

# Youth Initiative Program

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Network Providers Newsletter

## MEETING REMINDER



The Youth Initiative Program (YIP) will hold its next networking meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at 10 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the El Paso Housing Authority located at 5300 E. Paisano (the old Post Office); 849-3857. Please enter only through the Cortez Street entrance which is across the street from the Pooley Apts. Look for the handicapped parking by the satellite dish and the YIP sign that will be posted on the ramp adjacent to the meeting entrance. Parking is available inside the fenced area near the meeting entrance, along Cortez Street, and at the Housing Authority Family Center – 203 Cortez. Contact: 298-9600.

## Happy Valentine's Day



YIP's guest speaker this month will be Sandra Sparks-Olivar of the Miracle League of El Paso. Players, coaches, and volunteers are being recruited for the new season which starts March 25, 2006. Players are three years of age and older; volunteers or "angels in the outfield" are ten years and older. Games will be every Saturday from March 25<sup>th</sup> until the end of May 2006 at Nations Tobin Park in the indoor roller hockey arena, northeast El Paso. Registration is \$35 for children who can pay; sponsorships are available. Contact: Sandra at 872-9249.



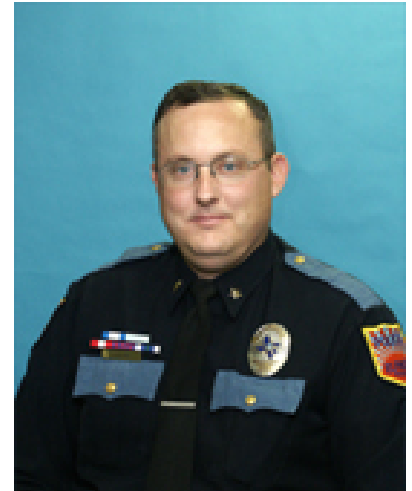
## Police - Student Summit



The El Paso Independent School District Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities and the El Paso Police Department Youth Initiative Program (YIP) will sponsor a one-day summit for middle school students on Thursday, March 2, 2006.

The event, "Community Awareness for Teens," is designed to foster the development of leadership in youth by providing skills to help them make positive choices and to seek their input on issues such as safety, peer pressure, tolerance, smoking, and drugs/drinking. Program participants and sponsors will use the information gleaned from student surveys collected at the summit to improve the work they do with students.

The summit will take place on at the El Maida Temple, 6331 Alabama, from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM.



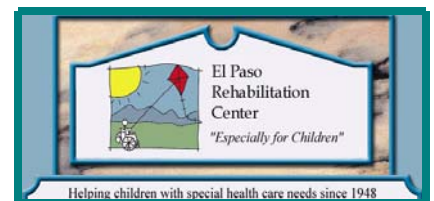
**Deputy Chief K. Adcox**

Congratulations to Commander Ken Adcox on his promotion by Chief Richard Wiles to Deputy Chief. Deputy Chief Adcox will oversee Regional Operations II, which includes the Mission Valley Regional Command, Northeast Regional Command and Westside Regional Command Center. Commander Adcox was previously working as interim Deputy Chief for Regional Operations II after the retirement of Deputy Chief Ricardo Guzman.



## Director's Community Leadership Award

The FBI El Paso Division honored the Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition for outstanding contributions to the community. Marge Bartoletti, Director of RGSCC, accepted the award on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> from El Paso Agent Manual Mora. An NHTSA award will be presented at the CADCA Forum February 16, 2006.



## Workshop for Youth with Disabilities

The El Paso Rehabilitation Center is hosting a workshop for youth with disabilities entitled "Aligning Your Dreams With Your Power" to be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Region 19, 6611 Boeing, Tierra del Sol Room, from 1 - 4 p.m. Spanish translation & sign language interpretation will be available if requested in advance. Registration is limited to the first 60. Contact: Lucila Lozano 544-8484.



Back: Pat Gonzalez, center: Fred Gromand, front left to right: Terry Melendez & Joseph Welch

Members of the EPPD Victims Services Response Team (VSRT) get additional training in Critical Incident Stress Management on Jan. 30 & 31, 2006 at Texas Tech Medical Center. VSRT provides immediate, efficient, and compassionate service to crime victims in an effort to mitigate the damage done by the criminal. Volunteers attend 80 hrs of training. For information or to volunteer contact Gloria Graells at 564-7045.

