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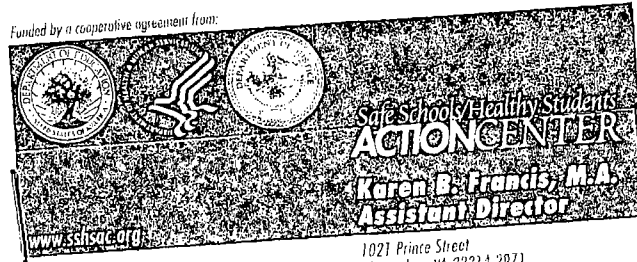
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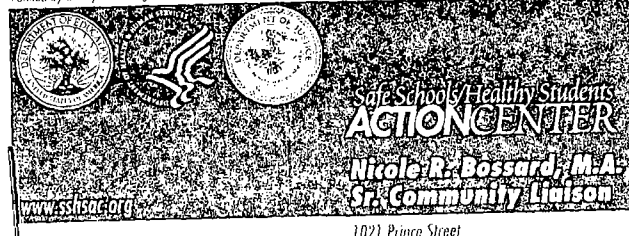
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Mission

The mission of the Action Center is to assist and support the Safe Schools/Healthy Students and School Action Grantees in the development and sustainability of peaceful and healthy communities.

Technical Assistance Model/Service Delivery

The Action Center utilizes a technical assistance model that is consultative, content/evidence-based, culturally competent, and collaborative. The model provides the conceptual and service delivery framework for addressing the needs of the SS/HS and SAG grantees as they implement comprehensive approaches to violence prevention and creating safe schools and communities. The SSHSAC provides technical assistance services guided by practices and policies that represent cultural competence.

The Action Center also serves Unfunded Applicants of the federal Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, local education agencies, communities, and families by providing resources and materials.

