

TEEN BRAIN WORKSHOP FOLLOW-UP

Thank you to everyone who participated in 'The Teen Brain: What Teachers Need to Know' workshop with Karen Williams at Midwinter. Her feedback: "WONDERFUL group of educators!!!"

As you heard during the workshop, the brain development information is the basis of the Protecting You/Protecting Me (PY/PM) program. For those teachers who want to participate in the youth-led implementation model of PY/PM beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, the 2009 National Teacher Training Institutes are scheduled as follows:

- June 22-24, 2009 Minneapolis, MN
- June 29-July 1, 2009 Austin, TX
- July 29-31, 2009 Lafayette, LA

State Farm® underwrites the cost of the training, training materials and PY/PM curriculum to eligible sites.

PY/PM is a cross-age, science-based service-learning project to reduce underage alcohol use. High school students enrolled in a class such as Ready, Set, Teach!* deliver the PY/PM curriculum to elementary students in Grades 1-5. In addition to gaining direct teaching experience in the elementary classroom, students teach community members about the teen brain and the dangers of underage alcohol use.

PY/PM complements the Ready, Set, Teach! curriculum and activities and meets eight of the eleven TEKS (as reported by current RST! teachers). PY/PM activities can be used in FCCLA with STAR events, Chapter Service and Illustrated Talks among others.

Please visit www.pypm.org for more information. Training applications can be found at http://www.pypm.org/about_us/get_involved.cfm

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*Other FACS classes, peer helping classes such as PAL®, and other service-learning classes for credit are eligible class structures for PY/PM implementation.

Protecting You/Protecting Me is a program of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and is sponsored by State Farm. Bliss, Inc. manages the youth-led model of the program.