***STRENGTH. HOPE. RECOVERY***

The Texas Education Agency and Education Service Center Region 19 are holding a public meeting to gather input on Special Education in Texas. All interested parties are welcome to attend. **During the meeting, your input will be requested on the following specific topic areas. Input will be gathered only on these topics.**

**Access to the General Curriculum**

*Question: How does a student with disabilities' access to the general curriculum affect his or her results?*

**Statewide Assessments\***

*Question: How does parent involvement and participation in their child with a disability's education affect results?*

**Parent Participation**

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**Education Service Center, Region 19**

**6611 Boeing Dr. – Feb. 20, 2006**

**Registration & Info: 3:30 – 4:30 PM**

**Meeting: 4:30 – 7:00 PM**



The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute invites you to apply for a unique leadership program. The Ford Motor Company CHLI Leadership Program offers an internship experience for students to develop their personal, educational, and leadership skills. This exciting six-week internship program offers invaluable exposure to the inner workings of the United States Congress, the Federal Government, and Washington, DC-based think tanks and international institutions.

Eight students from California, Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico will be selected and placed with Members of Congress.

**Application deadline: Friday 04 / 14 / 06**

**Program Dates: 06 / 17 thru 07 / 29 / 06**

For information contact: Melissa Buia, Program Manager, Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute at [mbuia@chli.org](mailto:mbuia@chli.org) or at 202-429-2033. To register, go to the link: <http://academics.utep.edu/Portals/401/announcements/CHLI2006%20Program%204-H>

"4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills."

Contact: Jimmy L. Rodgers, Texas Cooperative Extension at 859-7725, Ext. 237 or [j-rodgers@tamu.edu](mailto:j-rodgers@tamu.edu). Web site: <http://elpasotex.tamu.edu>.



The Child Crisis Center of El Paso is Sponsoring Circus Chimera to raise funds for the prevention of child abuse and neglect in El Paso. The Circus will be held at the Sunland Park Mall and the Fox Plaza Shopping Center.

Purchasing a block of tickets will sponsor free tickets to area agencies that work with children who otherwise could not attend. The funds raised will help clothe, feed and provide outings for children who stay at the Center.

To purchase tickets call the Child Crisis Center at 562-7955 or visit the web site: [www.childcrisiselp.org](http://www.childcrisiselp.org).

**Training Opportunities**

The Center for Domestic Preparedness has released the April through June 2006 training calendar earlier than usual to assist departments in formulating their training plans.

All applications with medical screening forms must go through your state point of contact. For information on seating availability through March contact:

David Hall, Central Region Training Coordinator, Center for Domestic Preparedness; Office 866-213-9547 or 256-847-2084; Cell 256-591-5175, Fax 256-847-2222

[halld@cdpemail.dhs.gov](mailto:halld@cdpemail.dhs.gov)

<http://cdp.dhs.gov>

*"An organization cannot expect to grow and prosper if the skills of its people never do!"*



Nora Druipple, CISM instructor & Susan Hatch, OAG (pictured at right)

**Crisis Intervention Training**

Nora Druipple, ACSW, LCSW, Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Trainer from Austin, TX., was in El Paso the week of Jan. 30 - Feb. 3, 2006 to instruct Basic and Advanced Crisis Intervention. CISM is a comprehensive, multi-component system of crisis intervention for anyone in the field of crisis intervention, victim services, mental health, emergency services and disaster assistance. The course was offered through the West Texas Crisis Consortium that operates in El Paso and surrounding area. If your agency would like to participate or if you would like to volunteer for critical incident response, please contact: Susan Hatch, Office of the Attorney General at 834-5815.



**Texas Bicycle Coalition**  
[www.BikeTexas.org](http://www.BikeTexas.org)

**Join or Renew Now! or Make a Donation!**

Texas Bicycle Coalition is celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2006!

In This Month's Issue:

[Reminder: TxDOT Transportation Enhancements Deadline Is April 28](#)

[Call for Cyclists to Attend National Bike Summit](#)

[Coalition Publishes First Annual Report](#)

[Torture Test Raises Funds for BikeTexas Trail Docs](#)

[Coalition Successfully Rallies Cyclists to Support Bikeway Funding](#)

[San Antonio TxDOT District Conducting Pavement Bikeability Test](#)

[Have You Gotten Your Women of Bicycle Sport Shop Calendar?](#)

[BikeTexas Member Events](#)

**Bike El Paso, Bike!**



The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has merged with other agencies and is now part of the new Department of State Health Services (DSHS), resulting in the following e-mail address format change for all employees:  
[firstname.lastname@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:firstname.lastname@dshs.state.tx.us)



**Together for Children**  
**EXHIBITORS WANTED!!**

"Together for Children" is a public awareness campaign to benefit children. Developed in 1997 to promote quality health, education and safety for children, this campaign informs and educates children and their families, along with child advocates on the importance of safe guarding our tomorrow's leaders. Regardless of ethnic and economic status, children have the right and the need for quality health, education and a safe environment for their social, emotional, and physical well being throughout their childhood.

