

TEENS, CRIME, AND THE COMMUNITY

# YOUTH IN SERVICE



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#### Call for Entries: 2007 Cyberbullying Public Service Announcement

Cyberbullying is a serious problem for today's youth. You and your students can help raise awareness and take steps to prevent cyberbullying by creating a public service announcement (PSA).

Sony Creative Software, the National Crime Prevention Council, and The Ad Council are seeking PSA entries from independent producers and schools (grades K–12). The top entries may be eligible for national broadcast and their producers or sponsoring schools will win multimedia editing suites worth more than \$18,000.

For contest rules, please visit

www.sonycreativesoftware .com/news/cyber.asp.

## PREVENTING TEEN PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE



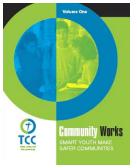
Teen prescription drug abuse has become a cause of alarm for many parents, educators, and law enforcement officers. As adults, we can teach youth about the dangers of prescription drug abuse, as well as help raise awareness of, and prevent, substance use.

In 2006, nearly 10 percent of 12th graders in the U.S. had abused Vicodin (a prescription pain-killer) in the past year according to the 2006 Monitoring the Future study conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Moreover, this figure has remained relatively stable since 2002.

While prescription drugs, including painkillers, are very useful treatment tools when taken appropriately and prescribed and monitored by a doctor, abuse of prescription drugs can have fatal consequences. To teach teens about the dangers of, and methods to prevent, prescription drug abuse *Community Works* instructors can use *Session 20: Drug Abuse: Recognize and Prevent*.

For a free, electronic copy of *Community Works Session 20*, email your request to tcc@ncpc.org.

# **COMMUNITY WORKS INSTRUCTOR UPDATE**



It's almost the end of the fall semester, which means that you probably have new *Community Works* implementation information to report. Please take a moment to complete the 2007–2008 *Community Works* User Survey. Whether you have implemented the *Community Works* program or used a few sessions as resources, your instructor information is important to us. It takes only a few minutes of your time to complete the user survey online at www.ncpc.org/programs/teens-crime-and-the-community/user-survey.

Community Works instructors who submit a survey by December 15, 2007, will be entered in a drawing to win program products for your classroom. There will be five drawings!

If you have not completed your 2007–2008 Site Agreement Form yet, please print the form from www.ncpc.org/tcc and fax it to 202-296-1356 c/o Belén Periera. You can also submit the form via mail. The Site Agreement Form allows the national office to keep track of all active *Community Works* sites. The form requires the signature of the instructor and administrator of your site each year.

If you have any questions about program registration or implementation, please contact Belén Periera at 202-261-4152 or bpereira@ncpc.org.

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- January is National Mentoring Month..
- 18th Annual National Youth-At-Risk Conference is in Savannah, GA, on March 2–5, 2008. For more information, visit http://ceps. georgiasouthern.edu/conted/yar2008.html.
- Responding to School Violence training course is in Portland, OR, on March 11–12, 2008. For more information, visit www.sei2003.com/ ovcttac2008/ SchoolViolence.htm.

(TCC neither sponsors nor endorses any of the aforementioned events.)

If you have a question or comment regarding TCC or the *Community Works* program, please contact tcc@ncpc.org.

# TCC Webinar for Teens: Identity Theft and Social Networking Safety

The National Crime Prevention Council and the Teens, Crime, and the Community Initiative invite you to a two-presentation webinar designed for youth: *Preventing Teen Identity Theft* and *Generation MySpace: Making Smart Decisions*, Thursday, January 31, 2007, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

The first part of this presentation will focus on Preventing Teen Identity Theft.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America and young people have become the foremost demographic target for identity thieves. In fact, one-third of reported identity theft victims are young people ages 18 to 29. During this webinar, students will learn

- Why it's important to keep personal information private
- \* How identity thieves operate
- Ways to prevent identity theft
- What to do if they or a friend become a victim of identity theft

The second presentation will focus on empowering young people to make smart decisions while practicing social networking.

Millions of students are posting information about themselves without realizing that social networking sites can be dangerous. Many teens believe that the personal information and photographs they post are accessible only to their friends and peers. However, this information is accessible to just about anyone who wants to access it. It is important for young people to learn about online safety, privacy, and security. The *Generation MySpace: Making Smart Decisions* presentation will alert youth to some of

- The dangers of social networking
- How to use social networking sites safely
- \* The importance of protecting personal information and avoiding inappropriate places on the Internet
- How to report online crime

Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of both presentations.

#### Who Should Attend?

This webinar is open to middle and high school students from *Community Works*, Youth Safety Corps, Boys & Girls Clubs, and other interested youth. Adult facilitators, administrators, educators, parents, and law enforcement are also invited to participate.

### **How To Register**

Complete the registration form at <a href="www.ncpc.org/tcc">www.ncpc.org/tcc</a>.

Please plan to reserve a conference room, computer lab, and/or the appropriate equipment if you are participating in this webinar as a group. If you are participating with a group using one computer and one phone, only one person should register. That person will obtain access to the webinar and share participation with others.

Once you are registered, you will receive a reminder and the necessary webinar login information.

Participation in the webinar is free, although advance registration is required.

If you have questions, please contact Belén Pereira at 202-261-4152 or bpereira@ncpc.org.