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## High School & Middle School Peer Leadership Conferences

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# DA Warns Kids About Dangers of Joining a Gang

The story of two gang members brave efforts to change their lives...

**F**ifteen-year-old Ricky Le was beaten with fists, kicks and crowbars by eighteen of his fellow gang members in 2003 when he tried to leave his gang. The gang ritual, known as a "jumping out" ceremony, left Ricky Le in a coma for weeks and hospitalized for months. Sako Long spent his years as a child in and out of juvenile custody, eventually landing himself in state prison for several years as a result of his involvement in a gang. Both men have left gang life behind, and are joining DA Gerry Leone to spread an important preventative message to kids about the dangers of joining a gang, in a documentary being directed by Roberto Arevalo.

The documentary is made possible as the result of a Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant



**Sako Long & Ricky Le in Lowell filming the documentary this past December.**

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District Attorney Leone



**Leone addresses a crowd on gang issues.**

provided by the United States Attorney's Office to the Office of Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone, the Lowell Police Department, United Teen Equality Center and MPY, Inc. to warn kids about the dangers of joining gangs and carrying guns. "Our goal is to demonstrate to our children that the decision to join a gang or engage in gang activity often results in serious negative consequences, including life threatening results that are a far cry from the hoped for life of glamour or prestige that is often portrayed in film and music," said District Attorney Leone.

Knowing the threats and dangers of gang life that invades so many of our communities and impacts so many of our young people, The Middlesex District Attorney's Office and MPY, Inc. successfully sought two Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Grants in the amount of \$50,000 through the United States Attorney's Office, to create programs to combat gang and gun violence. Besides using the money to create



## THE MIDDLESEX PARTNERSHIPS FOR YOUTH INC.

Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc. is a private non-profit organization affiliated with the Middlesex District Attorney's Office. Established in 1988, Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc. fosters collaboration among community leaders, public safety agencies, and educators to safeguard students in Middlesex County.

Our members include more than 60 school districts in Middlesex County and also a number of private schools. More than 200,000 students per year are impacted through this organization.

The Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc. team includes the following members:

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FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY GERRY LEONE

## D.A. Leone Urges Collaboration During These Tough Fiscal Times



**G**reetings! This is a year when budgets will be tightened everywhere. We know that your schools' financial constraints will be significant. We also know that many families in your communities are going to feel heightened economic strains during these difficult times.

Experience tells us that economic uncertainty often leads to increased public safety concerns. That is why there is an even greater need this year for us to collaborate to keep children safe in our schools.

Most of you are already members of Middlesex Partnerships For Youth. That is why I urge you to take advantage of the resources that are offered as benefits of membership and are available to you at low or no cost. We are here to help.

This year, we are also continuing to stress the importance for each school district to establish and enhance teams that serve as repositories for threat information, can quickly assess at-risk behavior, foster heightened communication about possible safety threats, and respond more effectively before violence occurs. At SECURE last spring, Dr. William Pollock spoke about the importance of these teams based on extensive studies across the country.

All of these programs can be done at little or no cost, but can go a long way in keeping children safe in our schools, as long as we continue to come together, stay together and work together.

On behalf of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, I wish you a healthy and safe 2009. We look forward to a continued partnership with you, this office and Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc.

Gerry Leone, Middlesex District Attorney  
Chair, Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc.

## Dangers of Joining a Gang

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a documentary, the money will be used to increase gang and gun investigations and prosecutions. "We are very pleased that these grants helped us join with others to address gang and gun issues that are the focus of all our partners who work to intervene in young people's lives and prevent their involvement in violence and gangs," said Margie Daniels, Executive Director of MPY, Inc.

The documentary will be made available this Spring to school districts throughout Middlesex County who are interested in viewing the documentary and sharing it with students. We expect this documentary to be quite compelling, and look forward to its premiere showing in the Spring.



