

# SHESC Messenger

## STOPit Reporting Solution Available for Free Federal Grant Making Valuable New Opportunity Available

Smoky Hill Education Service Center and STOPit Solutions are offering—for free—the leading product addressing school safety and mental health issues.

A federal grant awarded to SHESC of nearly \$250,000 will make STOPit—the most powerful anonymous reporting solution—available to select schools for free through June 30, 2021. This unique offer is being made first to federally designated Qualified Opportunity Zones and then to SHESC members on a first-come, first-serve basis.

More than 5,400 schools use STOPit to proactively address potential safety and mental health issues, reduce risk, improve mental health and safety for both students and staff, and save time with streamlined reporting.

The STOPit App includes anonymous reporting via mobile app, website or always-available phone hotline. The solution also offers constant incident monitoring for emergencies. Available Social Emotional Learning (SEL) content, provides timely information on SEL topics for students and administrators, including subjects such as bullying, diversity, vaping, social media and much more.



### Schedule a STOPit Demo

STOPit Solutions offers free web demonstrations to those wanting to learn more about the product, see STOPit in action and ask questions.

**Time:** 20-30 minutes

**Who:** Nick Zema, STOPit Education Specialist

**How to Schedule:** Call 908-748-4552. Email [nzema@stopitsolutions.com](mailto:nzema@stopitsolutions.com). Visit [stopitsolutions.com/shesc](http://stopitsolutions.com/shesc) or schedule directly on Nick Zema's calendar at [go.smokyhill.org/STOPitDemo](http://go.smokyhill.org/STOPitDemo).

### Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities!

January 17 (Salina); January 31 (Hays)  
New HGSS State Assessment

January 17 (Salina); January 23 (Hays)  
AAA Driver Improvement

January 21 (Salina)  
Access and Equity in CTE: How do you include ALL?

January 22 (Hays); January 24 (Salina)  
LETRS Module 3: Spellography for Teachers: How English Spelling Works

January 23 (Salina)  
CPPSA Work Day

January 24 (Hays); January 31 (Salina)  
Annual PDC Training

January 27 (Hays)  
Medic First Aid

January 28 (Hays); January 30 (Salina)  
Interventions

January 30 (Hays or Salina)  
Tech Cadre

January 31 (Salina)  
PREPaRE : Crisis Management

January 31 (Salina); February 4 (Hays)  
Principal Forum: Principals and Assistant Principals

February 3 (Salina)  
PBL 1: An Introduction to the Essential Elements

February 3 (Salina); February 10 (Hays)  
LETRS Module 4: The Mighty Word: Building Vocabulary and Oral Language

February 5 (Salina)  
OVT Chair Training

February 6 (Salina)  
Teacher Leadership—Building Capacity for Change

February 10 (Salina)  
Addressing the Issue of Poverty and Scarcity

February 11 (Salina); February 13 (Hays)  
Coding Made Simple

VISIT: [go.smokyhill.org/workshops](http://go.smokyhill.org/workshops) for more information and [register.smokyhill.org/register](http://register.smokyhill.org/register) to register for these events.

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## MATCH MADNE\$\$

March 19, 2020

Save the date! March brings a great opportunity to give to Smoky Hill Education Foundation! Double your gift online all day or 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Salina Fieldhouse, 140 N. 5th St. in Salina! Watch this newsletter and [www.matchmadness.org](http://www.matchmadness.org) for more details.

## KANSANS CAN AND DO! SYMPOSIUM



**MARCH 2-3, 2020  
MANHATTAN KS**  
[WWW.KAESA.ORG/KANSANSCAN](http://WWW.KAESA.ORG/KANSANSCAN)

Registration open!  
[www.kaesa.org/kansanscan](http://www.kaesa.org/kansanscan)

# Time to Code!

## Get a beginner's guide to computer programming

For those feeling intimidated by talk of “algorithms” and “networks” in the new Kansas Computer Science Standards, the fix is in with this brand-new workshop.

Pam Kraus, Career and Technical Education and STEM Consultant, designed “Coding Made Simple” as a fun and friendly introduction to the principles of coding and computing.

“This is for people who feel intimidated and don’t know where to start,” Kraus said.

The state computer science standards adopted in April 2019 cover all public school levels from preschool through high school seniors.

Kraus said many teachers she knows never expected to be teaching coding skills to students still learning basic math and reading.

The good news is that computer coding and programming is probably easier than teachers expect.



### Coding Made Simple

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Locations and Dates:**

February 11 - Salina

February 13 - Hays

**More Information and Links to Register:** Visit [go.smokyhill.org/coding](http://go.smokyhill.org/coding).

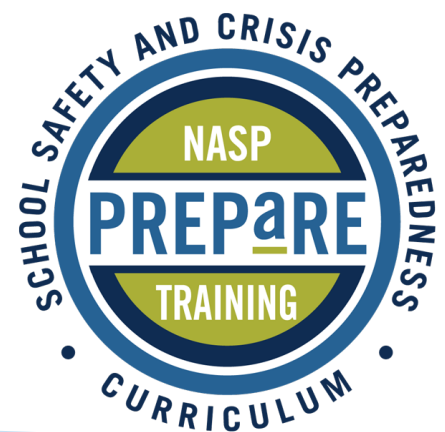
“Once teachers start learning what is actually meant by ‘coding,’ they realize there are many fun and hands-on techniques to incorporate into their lessons,” Kraus said. “You can do this!”

## ‘PREPaRE’ Training Helps Preparation For a Crisis

How a school prepares for a crisis is just as important as how it responds to a crisis.

Smoky Hill Education Service Center will host training from the National Association of School Psychologists called “PREPaRE” to support this critical preparation.

The first workshop in the series is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on January 31 in Salina. The second is a two-day workshop May 18 - 19. Contact Noalee McDonald-Augustine at [nmcdonald@smokyhill.org](mailto:nmcdonald@smokyhill.org) for more information.



*“Change is the end result of all true learning.”*

- Leo Buscaglia, University of Southern California professor, author and motivational speaker

## New Lumber, Cafeteria Supplies Catalogs Go Live January 1

The bids are in, and new prices for the volume purchasing lumber catalog and cafeteria supplies catalog are available as of January 1.

Prices mostly remain the same, with only a few items seeing a modest increase. There are also significant decreases on the way, including:

- All sizes disposable latex gloves: **14%** less!
- Walnut plywood, 1/4” x 4’ x 8’: **14%** less/sheet!
- 50-pack dry sanding sheets, 9” x 11”: **24%** less!
- Alder select lumber: **28%** less/board foot!
- Foil potato wraps, six 500-count boxes: **51%** less!

More info, registration and a link to the ordering system is at [go.smokyhill.org/VP](http://go.smokyhill.org/VP).

## CTE Conference February 4-5

Hosted by the Kansas Association of Education Service Agencies (KAESA), the Kansas Annual CTE Conference is the premier conference on Career and Technical Education in Kansas. The pre-conference at the Manhattan Conference Center in the Hilton Garden Inn is February 3 with the main conference following on February 4 - 5.

Register by January 17 to take advantage of early bird prices - \$160 for the full conference or \$100 for a single day.



After January 17, prices increase to \$200 and \$150. Breakfast and lunch is included in the February 4 and 5 registration fee.

Visit [go.smokyhill.org/CTE2020](http://go.smokyhill.org/CTE2020) to register and to read more details.