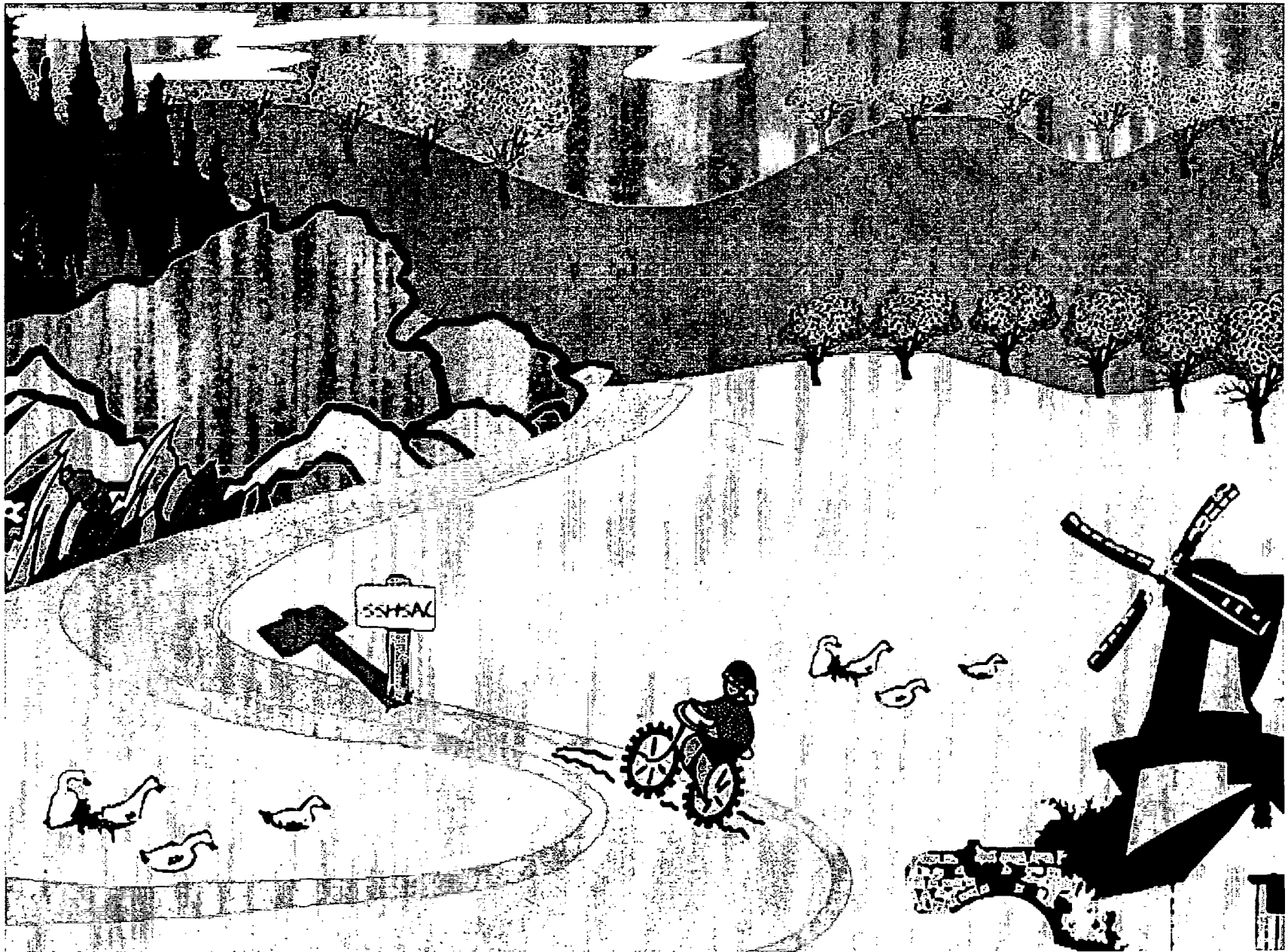
Key Features of the Action Center

- **Consultant/Broker:** field staff assigned to grantees to provide direct services, facilitate consensus-building and programs/services implementation, and to broker site-specific "expert" assistance.
- **Community Liaisons:** Action Center Staff who respond to SS/HS and School Action Grantee sites, Unfunded Applicants, and the general public requests for information, resources, materials and referrals/linkages.
- **Consortium Members/Experts:** a broad-range of nationally- and community-based organizations and professionals that provide site-specific technical assistance. The "expert" TA providers have been identified through our membership in our
- **Practices and Resources Clearinghouse (PARC):** a central information network and organized directory that includes evidence-based practices and research, best practices, and other programs on violence and substance abuse prevention and the enhancement of healthy children, youth and families Consortium organizations, Federal Partners, and professional nominations.