Each year, a Mini-March event is held at the El Paso Zoo in collaboration with area agencies, organizations, and businesses to provide educational material for parents centered on fun-filled activities for children. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants consist of over 400-home care providers and over 300-licensed child care centers. Bows will be distributed to each exhibitor for display to represent three important aspects of a child's life:

- Blue** = Child Abuse Prevention
- Red** = All Health Issues
- Yellow** = Education

To register, contact: Cheryl Kelly at [www.together4children.org](http://www.together4children.org) or to learn more about Together for Children.

**Accelerate Classes & Graduate**

Many older students need a boost to get them out of high school and into college. The Paso del Norte Academy offers students the opportunity to accelerate their classes and prepare for the required TAKS exams. They are now accepting applications for grades 9 – 12. The Academy is an open enrollment charter high school accepting students from all neighborhoods in El Paso; no tuition; no fees for books. Visit [http://www.stdsapi.com/images/pdna\\_ap\\_p.pdf](http://www.stdsapi.com/images/pdna_ap_p.pdf) for an application or pick up one at 711 N. Mesa.



Chief Executive Officer, Cindy Nance, has tendered her resignation from the YWCA EL Paso Del Norte Region to pursue other personal and professional interests.

A Search Committee is seeking a qualified candidate for the CEO position. If you are interested contact Susan Cangurel Ph.D., SPHR Human Resources Officer at 915-779-5577x 254 or at [s.cangurel@ywcaelpaso.org](mailto:s.cangurel@ywcaelpaso.org), for an application packet.

The candidate would be someone with a personal and/or professional commitment to the YWCA's mission to eliminate racism, the economic empowerment of women and girls, and the YWCA core values.

**Project ChildSafe** has reported to Program Partners that in the State of Texas for 2005, 669 police depts. - including the EPPD - and 252 sheriff offices participated in distributing gun locks to the community - another effort in safe use and storage of guns to protect children.



**Teen Smoking is Down**

Lifetime use of cigarettes declined 2 percent among eighth-graders, decreased 1.7 percent among 10th-graders and declined 2.8 percent among 12th-graders, according to the Monitoring the Future survey done by the University of Michigan. The study surveyed 49,347 students in 402 public and private schools. Smoking is a concern because cigarette use is often seen prior to use of other drugs. Copyright 2005 The Associated Press. For further information contact: [Rebecca.Zima@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:Rebecca.Zima@dshs.state.tx.us).



**Volunteer Recognition**

Jessica Cravens, a volunteer mentor, received a certificate of appreciation at the First Annual banquet held for "Friends of Community SOLUTIONS" on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Community Solutions provides support services for families of prisoners at a time when services are most needed. The program provides activities, group involvement, life skills classes, continuing education, reintegration support, and mentors. If you are interested in being a mentor, please contact Carolyn Esparza, Director, at 861-7733 or e-mail [solutionsforepaso@juno.com](mailto:solutionsforepaso@juno.com).



**S.O.S. Training**

Secure Our Schools Coordinators; Araceli Salcedo and Marlo Tena initiated "2006" with a CODE BLUE training to faculty and staff at Rusk Elementary. Lt. Danny Medrano, from the El Paso Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management, assisted with the "Shelter in Place" presentation. Mr. Dorantes, Assistant Principal at Rusk Elementary, requested Secure Our Schools with assistance in developing a Crisis Response Plan and training for school personnel on Code Blue procedures. A total of 38 teachers were trained on January 6, 2006. Contact: 298-9600.



**Ft. Bliss Partner**

Ft. Bliss Army Community Service provides army emergency relief, financial counseling, family member employment program, parenting classes, stress management, and domestic violence awareness to Ft. Bliss service personnel. Peggy Brown participates in community events to stay abreast of services that would support their program. In turn, they provide area agencies the opportunity to outreach their services to the families at Ft. Bliss. Volunteers can assist both Ft. Bliss and/or the community. Contact: 568-0768.

**Crimes Against Children  
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