



# Counselors Connect Meetings

To provide professional development, networking and support for K-12 counselors/educators.

**November 5, 2009**

**8:00—11:30 am**

**Tony Warren, CISD**

**Education Consultant/Counseling and Career Development**

## **ASCA Model Program (RAMP)**

Drive your school counseling program to the next level. Show administrators, your school board and the community at large that you're committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program. Come learn how to apply for the Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation from the American School Counselor Association. Currently there are no RAMP certified schools in Michigan. If your program successfully answers the question, "How are students different because of what school counselors do?" then you're ready to show the world that your program is "ramped up." A grounding activity will provide time for counselors to share and receive updates. **Learn about the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program Grant ESSCP which is a program that provides funding for LEAs to establish or expand elementary and secondary school programs.**

## **Additional presentation given by: Kathy Moroz, Summit Pointe**

Kathy is a school liaison at Summit Pointe and will provide updates and an overview of the programs and they services offer to schools.

**February 18, 2010**

**8:00—11:30 am**

**Dr. Susan M. Carter, Licensed Counseling Psychologist,  
Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor  
Center for Change & Growth PLC**

## **"Why Plan Therapy?"**

Dr. Carter will explain the history and background of the different modalities of play therapy; why play therapy is an appropriate modality for therapy across the lifespan; how play therapy is especially effective in the school setting; and offer some specific techniques for grief and loss with adolescents, particularly the treatment of traumatic grief. This two hour interactive presentation with lecture, video examples, en vivo role play and hands-on interaction will be FUN! Dr. Carter has practiced as a psychologist in southwest Michigan since 1994. She holds a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Western Michigan University and in 1998 was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy from the Counseling Psychology Department of Andrews University, with specialties in Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Couples and Family Therapy.

**\*In Addition:** Follow-up discussion regarding the Aligning National Standards Conference will allow participants to share and discuss actions plans, clarify ideas and report on initiatives that have emerged as the result of what was learned at the conference.

**April 22, 2010**

**8:00—11:30 am**

**Julie McDonald, Education Consultant, DCIA**

## **Positive Behavior Support**

*Positive Behavior Support* is an approach schools and families can use to help a child experience success in school and at home. This approach believes that a full understanding of the child is needed for long-term behavior change. SWPBS schools organize their evidence-based behavioral practices and systems into an integrated collection, or continuum in which students experience support based on their behavioral responsiveness to intervention. A Three-tiered prevention logic requires that all students receive support at the universal or primary tier. If the behavior of some students is not responsive, more intensive behavioral supports are provided in the form of a group contingency (selected or secondary tier), or a highly individualized plan (intensive or tertiary tier).

## **\*Additional presentation given by Tim Hall Data Consultant.**

Tim will provide an overview of Data Director.

**Workshops will be held at  
Calhoun ISD  
17111 G Drive North, Marshall**

**A continental breakfast will be provided  
plus Tony's cheesecake**

**Cost: \$15 per person**

**Credit: .3 SB CEUs (Pending)**

**Please register online at: [www.calhounisd.org/Professional Development](http://www.calhounisd.org/Professional%20Development) (Course # CC 527)**

**For questions, please contact Brita Blue at (269) 789-2440**

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