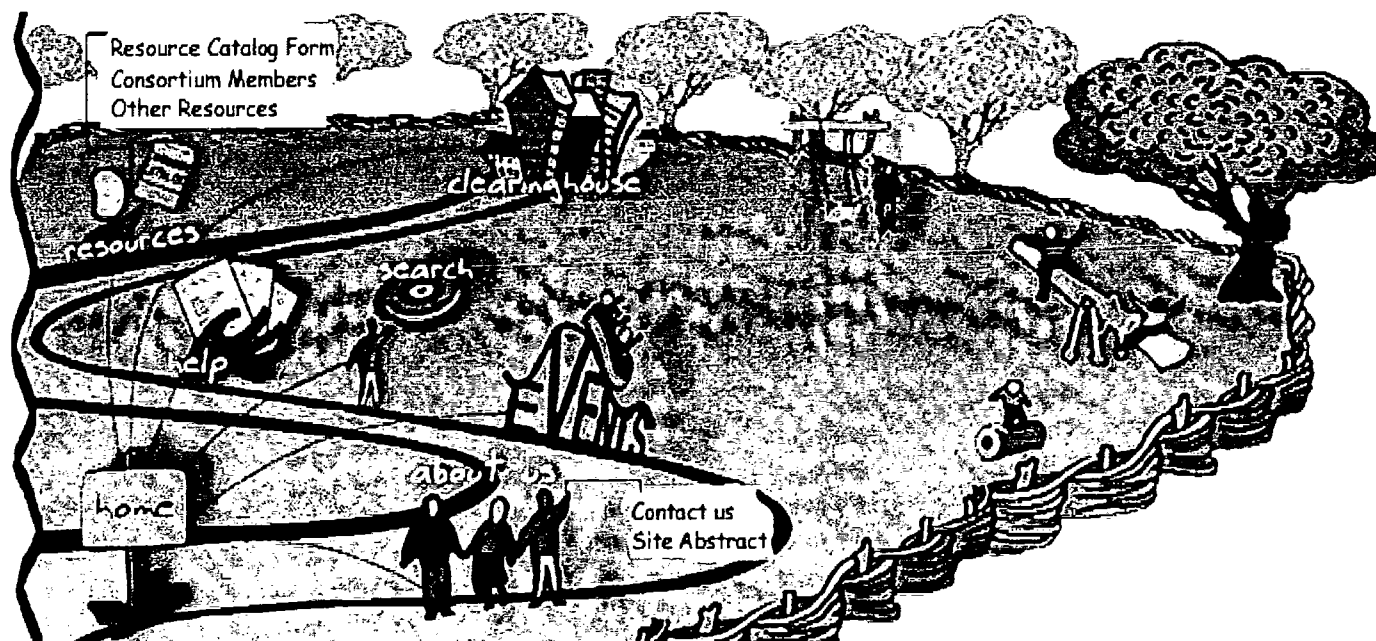
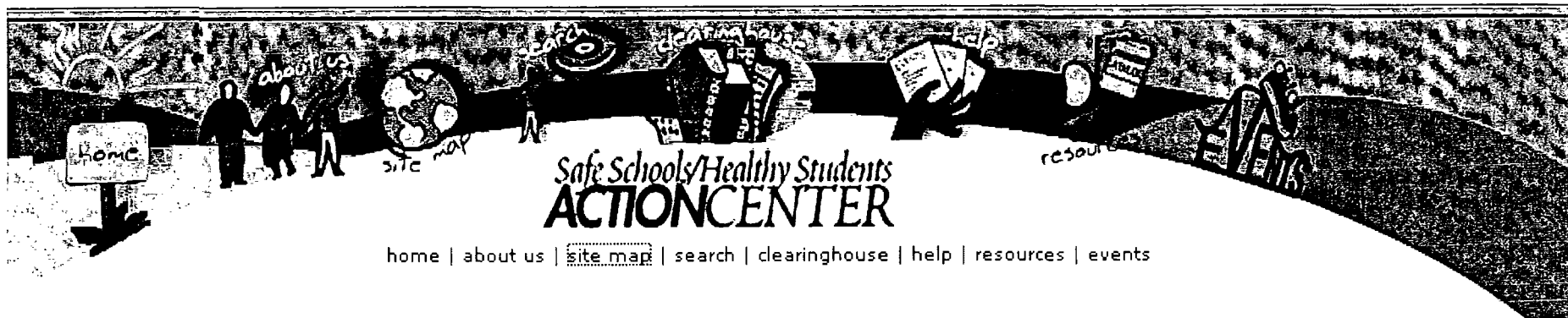
- **Consortium Members:**

- 1) Collaborative to Advance Social and Emotional Learning.
- 2) Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice.
- 3) Center for the Prevention of School Violence.
- 4) Developmental Research and Programs.
- 5) Federation for Children's Mental Health.
- 6) Georgetown University Child Development Center.
- 7) National Association of School Psychologists.
- 8) National Council on Family Relations.
- 9) National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- 10) Society for Community Research and Action.
- 11) Institute for Educational Leadership.
- 12) National Mental Health Association.
- 13) Zero to Three.

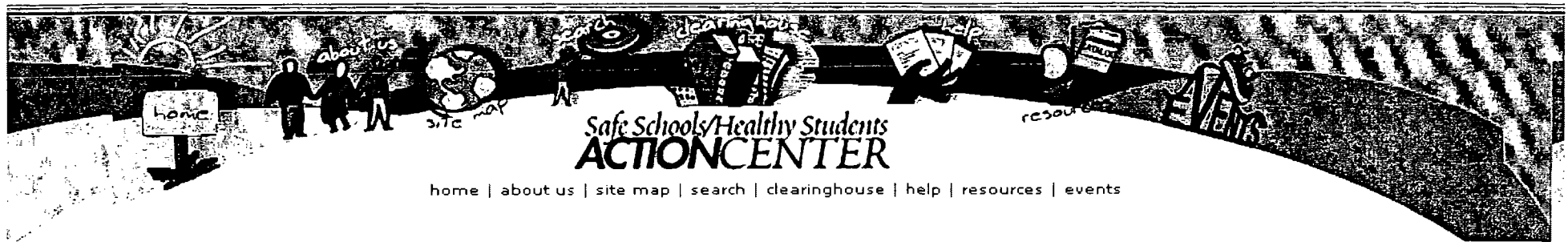
- **Steering Committee:** a professionally and culturally diverse group of respected leaders in their fields, who provide guidance to the Action Center efforts to provide technical assistance to the Safe Schools/Healthy Students and School Action Grantee sites, and to other customers.
- **Research and Evaluation Workgroup:** highly regarded researchers, academicians, and practitioners that will provide consultation to the Action Center to ensure that research methodologies, data collection, and use of findings are appropriate and culturally sensitive.
- **Families and Communities:** youth, family, and community members are involved in the Action Center's activities, including representation on the Steering Committee and the Consortium.



