



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Professional Development

Student Wellness Hosts Trainings

The Bureau of Student Wellness has a number of trainings scheduled through 2019. Here are some of the offerings. All trainings will be held at the New Hampshire Department of Education, 101 Pleasant St., Concord, NH. To register, visit <http://www.nhstudentwellness.org/pd>.

**Professional
Development and
Other Opportunities**

**October-November
2018**

Conversations on Culture & Diversity: Participants will begin to explore the concepts of Culture and Diversity as they relate to their own personal beliefs and values and how those concepts influence their practices in education, health, and/or behavioral health. The training will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 19, and Dec. 17, 2018, as well as Feb. 8, April 29, Sept. 16, Nov. 7, and Dec. 11, 2019.

Everyone is an Asset Builder: A 40 Developmental Assets Training: This training is designed to inform participants about the Developmental Assets framework created by the Search Institute and how it can be used to build supportive communities. The framework identifies a set of skills, experiences, relationships, and behaviors that enable young people to develop into successful and contributing adults. The training will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 6, 2018, as well as Feb. 7, and April 30, 2019.

KNOW & TELL Mandated Reporter Training: The Bureau is teaming up with Granite State Children's Alliance and the Chapter Organization for NH Child Advocacy Centers to support this critically important effort. KNOW & TELL is a public responsibility movement to educate all adults to KNOW the signs of abuse and TELL responsible authorities when they recognize them. The training will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Nov. 27, 2018, as well as Jan. 24, March 26, April 25, May 20, and June 27, 2019.

Youth Mental Health First Aid: This training is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. The training will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 7, 2018, as well as noon to 4 p.m. on March 7, and March 8, 2019, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 31, 2019.

Winter Stories Workshop

The NH DOE is hosting a one-day Picturing Writing Winter Stories Workshop on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018. To view a description of the workshop or to register, visit <http://www.picturingwriting.org/pdf/PW-Dec13-2018-NHDOE.pdf>. To watch a video clip of student work and reflections about the program, visit http://www.picturingwriting.org/videos/video_winter_stories.html. The registration deadline is Nov. 30, 2018.

Resources

New Hampshire Scholastic Center for Authentic Family Voice

The NH DOE has released its end of year report for the new Center for Family Voice, a three-year project based off of family engagement research by Dr. Karen Mapp of Harvard University. [Read the full report in .pdf at this link](#). As a baseline project, schools and families were engaged in surveys and in Mapp's Family Engagement Workshop Series. The workshops consisted of three full-day sessions focused on the research on family and community engagement, creating high-impact family engagement events and building action plans for practices aligned with school improvement goals. Surveys covered the topics of building relationships with families, sharing information with families, and building capacity among families, all to support strong student learning. They provide communities with information about the alignment of expectations among families, teachers and administrators.

If you are interested in more information about this program, contact Mary Lane at Mary.Lane@doe.nh.gov or 603-271-3740.

CTE Newsletter

The Bureau of Career Development has released a new newsletter, "Notes to the Field," featuring information important to everything involved in career and technical education. The newsletter, [which can be found here in this link in .pdf format](#), offers a number of features including news and headlines, updates about stem scholarships and apprenticeships, schedules for review and monitoring, position updates and event listings from around the state, and important deadlines. If you have information that the NH-CTE community should know and needs to be included in the next newsletter, send it to Courtney.Ritchings@doe.nh.gov.

Earn An M.Ed In 15 Months

Do you have an undergraduate background in mathematics or science, a passion for lifelong learning, and commitment to rural New Hampshire communities? Apply to the UNH Teacher Residency for Rural Education (TRRE) program. Earn an M.Ed. in 15 months and launch your career in education and community service. Teach, live, learn and volunteer in high-need New Hampshire communities. A 50 percent in-state tuition discount and \$28,000 stipend for accepted applicants is also available. For more information, visit <https://cola.unh.edu/education/program/trre>.

School Districts: Safeguard Your Systems

Districts looking to safeguard computer systems as well as student and teacher info can leverage no-cost cybersecurity resources, services, and assistance offered by the DHS funded Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), which assists U.S. public education organizations. The MS-ISAC provides informational materials, notifications, and services at no cost and membership is voluntary.

