Social Emotional Learning Conference 2014: CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Invitation To Participate[™] Alignment Nashville Behavioral Health Committee SEL Conference 2014: Creating A Climate Of Connectedness

Friday, July 18, 2014 8:00am to 4:00pm Cane Ridge High School 12848 Old Hickory Blvd, Antioch, TN 37013



Committee Vision: All Nashville children and youth are mentally healthy.

Description: On July 18, 2014, Metro Nashville Public Schools and the Alignment Nashville Behavioral Health Committee will present a full-day conference at Cane Ridge High School consisting of a collection of workshops designed to bring awareness and a better understanding of Social and Emotional Learning and how it impacts school climate, school connectedness and engaging academics. Keynote speakers and panelists include Linda Lantieri, author of *Building Emotional Intelligence* and Director of The Inner Resilience Program; Dr. Sara Rimm-Kaufman, professor and researcher at the University of Virginia Curry School of Education; and several MNPS principals and district leaders. In addition, there will be an exhibitor space to allow community organizations to showcase their services and programs that support SEL, and to talk face-to-face with school staff from districts around Middle Tennessee and other interested parties.

The theme for this year's conference is **Creating a Climate of Connectedness.** This conference will be offered at no cost to Davidson County attendees and a small fee for those outside Davidson County. Registration will be open on a first-come, first-served basis. The conference will accommodate approximately 700 attendees.

The Behavioral Health Committee has identified the 5 CASEL Core Competencies and the levels of the Pyramid Model of SEL as being timely and pertinent to the staff of Middle Tennessee school districts and to the community organizations serving Middle Tennessee. This information is critical in gaining an understanding of Social and Emotional Learning. The committee's outcome is to increase SELcompetencies in students, staff, and families by providing an array of conference offerings that will promote these key areas as methods of prevention, and as means to achieving life goals.

SERVICES NEEDED FROM THE COMMUNITY:

The committee is asking for workshop presentations that support both the five CASEL-defined <u>Core Competencies</u> of <u>SEL</u> and the <u>Pyramid Model of SEL</u>.

- Workshop proposals that are targeted toward linking social and emotional learning to academic gains and creating a climate of connectedness will be given priority.
- Workshops can be either 1 or 2 hours long, and organizations should be prepared to offer each workshop twice.

Deadline to Respond to ITP: May 22, 2014

The Behavioral Health Committee will review all workshop proposals promptly and will notify you no later than June 5, 2014. If you would like to propose more than one workshop, please submit a separate form for each. The conference will take place at Cane Ridge High School on July 18th, 2014, from 8am to 4pm.