Welcome to the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Action Center Website!



This is the 'Site Map' for the SSHSAC website. Links to all site areas are available on the path through the PARC, and are indicated with text and icons



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Welcome to the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Action Center. The Action Center is the product of a partnership between the Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, and Justice. The National Mental Health Association and the National Association of School Psychologists were awarded a cooperative agreement to administer the Safe Schools/Healthy Student Action Center. We have tried to make this site as user-friendly and informative as possible.

You can find:

- A **calendar** of upcoming conferences related to violence prevention, juvenile justice, mental health and education
- **Resources** for your research needs
- **Abstracts** for the current Safe Schools/Healthy Students and School Action Grantees
- Contact information and forms to **submit online** to our research team to answer all of your questions

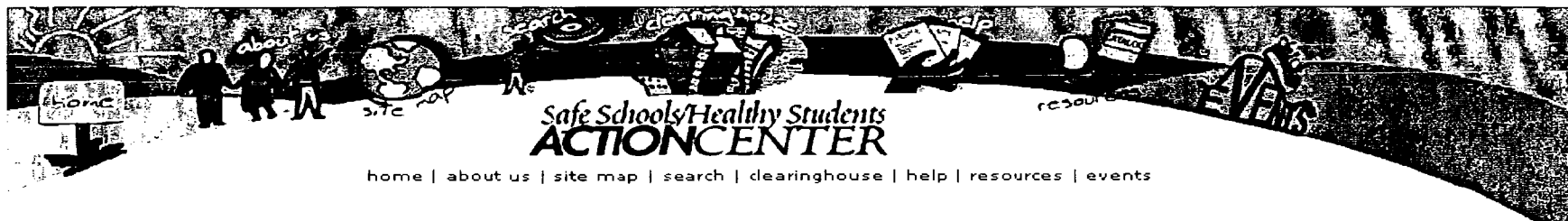


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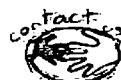
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The 'Home Page' for the SSHSAC site includes a brief paragraph describing the Center's purpose, links for the calendar of upcoming events, an online form to submit requests for information, and a page of links to informative, reliable websites are included.



About us



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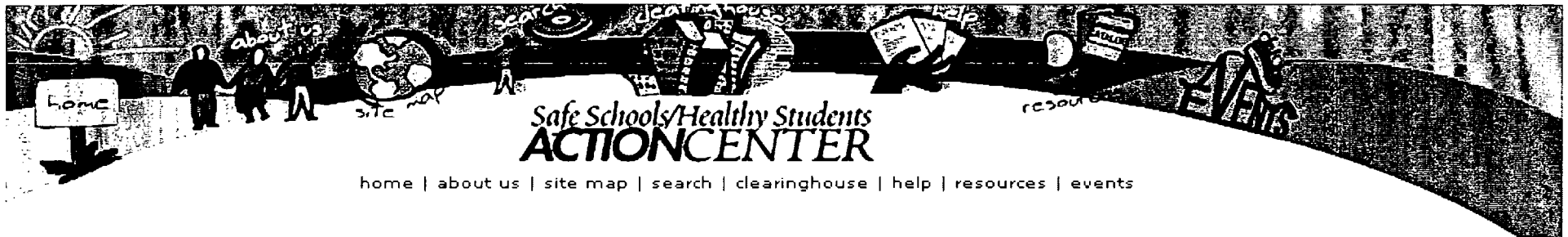
The Action Center understands that the schools and communities of the SS/HS and the SAG grantees are extremely diverse in terms of age, gender, race/ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, religious preference, family structure, social economic status (SES), and geography. The Action Center also notes diversity in the community, school, and home cultures, and believes that understanding and respecting these cultures will directly impact the success of the technical assistance being delivered.