Sako Long & Ricky Le

# Watching Dad Watching Mom: Early Learning for Men Who Kill Their Intimate Partners



DAVID ADAMS

**W**hy *Do They Kill?* is based on post-mortem analysis of intimate partner homicides and attempted homicides of women in Massachusetts. This included indepth interviews (of up to five-hours each) with 31 men serving time for having killed their intimate partners, as well as 20 women who suffered near fatal assaults. In conducting these interviews, I sought to identify the immediate triggers to these



crimes. By moving backwards in time through the lives of the perpetrators, I also sought to understand the long-term factors. I found that there was much in the killer's adult lives that foreshadowed their murderous crimes. Most of these men fit the profile of possessively jealous husbands or boyfriends, whose jealous rages appeared early on in their relationships and grew steadily worse over time, often escalating to terroristic threats, severe assaults, and stalking.

These findings suggest that intimate partner homicides are neither random acts nor 'crimes of passion' as commonly portrayed in the media. Rather, they are culminations of longstanding grievances on the part of abusive men. It appears that these kinds of killings are the end result of an interaction between the perpetrator

and the victim. From the victim's perspective, there were fairly clear turning points in the relationship. These began with the first appearance of violence and the abuser's initial apologies and promises that it would not happen again. This was followed by the reappearance of violence. By this stage, many perpetrators had stopped apologizing and instead began blaming their victims. In response, many victims expressed dissatisfaction and talked of ending the relationship. This seemed to trigger increased surveillance and stalking of the victim by the perpetrator. And while

**“Forty-eight percent of the killers said that they had been physically abused as children while 55% said they had witnessed spouse abuse.”**

most victims had already been subjected to rape and sexual humiliation prior to separation, some said that this became more severe over time. As victims became increasingly unhappy and resistant, the perpetrators continually adjusted and escalated their abuse tactics.

Was there anything in these men's childhoods to explain such persistent adult behavior?

Forty-eight percent of the killers said that they had been physically abused as children while 55% said they had witnessed spouse abuse. Overwhelmingly, their fathers were the perpetrators of both kinds of abuse. Fathers were also rated as more verbally abusive, more 'cold,' and more likely 'absent.' Twice as many of the killers said that as children, they felt more fearful of their fathers and closer to their mothers. Despite this, it was their fathers whom they most emulated. Some of the killers talked of coming to admire the fathers that they once feared. Child experts say that this reflects the need of some children to identify with the more powerful parent. The child seeks to shed feelings of vul-

nerability and anxiety by adopting the abusive parent's attributes. For boys, it is simultaneously a way of resolving conflicts about male identity. Many of the killers came to appreciate their fathers physical violence as a way of helping to "toughen me up", as one man put it. Another man said, "I was just tired of being scared. But I was attracted to my father's philosophy, which was to 'do onto others before they do onto you'.

In some cases, the men's admiration for their fathers was accompanied by a growing disdain for the mothers whom they blamed for their failure to protect them. Experts on children who are exposed to family violence say that one common effect of such exposure is the development of insecurity and anxiety about intimacy. This in turn can lead to difficulty establishing relationships that rely upon intimacy and trust. Most of the jealous killers appeared to have been perpetually vigilant toward their intimate partners, and this only seemed to escalate over the course of their relationships.

It appears that some male children who are exposed to serious domestic violence learn to emulate the attachment style of the abusive parent, one that involves possessive control. Though possessive control doesn't always lead to murder, it is a toxic condition that will surely harm relationships, unless better examples are provided through early intervention.

**David Adams** is a Licensed Psychologist who is Co-Director of Emerge, the nation's first abuser education program, founded in 1977. His book, *Why Do They Kill? Men Who Murder Their Intimate Partners* was published by Vanderbilt University Press in September 2007. "This book can be purchased online at [www.emergedv.com](http://www.emergedv.com)"

# SPRING 2009 CONFERENCES



## **SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE**

### **Shhh...It's a Secret: SOS—**

#### **A Suicide Prevention Program**

Candice Porter, MSW, LICSW  
Jan Tkaczyk, MEd

Suicide is a leading cause of death for youth in the United States. SOS Signs of Suicide®, selected by SAMHSA, is an evidenced-based program that teaches youth how to recognize the warning signs of depression and suicide in themselves or a friend and effectively respond using the ACT model: Acknowledge, Care, Tell. This workshop will review the published research and program implementation, which encourages collaboration among schools, parents and community-based agencies. Attendees will be able to register to receive a free middle or high school SOS kit provided by the MA Dept. Public Health Suicide Prevention Program. For more information go to: [www.mentalhealthscreening.org](http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org). This presentation will be followed by a panel discussion from members of Waltham's Youth Risk Behavior Survey Steering Committee. This discussion will focus on one community's proactive approach to data which emerged from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

