeBarron Elementary have been holding Parent Support Nights at Del Valle High School since September. The remaining schedule is as follows, from 6-7:30 p.m.: November 9, Positive Discipline; November 30, Managing Stress; December 14, Closure and certificates.

The courses are facilitated by Linda Escoto, MEd. No babysitting provided; Bilingual sessions. Contact Martha Campos at (915) 434-3180 or Linda Escoto at (915) 562-4765.



Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Mayor Cook is again coordinating the Annual Thanksgiving Lunch at the Convention Center on Thursday, November 23, 2006. To volunteer, please contact the Rio Grande Council of Governments/Area Agency on Aging and indicate the preferred shift of 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Contact: Zulema Lazarin, SALSA Project Specialist at (915) 533-0998.



Alcohol Awareness Rally

Robert Guile, Ft. Bliss Army Substance Abuse Program and Tephania Hopper, Volunteer Program, pictured above, were among those who gave opening remarks to start off the Rally that was held at Ft. Bliss on Friday afternoon, Oct. 20th. Hundreds attended in support of the message.

Turkeys for Migrant Families

The Migrant Education Program works with families with very low incomes who cannot afford the financial demands of Thanksgiving. Without your help many of our neediest children will never come to know the true meaning and celebration that comes with Thanksgiving. If you can donate a turkey, please e-mail Claudia Andrade at candrade@fabensisd.net or call (915) 892-2344. She will pick up the turkeys prior to Nov. 10.



Time Warner Cable Visits YIP

Rene Hurtado (right) and Roberto Chacon (left) were featured guest speakers from Time Warner Cable at the Oct. 19th Youth Initiative Program (YIP) meeting. They spoke to the nearly 100 present about their community outreach efforts and their free programming for teachers. Contact: (915) 772-1123 or Roberto.chacon@twc.sbc.com.



Web site on free anti-smoking presentations for elementary students: <http://www.tafp.org/tarwars>.



The Montwood Wellness Center and Socorro IDS have partnered with the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile to reach out to children where they live and go to school. The mobile units offer a source of primary care that will reduce the dependence on emergency rooms; educate parents and children about healthy lifestyles and safety, and overall, start building continuity of healthcare for the children. It accepts Medicaid, CHIP, and most commercial insurances. Call Mobile to verify coverage: 856-5774. Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Community Activist Wins State Award

Carl Robinson, community activist and YIP member, was recently nominated for the Special Olympics Texas' 2006 Volunteer of the Year award. Carl has been named Optimist of the Year, Junior Achievement Volunteer of the Year, Northeast Citizen of the Year, and Omega Citizen of the Year! Annually, he promotes the Martin Luther King Jr. Canned Food Drive at the YIP meetings. On behalf of YIP staff and members, we extend our thanks and our appreciation to Carl for the many services he provides to the community. Congratulations!



Health Fair & Parent Conference

Henderson Middle School held a parent teacher conference and resource fair on Oct. 4. Parents were able to speak with teachers and agency representatives about their children and community concerns (above, Officer Louie Romero with a concerned parent). Contact: Rebecca Carr, Parental Involvement, 887-3080.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Working Together to End Modern Day Slavery

A Human Trafficking Conference will be held on November 1-2, 2006, at the Radisson Hotel, 1770 Airway Blvd. Registration is 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided both days.

This seminar will empower the attendee with the knowledge of Human Trafficking and its effect on victims. The course will include the characteristics and challenges involved while investigating Human Trafficking cases. You will be versed in State and Federal laws and the services available to the victims. Not to be confused with smuggling, Trafficking is worldwide and is growing as the preferred method of operation for organized crime. Techniques in developing and maintaining close relationships with non-governmental organizations and the community will be addressed. You will be able to better identify trafficking in various forms of forced labor and prostitution leading to effective interdiction. Contact: Paul Piñon (915) 564-7198 or PinonP@elpasotexas.gov.

Avance Receives Major Funding

Avance is receiving up to \$2.25 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services over the next five years:

AmeriCorps grant - \$334,400 per year for three years to enroll 22 mostly AVANCE parenting and GED graduates as AmeriCorps members and serve the community while earning money for college

Responsible Fatherhood/Healthy Marriage grant - \$250,000 per year for five years to provide couples classes in the evenings that strengthen marital relationships contributing to the well being of children.

Contact: Sanjay Mathur, Executive Director, <http://www.avance-elpaso.org>



Carly Martinez Awareness Race

Join the annual Carly Martinez Race for Awareness that will be held on November 11, 2006, at 9 a.m., 4523 Riverbend Drive in the Upper Valley. The event is sponsored by STARS (Sexual Trauma & Assault Response Services), a non-profit organization which assists victims of sexual assault. Fees for the 10K run or 2-mile walk are: \$15 pre-registered team participants; free t-shirts for the first 400; \$20 pre-registered for single participants; free goodies and door prizes; \$25 late registration. Race day registration 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Opening ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Contact is Kathy Giovas at (915) 533-7700 or kgiovas2stars@yahoo.com.

Join "a walk for our loved ones" on Saturday, November 11. Contact Terri Chavira at (915) 599-5703.

Help Keep Kids in School

Victory Warriors will host their 6th Annual Mentor Breakfast on December 2, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. at the Biggs Field Centennial Club. To be a mentor, contact Thelma Bertley at 751-6399.

GED Classes to Start

GED classes will start on Oct. 30, 2006 at the Rio Valle Women's Club, 521 Mike Maros; Mon. – Thurs., 9 am - noon. On Nov 27, El Paso Community College classes through UTEP GED/HEP will be hosted at the Fabens Housing Authority Community Center, 1100 Yann, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. For information, contact Claudia Andrade (915) 764-3711, ext. 222.