The SS/HSAC will ensure that the technical assistance services provided to sites, the methods used to provide this technical assistance, the products developed by the Center for use in the field, and the staff of the SS/HSAC who provide these technical assistance services will represent cultural diversity and cultural competence. The SS/HSAC has developed practices and policies to ensure that all services provided by and through the Center are conducted in a culturally competent fashion.

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The 'About Us' section of the website explains the mission of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Action Center, provides some details about our technical assistance model, and defines key features of the Action Center.



Site Abstract

Click on the map to reach your destination



The 'Site Abstracts' page of the website shows a map of the United States. Users can click on a state to link to abstracts for grant sites in that area.



SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY STUDENTS GRANTEE Ellis County Schools Hays, Kansas

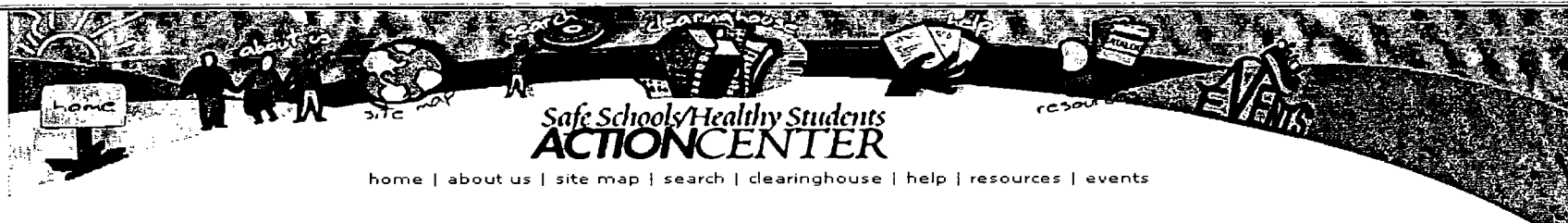
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Ellis County is a Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant site. This project will serve 5,500 students. Of county residents, 11% live in poverty, and the number of economically disadvantaged students in the Hays school district has increased 27% since 1989. There has been an 81% increase in teen pregnancy since 1990 and a 51% increase since 1996 in out-of-home placements of children age 18 and under. Juvenile court filings have increased by 41%, including arrests for battery and for theft. Of the DUI arrests, 29% were minors. The graduation rate in the school district has fallen from 97% in 1997 to 87% in 1998. The dropout rate has increased from 1.5% in the 1994 to 3.3% in 1998.

The primary partners are Hays Unified Schools District #489, High Plains Mental Health, and Ellis County Law Enforcement. Also included are High Plains Mental Health; Ellis County Law Enforcement, Juvenile Justice, the Regional Prevention Center, Fort Hays State University, the Ministerial Alliance, Hays Interagency Community Council, Parents and Children Together, the Docking Institute, and the Ellis County Community Partnership.

Using a Prevention Team, Mental Health Liaison, School Resource Officer, and other community partners, RURAL will implement research-based substance abuse/violence prevention curricula, develop conflict resolution education programs in the schools, and train school staff to maintain and expand these programs. Parents will be involved in an after school program of fun educational activities. There will be continual security assessments and community outreach activities. RURAL will provide after school and early i

This is an actual site abstract, reached by clicking on the state of Kansas and then choosing the Ellis County Schools site from the list of grantees in that state. Each site abstract intends to provide a snapshot of the community being served and the initiatives being implemented at a particular site.



Event List

S.No.	Event	Venue	Time
1.	Collaborative for Social and Emotional Learning Fourth Annual Fall Conference		October 21-24 2000
2.	Collaborative for Social and Emotional Learning Effective Violence Prevention: Home and School Interventions to Build Social and Emotional Intelligence	Chester, PA	November 19, 2000
3.	The Surgeon General's National Conference on Children's Mental Health	Washington D.C.	September 18-19
4.	The Department of Education's 7th Annual Conference on Improving America's Schools Regional Conference	Sacramento, CA	September 18-20
5.	The Department of Education's 7th Annual Conference on Improving America's Schools Regional Conference	Louisville, KY	October 2-4
6.	The Department of Education's 7th Annual Conference on Improving America's Schools Regional Conference	Washington, DC	December 13-15
7.	International Adolescent Conference: Programming for the Needs of Adolescents with Behavioral Disorders	Portland, OR	November 1-4
8.	Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health: Juvenile Justice and the Mental Health System: Improving Services and Supports for Children, Youth and Families	Washington DC;	November 30- December 3
9.	National Council on Preventing Crime National Conference on Preventing Crime	Washington DC	September 28- October 1
10.	Safe Schools Week		October 15-21
11.	Georgetown University Child Development Center - Center for Child Health and Mental Health Policy First annual Communities Can! Sante Fe Symposium: Build you Skills, Enhance your Leadership, Strengthen your Community	Santa Fe, New Mexico	July 9-14
12.	Georgetown University Child Development Center - Center for Child Health and Mental Health Policy First annual Communities Can! Sante Fe Symposium: Build you Skills, Enhance your Leadership, Strengthen your Community	Austin, TX	November 15-17
13.	National Council on Family Relations 62 Annual Conference: Visions for Families: Continuity and	Minneapolis, MN	November 8-13

