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Bridges Out of Poverty

Many people are familiar with Ruby Payne's "A Framework for Understanding Poverty" and how it helps schools address poverty, teach hidden rules, and support individuals in building resources. Over the last 18 years, Ruby Payne's 'Framework' has evolved into a community-wide approach to supporting individuals, organizations, and systems to succeed through resource development.

One aspect of this community-wide approach is the "Bridges Out of Poverty" training. "Bridges" is designed for social, healthcare, legal, and business professionals and providers whose daily work connects them with people in poverty. Participants will learn how to redesign programs to better serve clientele; upgrade training, and build skill sets for all staff to enhance relationships; improve treatment outcomes; and increase the likelihood of people moving out of poverty.



Schools can't tackle poverty all alone; it takes a community-wide approach to create sustainable communities. This program can help build shared understanding, partnerships, and community strategies that will enhance the efforts schools put in place to address poverty. For more information about bringing this program to your community or agency contact Noalee McDonald-Augustine at nmcdonald@smokyhill.org or 785-621-4414.

WORKSHOPS OF INTEREST

Career Cruising Next Steps Training

Plan Now to Attend on October 12th

Districts that have recently adopted and implemented Career Cruising should have people plan to attend this event. Participants may attend AM, PM, or both sessions depending upon their needs. The description below will provide guidance in determining who should attend which session(s). New users to Career Cruising should plan to attend all day. "Veteran" users may only want to attend the PM session. The target audience for this training includes counselors and other key staff members who will drive the use of Career Cruising as an effective Individual Plan of Study (IPS) platform. Due to expected demand for this training, we are asking that districts please limit attendance to one person per building.

MORNING TRAINING AGENDA: 8:30 to 11:30 AM

- Overview of the Student Side of Career Cruising
- Overview of the Career Advisor Management System (CAMS)
- Introduction to Course Planner
- Best Practices Discussion
- Interactive Tasks / Q&A

AFTERNOON TRAINING AGENDA: 12:00 to 3:00 PM

- Overview of Application Planner
- Tools for advisors to assist with the College Application process
- Overview of The Real Game
- Overview of The Be Real Game
- Interactive Tasks / Q&A

To register for the event:

Call 785-825-9185 OR Email register@smokyhill.org OR Register Online

This event will be located at 605 East Crawford Street Salina, KS 67401.



"A SUCCESSFUL KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE has the academic preparation, cognitive preparation, technical skills, employability skills, and civic engagement to be successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry recognized certification, or in the workforce without the need for remediation."

Adopted by the Kansas State Board of Education, January 2016

SAFARI EDVENTURE DAY! - Grades K-7 Students! Rolling Hills Zoo—October 7, 2016

Grab your students, book a bus and join Smoky Hill Education Service Center and Rolling Hills Zoo for a unique education event...Safari Edventure Day 2016! Join students from across Kansas to venture through the zoo and participate in hands-on workshops designed to teach science and culture. Participating students will enjoy the opportunity to learn through fun and unique lessons and educational activities. This is one of five Safari Edventure days being held at various locations throughout Kansas on or around this time making this event one of the state's largest one-day educational efforts. Don't miss this educational and fun event for your students! Cost is only \$7 per student/sponsor for the day! For questions regarding this event, please call Jaye Ditter at (785) 656-2300.

Ready to register your students? Call our Salina office at (785) 825-9185 today!



INTERESTED IN STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS? This program may be for you!

The Problem that is Endemic to Educators Financially

Due to the skyrocketing increase of tuition, in 2007 the Department of Education and Congress established a Program that assists any full-time, nonprofit employee.

The new student loan forgiveness Program, formally referred to as the: *Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program* is often confused with the better-known Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program. Both Programs offer educators student loan forgiveness options for their Federal student loans, however, as illustrated in *Figure 1*, the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program has more restrictions and is only for specific subject areas.

Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program	PSLF Program
Loan forgiveness capped at \$17,500	No cap on the amount forgiven
School Type Requirement, including: - Title 1 Assistance Qualified - 'Low income district' designation by the U.S. Department of Education	ALL nonprofit, public service organizations qualify ALL K-12 nonprofit districts qualify
A teacher considered highly qualified in science, mathematics, or special education	ALL full-time employees
Not taxable	Not taxable
5 years of service until loan forgiveness eligibility	10 years of service until loan forgiveness eligibility

Figure 1 - Teacher Loan Forgiveness vs PSLF

The PSLF Program provides the following benefits for all participants:

- Immediately reduces an individual's monthly student loan payment.
- After 120 qualified payments, the remaining federal student loan balance is forgiven, tax-free.
- With the correct strategy, an individual can also reduce their advanced degree cost and/or the cost of supporting an undergraduate student attending college

Unlike the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program that has multiple requirements (i.e. to receive the full benefit, an educator must teach in a Title 1 District and be considered "highly qualified" in Science, Math, or Special Education) the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program was created for utilization by every employee across an educational service agency and district.

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