The only requirement to becoming a member is to have your IT Director, or other technical point of contact, register here: <https://learn.cisecurity.org/ms-isac-registration>.

Information From Other Agencies and Organizations (contests/awards, conference/workshops, and misc.)

2nd Annual Virtual Coding Competition

The Second Annual New Hampshire Cyber Robotics Coding Competition is underway! The competition is an exciting online competition in its second year using a cloud-based simulation platform featuring a virtual, 3D animated robot and focuses on code development – the new frontier of STEM – teams in grade levels will compete from any Chrome computer browser to complete missions and challenges. Winners will be the schools who can best strategize, plan and complete the challenges. The NH DOE is a co-sponsor of the event. [In an exciting new development](#), UNH has agreed to host the final competition, held on Dec. 15.

For more information, [click here](#).

Conflict Cycle: Prevention And Response Strategies

UNH Professional Development & Training will host this training to study evidenced-based response strategies designed to reduce the likelihood of escalating behaviors in the conflict cycle while building supportive relationships with children and youth. Participants will be given practical examples and materials and have opportunities to practice designing and using the strategies. Howard Muscott is the instructor of the training.

The training will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018, at UNH Manchester. To signup, visit <https://training.unh.edu/conflictcycle>.

12th Annual Transition Summit Held Nov. 27

The NH Transition Community of Practice presents its 12th Annual Transition Summit on Nov. 27, 2018, at the Grappone Conference Center, 70 Constitution Ave. in Concord. NH Transition CoP Summit is the only statewide conference for training, collaboration, networking, and information focused exclusively on the transition to life after high school for students with disabilities. This year, the org will feature keynote speaker Dan Habib, a nationally recognized filmmaker at the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability, and the creator of many award-winning documentary films on disability related topics. Habib will share what he learned about transition across the country while creating his current documentary, "Intelligent Lives," which examines society's narrow perceptions of intelligence.

To register, [visit this link](#).

Letters About Literature

The Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library once again invites students in Grades 4 to 12 to enter the Letters About Literature competition. The Center is pleased to be partnering this year with Franklin Pierce University. This year's deadline is Dec. 14, 2018, and submissions will be accepted electronically for the first time this year (paper entries will also be an option in New Hampshire, but electronic submissions, which will open in November, are encouraged).

Details on how to enter will be available shortly at <http://lal.nhbookcenter.org> and you can sign up there for emailed updates on the project.

Charter School Evaluators Needed

The NHDOE is looking for volunteers to participate in the review of charter school start up applications and charter school renewals. The time commitment is approximately three to five total hours for the startup application reviews and about eight hours for charter school renewal reviews, which would consist of being part of a team for a school site visit, a review of documentation for evidence, and a summary of the team's findings. The DOE will provide training in advance for both types of the reviews, and a comprehensive rubric for evaluations. There are seven renewals to evaluate this year

and there will most likely be three new startup applications to review. The evaluators consist of three people including a department employee, a charter school representative, and an educator from the public.

The department is hoping to have enough volunteers so that we would only need to call on each volunteer once. Participating in a startup application review will give you the opportunity to use your knowledge, experience and expertise to evaluate a new innovative program, helping to ensure that the program has every chance for success. Volunteers will also be able to gain valuable experiences and insights, as well as opportunities to network with other charter school staff.

Participating in a school renewal review can also be a valuable experience, as you will have the opportunity to learn about the successes and challenges of other charter school programs, and be able both gain and offer valuable insights. The takeaways can be very rewarding, helping to reflect upon and strengthen your own program, as you will undoubtedly make comparisons between your program and the one you are reviewing.

For more information, contact Charter School Administrator Jane Waterhouse at the NH DOE at 603-271-6813 or via email at Jane.Waterhouse@doe.nh.gov.

Water Science Fair, Drinking Water Festival and Water Poetry Contest

Three events in one day: Schools may participate in one or all three events. At the Drinking Water Festival, students will spend the day learning about water quality, conservation, erosion, the effects of pollution, wildlife and many other water-related topics. Activities are hands-on and students interact with professionals in fields of science, technology, engineering and math. These lessons are packed with opportunities to explore Next Generation Science Standards concepts.