The 'Events List' includes upcoming events- such as conferences, lectures, and web chats- related to youth violence prevention, mental health, education and/or juvenile justice.

**Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
12th Annual Conference**

**JUVENILE JUSTICE AND THE
MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

Improving Services and Supports for Children, Youth and Families

December 1 - 3, 2000

Renaissance Hotel • Washington, DC

Featured keynote speaker Judge Glenda Hatchett brings innovation to the courtroom in her quest for the fair and ethical treatment of adolescents with emotional, behavioral or mental disorders. Don't miss her inspirational message at the Federation's 12th annual conference.

"Glenda Hatchett is a passionate and effective advocate for the only future we have - our children. Speaking out of her experiences with the problems and belief in the promise of the youngsters who come before her bench, Judge Hatchett is as convincing as she is moving in her call for a better way for our young people."

- Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, President Emeritus, Spelman College -



Judge Glenda Hatchett

There's more! Twenty-five of the finest workshops you will attend this year, fabulous entertainment, and the latest information on innovations in children's mental health and family advocacy.

Pre-Conference Policy Day Training Session, Thursday, November 30!
Chapters & State Organizations encouraged to attend!

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from effective family advocates and national experts who will help you develop skills to shape local, state, and national children's mental health policy. Learn how to use results from research and evaluation reports to advocate for better mental health services for children, youth, and families. Plus valuable information for not-for-profit organizations on how to participate in activities designed to influence policy decisions. Attend this session and be a part of helping shape the Federation's policy agenda for 2001.

☐ FFCMH member registration = \$210.00
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☐ On-site registration = \$280.00
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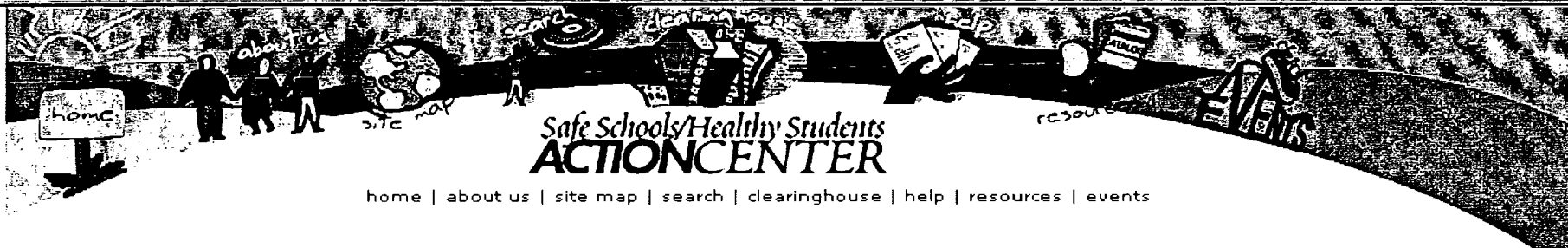
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☐ Yes, I will be
 attending the free
 FFCMH Policy Day
 Pre-conference training

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This conference announcement is for an event included on the 'Events List'. Details about any event on the Event List can be accessed by clicking on the listing to hyperlink to event information on the web.



Request For Information

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Type of district, agency, organization and/or profession of individual making request			
Nature Of Request			
Topic/Subject Area*		Purpose Of Request*	
How will the information be used? *			
What population will be served by the information provided? *			

* Required

At Least One needs to be filled

This is a Request for Information form. These forms are accessible to users by clicking on the 'Help' button on the navigation bar (at the top of each page). This form allows users to submit requests for information to the Action Center staff online.

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