**February 9, 2009, 8:30am–2pm**  
**Newton Wellesley Hospital**

*Free for members; \$50 for non-members*

## **PEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Youth Leading Everywhere Abstaining From Drugs, (YOU LEAD), program is designed to empower participants to reinforce healthy decision making skills, and to support youth who are committed to a lifestyle free of alcohol and drug use. The conference will create opportunities for students to meet, network, and share successful program information through:

- Participating in leadership activities
- Learn problem solving techniques
- Develop effective strategies and action plans for their schools
- Network and share information and successful practices with other schools

**February 25, 2009 (Middle School)**

**February 27, 2009 (High School)**

**9am–2pm**

**Nashoba Valley Technical High School**

*\$10 per student (includes breakfast & lunch)*

## **PREVENTION CONFERENCE: EXAMINING RISK FACTORS FOR YOUTH**

### **Helping Traumatized Children Learn**

Susan Cole, JD, MEd  
Joel Ristuccia, EdM  
Amy Tishelman, PhD  
Michael Gregory, JD, MAT

Studies demonstrate that many children are coming to school after experiencing a host of overwhelming experiences. Research now shows that trauma from exposure to family violence and other adverse experiences can undermine children's ability to function. This conference presents the work of the Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative (TLPI), a collaboration of Massachusetts Advocates for Children and Harvard Law School, and is based on TLPI's publication, *Helping Traumatized Children Learn*. The conference will summarize the research on the prevalence of traumatic experiences, the impact on child development, including the neurobiological impact, as well as the impact of trauma on learning, behavior and relationships at school. TLPI will also present a framework that any school can use to create an environment responsive to the needs of all children. A copy of the report, *Helping Traumatized Children Learn*, will be distributed to each conference participant.

**March 2, 2009, 8:30am–3pm**

**Newton Wellesley Hospital**

*\$50 for members; \$150 for non-members*

## **SECURE XI CONFERENCE**

The 11th annual SECURE Conference is in the process of being planned. As always, we will feature cutting edge information relating to school and community safety. Over 200 participants attended last year's highly successful SECURE X Conference. Rachel's Challenge highlighted the core message of the conference—that positive school climate is the best protection against both violence and bullying. This year's conference focus of school safety and anti-violence is sure to have the same effect. Please plan on joining us for SECURE XI, specific topic information to follow.

**May 11, 2009, 9am–3pm**

**Bentley College Pavilion  
Amphitheatre**

*\$50 for members; \$150 for non-members*

## **MENTAL HEALTH SERIES**

*Free for members; \$50 for non-members  
CEUs are awarded for this series*

### **MENTAL HEALTH SERIES #1 STRESS! How it Affects Learning, Social Skills, and Behavior, and What to do About it.**

Jerome J. Shultz, PhD

This conference will help us understand the nature of stress in children, parents, and teachers in an interactive and energized lecture/workshop format liberally laced with stress-reducing cartoons and case examples. Dr. Jerry Schultz will show how stress can mask or exacerbate problems with learning, attention and executive functioning, and how to recognize and deal with negative behaviors. He will focus on students with LD, ADHD, Asperger

# PRESENTERS

Syndrome, and give us practical strategies to recognize and manage “bad” stress and use “good stress” to its full advantage.

**March 6, 2009, 9am–2pm  
Newton Wellesley Hospital**

## **MENTAL HEALTH SERIES #2**

### **Helping Children Cope: Recent advances in the treatment of child and adolescent anxiety disorders**

Donna Pincus, PhD

This conference explores the nature and cause of anxiety disorders in children, the treatment strategies currently used, and the availability of free treatment programs to the community for anxious youth. The presentation will be interactive, and all attendees will have the opportunity to apply their skills to clinical cases.

