

**DROPOUT PREVENTION UPDATE**  
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**JOIN US IN CHICAGO!! October 9 - 12, 2011**, for the 23rd Annual National Dropout Prevention Network Conference: **"S.T.A.Y.: Systems Together Advancing Youth"**, **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!** [Click here](#) **Call for presenters:** [Click here](#)

**Top Stories**

NCES Releases report *The Condition of Education 2011* [Click here](#)

NCES Releases Public School Graduates and Dropouts from the Common Core of Data: 2008–09) [Click here](#)

U.S. ED's IES' NCES Releases Digest of Education Statistics, 2010 [Click here](#)

Panel Finds Few Learning Gains from Testing Movement [Click here](#)

**Sound Connections**

Free Webinar: Designing Academically Rigorous Service-Learning, June 9, 3:00 pm CST. [Click here](#)

Free Webinar: Bullying and Civil Rights: An Overview of Federal Obligations to Respond to Harassment June 3 @ 2:00 pm EDT [Click here](#)

Free Webinar: It's Academic! Enlivening Curriculum through Service-Learning Thursday, 6/6 3:30 pm EDT [Click here](#)

On-Demand Webinar: Finding Funding for Educational Technology [Click here](#)

Understanding Extended Year Graduation Rates: Lessons Learned by States (Archived on YouTube) [Click here](#)

**Funding Sources**

**Youth Service America to Announce Four YSA Grant Programs** in June: Watch the NSB and [www.YSA.org/grants](http://www.YSA.org/grants) for more information throughout the month of June.

**3 State Farm Foundation: Grants:** Safe neighbors, Strong Neighborhoods, Education Excellence Deadline: October 31, 2011 [Click here](#)

**Improving Students' Understanding of Geometry Grants** for PreK–8 Teachers. Deadline 11/11/11 [Click here](#)

**Parents of children with asthma** are invited to apply to win a \$2,500 savings bond for their child's continued education and a \$5,000 grant. [Click here](#)

**The Women's Division of the United Methodist General Board of Ministries** offers grants of up to \$4,000 for projects and programs addressing the needs of children and young people between the ages of 5 to 18 in the areas of violence prevention, anti-abuse, and relationship abuse. Deadline: July 1, 2011. [Click here](#)

**9/11 Service-Learning Grants** Deadline: June 17, 2011 [Click here](#)

**Be Big In Your Community Contest** Deadline: June 17 [Click here](#)

**Tom's of Maine 50 States for Good Community Sponsorship Program.** Deadline: June 21 [Click here](#)

**Tesoro** invests dollars in key community partnerships, programs and projects. Deadline: Ongoing [Click here](#)

**Best Buy Children's Foundation** Deadline August 1, 2011 [Click here](#)

**The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Leavey Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education** Maximum award: \$7,500. Deadline: November 1, 2011. [Click here](#)

**NCTM: Improving Students' Understanding of Geometry** Grants Deadline: November 11, 2011 [Click here](#)

**Policy Updates**

Read a summary of the House's First ESEA Bill. [Click here](#)

Montana State Superintendent Denise Juneau has gone ahead and just told Duncan that the state won't be raising its target proficiency rates for measuring AYP. [Click here](#)

State Legislatures Notch Major K-12 Policy Changes [Click here](#)

Building Competency-Based Pathways: Successes and Challenges from Leaders in the Field [Click here](#)

Embedding Bullying Interventions into a Comprehensive System of Student and Learning Supports [Click here](#)

## **International Notes**

Half of UK schools see budget cuts, survey suggests [Click here](#)

## **Effective Strategies**

### **Systemic Renewal**

Implementing Response to Intervention in Context [Click here](#)

The National High School Center is pleased to announce a new online, interactive tool that helps users assess their high school improvement efforts.: A Coherent Approach to High School Improvement [Click here](#)

Transitions to and from Elementary, Middle, and High School [Click here](#)

### **School-Community Collaboration**

Access resources that will help you foster and enrich school-community relationships in the May Whole Child newsletter. [Click here](#)

A podcast that discusses the value and fundamentals of developing and sustaining community engagement programs. [Click here.](#)

### **Safe Learning Environments**

SAMHSA Releases Free School Toolkit for Suicide Prevention [Click here](#)

### **Family Engagement**

Two districts' mobile ELL initiatives reach students' homes and engage their families in the learning process. [Click here](#)

Making a Strong Home-School Connection by Being Culturally Responsive. [Click here](#)

### **Early Childhood**

CPB study on early literacy shows importance of public media in education. [Click here](#)

### **Literacy**

Ideas to support summer reading for students. [Click here](#)

Boost girls' interest in STEM, a report from Harvard Family Research Project [Click here](#)

READING ACHIEVEMENT - On Thursday, July 7, E.D. Hirsch will talk about reading - how we teach it, how we test it, and why this is critical for education reform. [Click here](#)

A fourth-grade teacher in Louisiana developed a project to teach research and writing skills to her English-language learners, while helping them also get excited about going to college. [Click here](#)

Encourage parents to include reading in their summer plans, and help them keep their kids reading by making summer reading different than what they do at school. [Click here](#)

### **Service Learning**

Read Jeffery Miller's reflection on what he learned in the UK and how it can apply to engaging young people in the **CIVIC LIFE** of their communities in the United States. [Click here](#)

**A Formula for Creating Successful Student-run Service-Learning Projects.** [Click here](#)

The latest issue of ECS' Network News highlights the importance of measuring service-learning's impact on the community being served and ways to effectively measure that impact. [Click here](#)

PBS seeks your input will help to inform PBS KIDS' efforts to develop digital media and technology tools for young children engaged in out-of-school learning environments. Please see [Click here](#)

## **Professional Development**

Creating an environment for successful instructional coaching [Click here](#)

Dr. Fred Jones: Tips for Substitutes: Consider two different when you are about to *have* a substitute and when you are about to *be* a substitute. [Click here](#)

Leah Davies: 25 Ways to Gain Children's Attention [Click here](#)

## **Students with Disabilities**

*The Progress of Education Reform* examines inequities in how Title I funds are distributed, and proposes changes that address three key factors. [Click here](#)

What works clearinghouse: Interventions for students with learning disabilities [Click here](#)

## **Resources and Tools**

**The J. Paul Getty Museum** has launched a free new curriculum for K-12 teachers [Click here](#)

*Resource Aid from the Center at UCLA: Monthly Themes for Enhancing Student and Learning Supports at a School.* [Click here](#)

**Reminder:** The National Dropout Prevention Center/Network now has a Facebook page! Become a fan today and find out about the latest resources and tools in dropout prevention! Begin or join discussion groups to discuss issues related to your dropout prevention efforts. Search for us in "Pages." [Click here](#)

## **Feedback**

We appreciate comments from our readers. We invite new subscribers to receive the *Dropout Prevention Update*. Please contact us at [ndpc@clemsun.edu](mailto:ndpc@clemsun.edu).

**Sources:** Middleweb, SmartBrief on EdTech, ASCD, eSchool News, America's Promise Alliance, Public Education Network Weekly *NewsBlast*, *The Scout Report*, *Education World News Headlines*, *Center for Mental Health in Schools*, *Harvard Family Research Project*, *American Youth Policy Forum*, ASCD, OJJDP, Education Commission of the States, *Education World*, ECOTS