



NORTH GLRS

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FOCUS ON PRO SOCIAL BEHAVIORS AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Team trainings that are being held throughout the month of February will focus on defining pro social behaviors and the introduction of interventions to promote pro social behaviors. Dr. Robert Trussell from the University of Texas at El Paso and a frequent collaborator with Dr. Sandra Covington-Smith will guide us through the Pro Social piece of our training. It will be important for teams to have discipline policies from the District and school level, as well as data regarding discipline that you have collected.

To further enhance our training there will be representatives from the Parent Support /Liaison group that



will focus our attention on Family Engagement and they will introduce speakers that have very powerful messages for all of us.

Any data that indicates current initiatives within your schools will be helpful to facilitate discussion on family engagement.

Trainings remaining:

- Feb. 27 Dean Rusk
- Feb. 28 Lenox

Any absences or requests to change your training location need to be handled through Susan Brozovic.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Contact Susan Brozovic with any team member changes or **if you do not have a parent team member. Also, requests for training site changes need to go through Susan.**
- *Please check out the website for coaches at www.pioneerresa.org. On the home page look to your right and click on Graduation Project. We are adding information that I hope you will find useful. There is a link that will take you directly to the Coaches Activities Log.*
- *Don't forget to log in your activities and please send more pictures!*
- *Bring training notebooks, action plans, and discipline data to your training.*

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Good News!!

The Activities log for coaches has been updated.

You can now select more than one school and audience; plus you can print out your activities.

*Economic
Cost of
Female
Dropouts*

By
Don Splinter
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newsletter.

March 14, 2008

Coach Training at Serenbe

NGLRS has reserved the Lake House (at Serenbe) which has a screened porch with fireplace.

Those that can are invited to join us the night of Mar. 13 for a time to socialize. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Just bring yourself and your favorite beverage!

Economic Cost of Female Dropouts

by Don Splinter on 2/12/2008

Middle school and high school principals are aware of the dropout problem and the long-term impact on the dropouts. □ However, many educators tend to think of it as a 'male' problem. □ According to a report by the National Women's Law Center, *When Girls Don't Graduate, We All Fail: A Call to Improve High School Graduation Rates for Girls*, girls in US high schools are dropping out of school at nearly the same rate as boys. □ However, the long-term economic cost for female dropouts is greater because female dropouts earn significantly lower wages than male dropouts, are at a greater risk of unemployment, and are more likely to rely on public support programs.

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The findings of the report indicate that close to half of the estimated dropouts from the class of 2007 were female. □ Overall, an estimated 25 percent of females will not graduate in the 'standard' four-year time frame. □ The numbers for 2003-2004 were worse for girls of color: Hispanic – 37%, Black – 40%, and Native American/Alaskan Native – 50%.

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The report indicates that in 2006, 77% of male dropouts were employed versus 53% of female dropouts. □ In 2006, the average income for adult women without a high school diploma was a bit more than \$15,500 which is about 7% below the federal poverty line of \$16,600 for a family of three. □ The \$15,500 is over \$6,000 less than the income of women with a high school diploma. □

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High school dropouts are more likely to die prematurely of cardiovascular disease and cancer.

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Female high school dropouts are more likely to become pregnant as teenagers – approximately 40% become pregnant.

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Children of dropouts are less likely to graduate from high school. □ A recent study indicated that daughters of men who graduated from high school are 15% less likely to drop out than those whose fathers dropped out. □ Daughters of women who graduated from high school are 33% less likely to drop out than those whose mother dropped out.

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The complete report can be accessed at www.nwlc.org – click on 'When Girls Don't Graduate We All Fail.'

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-from the GAEL Legislative Update

□Original Source

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