**March 20, 2009, 9am–2pm  
Newton Wellesley Hospital**

## **MENTAL HEALTH SERIES #3**

### **Engaging the Reluctant Family: Strategies for “Making the Team”**

Russell Livingston, MD

This talk will focus on the scenario wherein parents or pupils are resisting efforts to address problems with the pupil's academic, social, or behavioral function. Participants will become familiar with several of the causes of resistance, and how to address them effectively.

**March 27, 2009, 9am–2pm  
Newton Wellesley Hospital**



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## **SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE**

**Candice Porter** is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) with a Masters in Clinical Social Work. Her background includes work with children, adolescents, and families in multiple settings including residential treatment, therapeutic boarding schools, outpatient therapy, and public high schools.

**Jan Tkaczyk** received her MEd in Guidance from Bridgewater State and her CAGS in School Psychology from Northeastern University. Recently retired after 35 years in education, Jan is an adjunct professor at UMass Boston and does suicide prevention training and private consulting.

## **PREVENTION CONFERENCE**

**Susan Cole** is director of the Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative (TLPI)<sup>1</sup>, and the lead author of *Helping Traumatized Children Learn*. She is also a Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School and a Clinical Instructor at the law school's Legal Services Center. Susan is a former special education teacher.

**Joel Ristuccia** is a certified School Psychologist with over twenty years of experience working in the public schools. Joel is a co-author of *Helping Traumatized Children Learn* and has provided numerous trainings on the impact of trauma on learning.

**Amy Tishelman**, a Clinical Psychologist, is Director of Research and Training for Children's Hospital Boston's Child Protection Program. Dr. Tishelman is also a part-time faculty member in Boston College's Psychology Department, teaching courses in Interpersonal Violence and Developmental Psychopathology.

**Michael Gregory** is a Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School and a Senior Clinical Fellow at the law school's Legal Services Center, where he represents clients as part of the Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative (TLPI). A former teacher, Michael is a co-author of *Helping Traumatized Children Learn*.

## **MENTAL HEALTH SERIES #1**

**Jerome Schultz** is a licensed Clinical Neuropsychologist in private practice in Lexington, who is on the faculty of Harvard Medical School. Through his pioneering work as Director of Learning Lab at Lesley University and as Co-Director of the Center for Child and Adolescent Development at Cambridge Health Alliance, he has helped to shape the international agenda on matters related to children with special learning and behavioral needs through his lectures and writings.

## **MENTAL HEALTH SERIES #2**

**Donna Pincus** is an Associate Professor and Director of the Child & Adolescent Fear and Anxiety Treatment Program at Boston University. Her work has been featured on local and national media, including Good Morning America, ABC News' 20-20 Downtown, Women's Lifetime television, National Geographic Television and NBC's Today Show.

## **MENTAL HEALTH SERIES #3**

**Russell Livingston** is board-certified in child psychiatry and in adult psychiatry. He is the director of the Commonwealth Center for Psychotherapy, his private practice. He is also medical director for psychiatry for the State Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the DSS. His clinical interests include couples, family, and individual therapies. He keeps office hours in Canton, Cambridge, and Newton, and can be reached at 781 828-1222 x14

<sup>1</sup> TLPI is a collaboration of Massachusetts Advocates for Children and Harvard Law School.

**For detailed conference information, visit [www.MiddlesexPartnershipsForYouth.org](http://www.MiddlesexPartnershipsForYouth.org)**

# IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS

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Each Middlesex Partnership for Youth, Inc. member district may select up to 5 in-service workshops, to be presented on the district site, at no cost. We have expanded and improved upon our in-services. Eleven in-service workshops are available this school year.

### **Prescription & Street Drugs\***

This training highlights the prevalence of substance use, the dangerous connection between substance use and violence, and the applicability of criminal law and school policy. While street drugs are readily available in many communities, a majority of teen drug users easily obtain prescription medications from both stores and the family medicine cabinet. Included in this presentation are topics such as inhalants and cough medicines. Prosecution of drug offenses by Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone's office will also be discussed.

