

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, SESSION #1
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

F101 – School District Meet and Greet 2006

Level: Grad

Presenters: Jennifer Barna, Elementary School Counselor, Prince William County & Nicole S. Moore, VSCA Student Vice-President-Elect

Are you looking for a school counseling position? If so, we have an opportunity you cannot afford to miss! This session provides new/transitioning professional school counselors the opportunity to network with top school division representatives. Leaders in the profession will offer resume tips, interviewing strategies, and provide a better understanding of what to expect during the hiring process. Bring your questions and your resume!

F102 – Administrators and Counselors Collaborating to Make a Difference

Presenter: Jim Fish, Principal Coach, Tucson Arizona School District

Administrators and school counselors are invited to this session to dialogue about the collaborative strategies for helping students achieve to high standards. Success stories will be shared and strategies offered.

F103 – GRIP It! Practical Suggestions for Demonstrating How You Make a Difference

Level: All

Presenter: Pam Brott, Assistant Professor, Virginia Tech – Northern Virginia Center

The GRIP has been embraced by school counselors as a one-page accountability report to demonstrate what they do makes a difference. However, many school counselors struggle with what to include in the GRIP. The presenter will share practical suggestions for determining the Goals, Results, Impact Statements, and Program Implications (GRIP).

F104 – A Routine School Activity Turns Tragic – Crisis Counseling as Leadership

Level: All

Presenters: Pamela McClellan & Mary Beth McCormac, School Counselors, Arlington County Schools

In April 2004, a school bus carrying children to Hoffman-Boston Elementary School in Arlington, VA collided with a truck. Two student fatalities resulted, one on that day and one day later. The school's counselor shares her experience as the leader of the crisis counseling effort and the lessons she learned.

F105 – The Inviting School Survey (ISS-R): An Instrument for Measuring Invitational Qualities of Schools

Level: All

Presenter: Paula Stanley

The ISS-R measures five environmental areas of a school: People, places, processes, policies, and programs. The instrument has been published by Pearson Education and can be purchased for use in schools. The presenter will describe how schools can obtain the ISS-R and have data from their schools analyzed.

F106 – Counselors Make a Difference: Recognizing Schools Counselors as Leaders in Schools **Level: All**

Presenter: Norma W. Brumage, Professor of Education, Norfolk State University

This session will allow participants opportunities to identify and evaluate their counseling skills for leadership development. Participants will examine effective human relations skills that advocate for all students. Similarly, human relations skills will be identified that enhance relationships with school personnel and facilitate the implementation of comprehensive school counseling programs that promote accountability for systemic change and student learning.

F107 – Supporting our Learners for the SOLs **Level: Elem/Middle**

Presenter: Kathleen Nininger, School Counselor, Roanoke County Schools

This is a counselor designed broad-based team approach to identify and plan for students who need additional support to pass their SOLs. It includes pre-test and post-tests, a student test interpretation presentation, student worksheets, an individual student plan, teacher tracking sheets, and sample GRIP. Handouts provided.

F108 – Kids, All That and a Bag of Chips.....Ways to Get to Know Your Students and Change Behavior to Reduce Detention **Level: Elem**

Presenters: Diane Harris & Patricia Downing, School Counselors, King William County Schools

Two programs have been started in the primary and elementary schools of King William County in an effort to know the students better and reduce the number of girls in detention. One is a lunch time program called the “Star Lite Café” and the “Lunch Bunch” includes activities for girls on the primary level enhance self-esteem and address the issue of relational bullying.

F109 – Equation Solved: Character Education = One School United

Level: Elem

Presenters: Jacki Bookbinder, School Counselor & Eric Johnson, Assistant Principal, Fairfax County Schools

This session will provide a perspective of a faculty that used character education to unite, strengthen, and create a caring environment for their increasingly diverse student body. Participants will observe the development of this program over the years and find out how to create a program that works on a daily basis. Handouts will be provided to assist in starting a program that meets each school’s individual needs.

F110 – Freshman Transition: Creating Success **Level: High School**

Presenter: Edwina Daniel, Guidance Director, Pat Broughton, Assistant Principal, & Susan Pleasants, School Counselor, Spotsylvania County Schools

The concept of “Freshman Transition” is continually evolving, but the question remains the same: What can schools do to help ninth graders be more academically and behaviorally successful? This session will provide a framework for schools to implement within their own schools and explain how counselors can do what they want to do: counsel.

F111 – Cyberbully and Internet Safety **Level: All**

Presenter: Deborah Finlay, Guidance Director, Western Branch Middle School

Cyberbully and Internet Safety is a timely issue that extends to the students’ psychological, social, mental and physical well being. Statistics and personal stories describe what happens to many of our children. This session will include time for hands-on group work. Handouts will be provided.

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DIVISION MEETINGS – Grab n' Go Available
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**