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Resource Center News:
Apply NOW for SRTS Travel Plan Assistance. Deadline Friday, May 25th

The Resource Center is accepting self-nominations for schools interested in developing SRTS Travel Plans until Friday, May 25th. Travel Plans serve as a comprehensive guide for a school’s Safe Routes to School program, and include tailored recommendations and plans for activities and events to address Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Evaluation, and Engineering.

The Resource Center’s staff will help facilitate a multi-meeting process that will include:

- Brainstorming with school personnel, parents, community partners and other key stakeholders to identify ways to improve safety and address barriers to walking, biking, or rolling to school.
- Interactive mapping and discussion exercises and a

From our State Coordinator

The end of the school year is upon us, and with that I want to congratulate all of our Partners on the huge successes we’ve had this year! As you may know, the Resource Center was established in May 2011, just in time to enroll schools in the SRTS Resource Center Partnership Program for the 2011-2012 school year. Throughout the year we have had a number of highlights:

- 171 School Partners
- 67 Community Friends
- 10 School Travel Plans
- 133 International Walk to School Day events
- 147 SC Walk to School Day events
- 23 National Bike to School Day events

Let’s not lose any SRTS momentum just because school is not in session! Use the summer months to meet with your School Outreach Coordinator and begin planning the 2012-2013 school year.
walk audit around the school community (led by a planning and design firm specializing in bicycle and pedestrian planning).

- Review of a draft plan written by the Resource Center.

If you are interested in applying for this assistance, please complete the application here. The deadline to submit your application is Friday, May 25, 2012. For more information please contact your School Outreach Coordinator.

Upcoming Events: Save the Dates!

Save the Dates for next school year's Safe Routes to School events! Contact your School Outreach Coordinator this summer to start planning for the 2012-2013 school year.

Tally Month: September 2012
International Walk to School Day (iWalk): October 3, 2012 (Registration is tentatively scheduled to open on Monday, June 4, 2012. Click here for information about iWalk.)
SC Walk to School Day: March 6, 2013 (tentative)
National Bike to School Day: May 8, 2013 (tentative)

The Resource Center wishes all of our partner schools a safe summer break!

Award Opportunity: 2012 Safe Routes to School Award

Applications are now being accepted for the 2012 James L. Oberstar Safe Routes to School Award. The application deadline is Thursday, June 28, 2012.

The Safe Routes to School Award will recognize a school or community that has improved the safety or increased the number of elementary and/or middle school students who walk and bicycle to school. Particular consideration will be given to applicants who have made active transportation to/from school an integral part of the school’s culture over time.

To learn more and download the application, the Call for Applications may be viewed here.

New schools can join the movement and get started by enrolling as a Partner!

Spotlight on a Friend:
BlueChoice HealthPlan® - WalkingWorks® for SC Schools

BlueChoice HealthPlan® invites teachers to lead their classes on five-minute walks every day. Progress is recorded and students receive FREE incentive prizes! The 12 week program begins on September 10, 2012.

How to enroll your school:

1. Select ONE coordinator from your school (i.e. Nurse or PE teacher)
2. Send an email to annie.fearon@bluechoicesc.com with “WalkingWorks for SC Schools” in the subject line.
3. You will receive an enrollment form to complete and return by the deadline.

Deadlines:

- Enroll by June 15, 2012 and your school will receive printed materials, delivered at the start of the 2012-2013 school year.
- Enroll by August 31, 2012 and your school will receive electronic copies that are print-ready.

Check back on our website for more information coming soon on WalkingWorks®.

Contact your local SOC about how this activity can fit in with your SRTS program.

BlueChoice HealthPlan is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

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Keep up with the Resource Center
Be recognized for all of your efforts!

DHEC and the SC Department of Education recognize schools' efforts to improve students' health with the Healthy Schools Awards.

Your Safe Routes to School programming might help you reach a Healthy School Award!

SRTS-relevant award criteria include:

- Overcoming barriers to physical activity
- Opportunities for physical activity in the community.

Visit www.ed.sc.gov/healthyschools for more information.

South Carolina Highway Patrol Promotes Pedestrian Safety SEE Program - Stop, Educate, Enforce

If you see a State Trooper stopping to talk to a pedestrian, you might be witnessing the new SEE Program in action. In coordination with local enforcement agencies, the SC Highway Patrol has rolled out an educational plan to support their pedestrian-related enforcement efforts.

Troopers help educate people who are in violation of pedestrian or bicycle laws with a reflective snap bracelet and helpful tip card. The idea is to help pedestrians understand just how difficult it is for a motorist to see them in the roadway if they are wearing dark clothing.

Pedestrian fatalities in South Carolina increased last year and the SEE program is just one way that the enforcement community is working to combat this deadly trend.

For schools and community organizations, troopers are available through the Community Relations department to help with safety presentations. If you'd like help organizing a Safety Event or Week at your school, please contact your School Outreach Coordinator, or the Highway Patrol.

this summer by liking us on Facebook! Upcoming events, webinars, funding opportunities, school partners, new resources and more are highlighted on the SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center Facebook page. Check out our new page, and share with your friends today!

Contest Opportunity: Win a Bike Rack!

The Saris Bike Corral Photo Contest is awarding a bike corral to the photo entry that shows the greatest need, location or use of a bike corral. Simply submit a photo of where you would like to see a Saris Bike Corral and include a brief description of why you would like to see a Saris Bike Corral in that location.

Contest entry deadline is Friday, May 25th.

Contest rules and information can be found here.
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