### **Guns, Drugs & Contraband: School Search & Seizure**

Under what circumstances do school officials have a legal right to search and/or seize? For schools to be safe, they must be free from weapons and other contraband. The goal of this in-service training is to promote school safety, reduce liability, and ensure that searches can be upheld in court. This in-service is made possible, in part, from a Project Safe Neighborhood grant awarded to Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone's Office and Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc.

### **Positive School Climate: The Most Effective Bullying Prevention\***

The most effective bullying prevention is a positive and inclusive school climate which is associated with numerous positive outcomes for youth. Youth Risk Behavior Surveys, along with state and national data, clearly identify bullying as a significant issue impacting school climate. Included in this in-service training are effective

approaches for school climate promotion as well as methods to effectively intervene when confronted with bullying behaviors, including cyber bullying.

### **Protecting Children & Youth: 51A Mandated Reporting**

What legal responsibilities do educators have as mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect? The Child Abuse Unit of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office teams up with the Department of Children & Families (DCF) to clarify the mandated reporting statute and the 51A reporting process.

### **Cyber Safety in Schools\***

The internet offers almost limitless opportunities to gain knowledge and make contact with others. When used appropriately, it is a powerful and positive tool. However, school staff and parents need to be aware of the risks inherent in this technology. Effective prevention and intervention strategies for staff and administrators will be outlined and discussed. The Middlesex District Attorney's Office Cyber Protection Program, created in 2007 by the District Attorney Gerry Leone, will also be discussed.

### **Juvenile Crime & the Juvenile Justice System**

What happens when a juvenile is arrested? What is the difference between a misdemeanor and a felony? Through Community Based Justice (CBJ), schools, probation departments and law enforcement exchange information to prevent youth from becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. The Child In Need of Services (CHINS) process and Department of Youth Services (DYS) programs will be explained. This training is part of District Attorney Gerry Leone's prevention and intervention strategy in Middlesex County schools.

### **Gangs in Our Communities**

A growing concern about gangs has emerged in many communities. This training highlights the trademarks (colors, signs, graffiti and tagging) of various national and local gangs and explains how they recruit and retain members. Gang prevention strategies, including alternative community affiliations, will be explored. This in-service is made possible, in part, from a Project Safe Neighborhood Grant awarded to Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone's Office and Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc.

### **Family & Relationship Violence**

Living with violence at home or in a personal relationship interferes with a student's ability to learn, as well as causes serious behavioral and social problems. Long term, it increases the risk of either becoming a victim or perpetrator. This in-service will help participants understand where domestic and dating violence comes from, how it happens, and what constitutes criminal behavior. This training is designed to aid in the prevention of domestic violence crimes prosecuted by District Attorney Gerry Leone's Domestic Violence Unit.

### **Youth Alcohol Use & Abuse**

Alcohol use by teens continues to be a major issue both locally and nationally. Legal, social, and health-related consequences of alcohol use by teens can be severe and far reaching. This presentation has a focus on legal issues associated with under age alcohol use, including drinking and driving, and social host liability. This training is part of District Attorney Gerry Leone's efforts, particularly during prom and graduation season, to address this important issue.

**For on-site in-service workshops, please see the back cover for more information.**

## Emergency Preparedness

Does your school district/community have a plan if there is a natural disaster or terrorist attack? Is this plan well articulated and clearly understood by all constituents? Has your community held drills with opportunities for interoperability with police and fire personnel? The best approach to emergencies in communities are based on effective collaboration between agencies. This training addresses those important considerations for emergency preparedness. This in-service supports District Attorney Gerry Leone's SE-CURE (Safe Effective Community Understanding & Response to Emergencies) initiatives.

**This in-service is only offered within school districts, please contact Margie Daniels at 781 897-6808 to arrange this in-service.**

## Social Host Liability\*

Particularly during prom and graduation season, some parents have served minors alcohol in their own home, in an attempt to make youth drinking a "less risky" activity. However, in addition to health and safety risks, serving minors alcohol can have serious legal consequences. This training is part of District Attorney Gerry Leone's efforts, particularly during prom and graduation season, to address this important issue.

