

Register Now for the 2014 Annual Safe Schools Conference

Registration is now open for the 2014 annual Safe Schools Conference, "*Keeping Our Children Safe: Strategies for Schools and Communities Safe Schools*." This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey located in Grantville, Pa., on **October 8-9, 2014**. An overview of the agenda is highlighted below.

Additional information and online registration is available at:

<http://www.safeschools.info/professional-development/2014-safe-schools-conference>

CONFERENCE SPONSOR & PARTNERS

This conference is presented by the Center for Safe Schools and sponsored by the Highmark Foundation. Partners include the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, Pennsylvania State Police and the Mid-Atlantic Equity Center.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

School administrators, student support personnel, teachers, school nurses, SAP team members, school resource officers, local law enforcement and other community partners.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The conference provides an opportunity to learn about the latest research in school safety and violence prevention; hear about effective program models and practices from state and national experts; and network with your colleagues. This conference will focus on creating a positive school culture that supports academic success and provides a safe teaching and learning environment. Sessions will focus on a variety of school safety and youth violence prevention topics including, but not limited to:

- Bullying Prevention
- Youth Violence Prevention
- Emergency Response and Crisis Management
- Positive School Climate
- Student Wellness Issues

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Implement effective safe school program models and practices
- Create a positive, safe school climate that fosters academic success for all students
- Build a school culture which supports a diverse student population

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday will feature a keynote address by James Reese, Ph.D., CEO, James T. Reese and Associates, Williamsburg, Va. Dr. Reese is an internationally known, award-winning author, speaker and trainer. He is CEO of the James T. Reese and Associates training and consulting firm and is a Premier Speaker of the National Center for Crisis Management, adjunct faculty of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, diplomat of the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology, fellow of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress and Distinguished "General Graves B. Erskine Series Lecturer." Among his more than 3,000 speaking awards, he received the Speaker's Medal from the World Congress on Stress; the

Director of the FBI's "Award for Distinguished Service"; an honorary Olympic Gold Medal for his assistance at the 2002 Winter Olympics; and the "Iron Cross Award" for his assistance at the World Trade Center, beginning the day after the attack on September 11, 2001.

During this informative presentation, Dr. Reese will discuss "***Ethics and Integrity in Schools***." In the education profession, perhaps more so than any other profession, ethical behavior and personal integrity are essential components of success. Dr. Reese will discuss the following topics: Divisions in the Workplace; The Fear of Change; Integrity, Ethics, Courage, Authority, and Influence; Ten Traits of a Good Leader; Traits Associated with Failure; Most Common Mistakes; and Six Keys to Stress-Free Living(c).

Also on Wednesday, participants will choose from 18 half-day institute sessions. Sworn law enforcement and juvenile probation officers will have the opportunity to attend a full-day Internet Safety, Protecting Kids Online training.

Thursday's format features a keynote session by Sandra L. Bloom, M.D., associate professor of health management and policy and co-director of the Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice at the School of Public Health of Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Bloom is a board-certified psychiatrist, graduate of Temple University School of Medicine and recipient of the Temple University School of Medicine Alumni Achievement Award. Dr. Bloom is a past-president of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. From 1980-2001, Dr. Bloom served as founder and executive director of the Sanctuary programs, inpatient psychiatric programs for the treatment of trauma-related emotional disorders.

In this presentation, Dr. Bloom will summarize key findings in developmental neuroscience, attachment research, with an emphasis on the knowledge accumulating about the impact of childhood adversity across the lifespan. During the presentation, she will summarize what we know about the impact of trauma on individuals and describe some key things she and her colleagues learned from their adult survivors of childhood adversity and the relevance those findings have for children today.

The keynote session will be followed by over 18 different session workshop choices. The conference adjourns at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2014.

EVENT LOCATION

Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey
604 Station Road
Grantville, PA 17028
(717) 469-0661

A limited block of rooms is being held at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey at the discounted rate of \$90 per night single/double occupancy plus tax per until **Sunday, September 21, 2014**. Please contact the hotel directly to make your reservations at (717) 469-0661 and mention the "**Safe Schools Conference**" to receive the discounted rate. Rooms will quickly sell out and the special conference rate will only be available through this date.

REGISTRATION FEE

The regular registration fee of \$150/per person will be charged for this high quality, two-day training event through 11:59 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014. Any registration received thereafter will be charged the late/onsite registration rate of \$250/per person. Lunch will be provided each day and a continental breakfast will be provided on Thursday, October 9, 2014.

Participants are responsible for their own lodging, meals (other than those indicated above) and travel costs/arrangements.

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<http://www.safeschools.info/professional-development/2014-safe-schools-conference>.

MORE INFORMATION

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