The New Hampshire state-level Water Science Fair is an opportunity for students to explore a water-related topic in more depth. This can be a true science experiment, history, conservation psychology, green technology, engineering, water properties...whatever sparks their interest related to water.

Students conduct research, create an exhibit, write a report and present their findings to a panel of judges. There are a variety of ways the school-level fair can be configured in preparation for the state-level fair. Organizers have a guide booklet to make this process easy and are happy to discuss with you ways your schools can participate. Students who participate in the festival may also take part in a Water Poetry Contest. Students compose a water-related poem centered on an overarching theme. Poets with the top poems will read them aloud before their peers during the awards ceremony.

The festival, water science fair and water poetry contest are free to registered schools and will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 8, 2019, in Manchester. Space is limited.

To apply or for more info, including copies of the water science fair guide booklet and water poetry guidelines, contact Lara Hooper at lara.hooper@des.nh.gov or 603-271-4071.

New Teachers Retreat

This is a professional development opportunity is specifically designed for new teachers. The org is trying to reach those who've completed at least one year of full-time professional teaching but haven't been in the profession for more than five years. The three-day retreat offers a chance to leave daily life behind for a long weekend in the summer and refresh your arsenal of strategies before entering the next year in the classroom. Through daily instructional sessions mixed with personal and collective planning/collaboration time, the New Teachers Retreat is not just an intensive training experience. It is a time to learn from experienced teacher mentors in the form of instruction, discussion, reflection, and exercise. It's also a time for open and honest conversation about the challenges teachers face, and will face, as new to the field. Topics covered in previous years include classroom management, self-care, cultural proficiency, lesson planning, using data, and parent engagement.

The retreat will be held from July 12, to July 14, 2019, at Keene State College. The application deadline is May 31, 2019. Apply at <http://www.newteachersretreat.com>. Questions? Email info@newteachersretreat.com.

Media Literacy And Healthy Choices

Media Power Youth, NH's nonprofit leader in media literacy, can help you keep students on track to make healthy choices, promoting academic and social success. At the same time, we can help you prevent bullying, violence, and aggression, substance use, and unhealthy food choices. Through generous support from the NH DOJ, educators can receive a reduced cost of \$50, per person, through June 30, 2019.

Online Evidence-based Training & Curricula, (NREPP SAMHSA listed): Online Media Literacy for Safe & Healthy Choices training and curricula. Core concepts of media literacy through media effects on violent behavior, bullying, substance use and healthy food choices. Interactive, self-paced, engaging with lesson plans, including media and handouts, ready to implement. (Grade 2 to 3, 10 lessons; Grade 4 to 6, 12 lessons). Special updates include new topics: vaping and digital citizenship: <https://mediapoweryouth.org/online-training/>.

In Person Evidence-based Training & Curricula: The org's popular in-person six-hour professional development training to bring Media Power Youth's evidence-based curricula to life for your students. Core concepts of media literacy through media's effects on violent behavior, bullying, substance use and nutritional choices. Special updates include new topics: vaping and digital citizenship: <https://mediapoweryouth.org/educators/>.

Screenshots: A media literacy curriculum for middle school students to prevent violence, aggression, cyberbullying and substance use and promote responsible use of media. Helps students evaluate and think critically about media. Features lesson plans with accompanying podcasts, interactive projects and innovative interactive notebook design. Four units, three-lessons each and a guided final project. Units can be delivered in any order: digital citizenship, cyberbullying, conflict resolution, and media and substance use: <https://mediapoweryouth.org/educators/>.

Workshops – Parents, Professionals & Students: Workshops will teach the basics of media literacy using a variety of health topics including violence, bullying, alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use, healthy eating, body image or topic of choice. Participants will be empowered to think critically about media and how media can impact healthy decision-making: <https://mediapoweryouth.org/community/>
Call Media Power Youth staff for further info at 603-222-1200 or email: educationteam@mediapoweryouth.org.

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