**Social Host Liability is available only as a community presentation.**

*The in-service trainings with an asterisk (\*) are available in the evenings, as community presentations focus toward parents.*

**Please Contact** Allison Coan at 781-897-6807 to request in-services or email her at [allison.coan@state.ma.us](mailto:allison.coan@state.ma.us). There is also a registration form for all events on page 8.

# How To Protect Your School

**A**s we all become more continuously focused on student health and safety, security and the potential for improving the sense of peacefulness in our schools, building partnerships and improving communication becomes increasingly important. We know that students and staff members are in possession of information regarding potentially serious situations and the issue becomes; how do we get this information into the hands of those who can appropriately respond?

Excellent internal communication is **key!** Each school and district needs structures of communication to facilitate the sharing of potentially dangerous situations before the event! Teams of professionals, meeting regularly, speaking about students, risks, situations and solutions provide an outstanding way to address this need. This "threat assessment team" can discuss a myriad of situations and, hopefully, both communicate the circumstances and address needs. The participants of this school based team could include some or all of the following: administrators, mental health providers, counselors, police officers, attendance officers, staff from the Middlesex County District Attorney's office, and community providers.

The makeup and name of the team are secondary to the team meeting regularly and steadfastly following up on potentially serious concerns! Successful follow-up is often challenging and time consuming, but is critical to avoiding serious situations. Developing strong internal and external partnerships provides the appropriate network for successful follow-up. Partnerships like Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc. provide resources which none of us have on our own.

Utilizing our teams and partnerships in conjunction with continuous strong communication in following up on leads, will go a long way to continuous improvement of the safety we provide students. Every day, week and month, we need to address our goal of safer, healthier and better schools. District Attorney Gerry Leone's Threat Assessment Team initiative this year is well placed. As a member of the Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc. Board, I applaud and support his efforts, along with the mission of Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc.

Tony Pierantozzi,  
Superintendent, Somerville Public Schools



**Somerville's Threat Assessment Presentation Team, with District Attorney Gerry Leone.**

## EVENT REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

School/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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### The Middlesex Partnerships for Youth Events

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| <input type="checkbox"/> February 9, 2009<br>Suicide Prevention Conference                           | <input type="checkbox"/> March 6, 2009<br>Spring Mental Health Series #1                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February 25, 2009 (Middle School)<br>Peer Leadership Conference             | <input type="checkbox"/> March 20, 2009<br>Spring Mental Health Series #2               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February 27, 2009 (High School)<br>Peer Leadership Conference               | <input type="checkbox"/> March 27, 2009<br>Spring Mental Health Series #3               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 2, 2009<br>Prevention Conference: Examining<br>Risk Factors for Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> May 11, 2009<br>SECURE XI Conference –<br><i>More to come!</i> |

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## INFORMATION

### ON-SITE IN-SERVICE TRAINING REQUEST

- See pages 6 and 7 for a full list of available on-site programs. For more information or to schedule programs (up to five), call Allison Coan at 781-897-6807 or email at [allison.coan@state.ma.us](mailto:allison.coan@state.ma.us).
- **A minimum attendance of 25** is required per training. Each district conducts its own preregistration. If you anticipate a drop in attendance or need to cancel, please call MPY at least 48 hours in advance. The in-service may be cancelled at the presenter's discretion because of inclement weather or low attendance.
- **Please submit requests** at least two months in advance.

### PAYMENTS

- **Events are generally free** or no more than \$50 for Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc. members and \$150 for nonmembers. Please pay by check or purchase order, payable to Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc.
- **If you registered for a paid event and are unable to attend**, please give 48-hours notice, or you will be charged the event fee.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Registration is required:** Please register within three calendar days of each conference or event.
- **Accessibility:** All events are handicap accessible.
- **Cancellations:** Check our website [www.MiddlesexPartnershipsForYouth.org](http://www.MiddlesexPartnershipsForYouth.org) or WHDH-TV/7 at [www.WHDH.com](http://www.WHDH.com).
- All events are handicap accessible.

**Fax:** 781-897-6801

**Mail:** Registrations, Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc., 15 Commonwealth Ave., Woburn, MA 01801.

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