School Emergency Preparedness

The Code Blue Program, Crimes Against Children Section, held emergency preparedness training for Fabens School District staff on Oct. 4th. The purpose of the training was to equip school staff with the basic knowledge and tools in crisis planning. Code Blue is a collaborative effort between school districts and other government agencies. For more information, please contact Araceli Salcedo or Marlo Tena at (915) 298-9814 or SalcedoA@elpasotexas.gov.



Join the Sun City International Race for Independence that will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2006 at Ascarate Park. The 5K Race, 1 Mile Fun Walk and adapted events benefit people with disabilities in El Paso; all races begin at 8 a.m. Early registration is \$20. Registration form: <http://www.suncityrace.com/RegForm.doc>. Call (915) 532-4495 or register on line at www.runelpaso.com.

Food Distribution & Fair

The Border Fair Housing and Economic Justice Center is holding a Community Fair & Food Distribution Drive on November 18, 2006, from 9 a.m. – noon at the Canutillo Senior Center, Gallegos Park, 7351 Bosque. The purpose is to provide relief to 124 colonias in El Paso's Upper Valley who were adversely affected by the recent flooding through a multi-pronged approach at community recovery. If your agency would like to participate by providing information, education on basic health and safety issues, please call (915) 351-2770 to register.

Volunteers are needed to pack food boxes on Nov. 17 from 2-4:30 p.m.; load food boxes Nov. 18, 8:30 –11 a.m. and to be in a parade on Nov. 23 2006. For information, contact Elsa Saenz esaenz@borderfairhousing.org.

Safety Tips

While Shopping:

Always keep your children close to you.
Do not shop alone.
Never take more money than you need to make your purchases.
Do not flash your money when paying for items.
Pay with a check card or credit card.
Be aware of you surroundings.
Do not leave any purchases or purses unattended.
Do not overburden yourself with packages.
Carry valuables in your pockets and keep your purse close to your body.

When going out:

Never leave a drink unattended.
Never accept drinks from strangers.
Never go out alone.
Tell someone where you are going, and to know whom you are going with.
Stay aware of your surroundings.
Always know where you are going or being taken.
Stay sober.
If you start feeling that you may have been drugged, call 911 immediately.



**UTEP Soccer
Makes History!**

On National Television Sunday, Oct. 8th, UTEP's Soccer team beat #17 Rice 1-0.

Kia Dowell, UTEP Athletics Assistant Director of Marketing said, "We had a fantastic turnout on Sunday to our "Break the Attendance Record" (1,106 fans), and we beat Rice 1-0. Thank you for all your support and amazing opportunities to network."

Kia Dowell, UTEP Athletics Assistant Director of Marketing & Promotions, (915) 747-6065, kdowell@utep.edu.



**Pebble Hills Elementary
School Donates \$1,000**

In celebration of Red Ribbon Week students sponsored a walk-a-thon that raised \$1,000. The money was donated to M.A.D.D. Bravo, students!



Updates to Helpline Directory

Ysleta ISD – Teen Parent Services
9600 Sims Dr., El Paso, TX 79925
(915) 434-7244 Fax: (915) 434-7233
E-mail: akell@yisd.net Luisa Kell
Web site: www.yisd.net

Service: Free academic and social support services for teen parents pregnant, parent or in a parenting role.

Eligibility: Enrolled or in need of enrolling into any YISD school.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Other: Program participation will assist with counseling, job readiness and career counseling, child care services, transportation, instruction in parenting knowledge and skills, assistance in obtaining services from government agencies or community service organizations, and home instruction during maternity leave.

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- ...Increases employee value, moral, esteem, and retention.
- ...Focuses on flexible class schedules for working adults.

Call Lynda King Corporate Education Liaison at (505) 997-3070.

MARS - Multi Agency Referral System

High School *	Date/Time	Contact / Phone / Fax / EMail
Bel-Air Room 203	2006: 10/26, 11/16 2007: 1/18, 2/15, 4/19, 5/17	Terry Randall, CIS, 434-2042/434-2174, tghammer@yahoo.com (Thursday @ 8:00 a.m.)
Chapin Library # 151	2006: 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11 2007: 2/12, 3/19, 4/16, 5/7	Barbara Augustine, 832-6730/565-9794, bjaugust@episd.org (Monday @ 8:45 a.m.)
El Dorado A118	2006: Dates to be 2007: determined	Gina Reyes, CIS, 937-3253/851-7820, greyes08@sisd.net (Thursday @ 1:30 p.m.)
El Paso Library	2006: 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12 2007: 1/9, 2/20, 3/20, 4/10, 5/8	Christina Soria, 496-8300/532-2008, cmsoria@episd.org (Tuesday @ 9 a.m.)
Fabens Library	2006: 9/20, 10/25, 11/15, 12/13 2007: 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/25, 5/16	Claudia Andrade, 892-2344, candrade@fabensisd.net (Wednesday @ noon)
Franklin Teachers Room	2006: 10/18, 11/15, 12/13, 2007: 1/17, 2/14, 3/14, 4/18, 5/16	Rachel Olguin, 832-6600/587-4094, rolquin@episd.org (Wednesday @ 10 a.m.)
Hanks Teacher's Room	2006: 9/26, 10/24, 11/28 2007: 1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22	Cynthia Alcala, 434-5188/598-4621, cynthialcala@yahoo.com (Tuesday @ 9:00 a.m.)
Ysleta High School Library	2006: 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6, 2007: 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2	Aurora Duran, 434-8021/434-8027, ahernandez10@yisd.net (Wednesdays @ 8:30 a.m.)

* Includes feeder schools. Schools have confirmed dates; however you may verify directly with the school.

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Happy Thanksgiving!