

All School Personnel,

Welcome back to school! I sincerely hope you had some time to enjoy your summer “vacation”.

You face difficult issues and challenges daily and the fact that many children come to you lacking life skills and self-discipline exacerbates the challenges. Educators have to interact with children carrying those issues if they are to be successful in the classrooms, hallways, lunchrooms and the community. We can help!

Once again the Masonic fraternity will offer the interactive and positive Student Assistance Team training for school counselors, administrators, teachers and additional school support employees. While the South Dakota Masons fund the program, they did not develop it nor do they teach the program.

Those educators who attend will return home trained to address suicide, school violence (acting up and acting out), depression and substance abuse. Like you, we know these problems also impact the academic achievement of the child, her/his attendance, health and behavior.

This is one of the best Student Assistance Team trainings in the country and it can be molded to make what you are using even better...or it can stand alone as a foundation upon which can be constructed a meaningful program. It is called the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP) and was developed in Pennsylvania by Newman/Stecher International ([www.newmanstecher.com](http://www.newmanstecher.com)), an educational consulting firm. In fact, the state legislature of Pennsylvania has mandated this program shall be in every school building in that state.

More information is available from [www.masonicmodel.org](http://www.masonicmodel.org) and at [www.mygrandlodge.org](http://www.mygrandlodge.org) (which is the South Dakota site) where there is information under the MSAP button as well as video on the class – participants and instructors. Registration forms may also be downloaded from there.

Our next workshop will be held in **Mitchell** at the **Ramada Inn** on **October 5, 6 & 7, 2010**. The three day workshop will start on October 5 at 8:30 a.m. and end on October 7 about 2:30 p.m. **There is no cost for the workshop, materials, meals or hotel rooms.**

Registration is limited to 70 participants so be sure to register early. A registration form has been attached for your use. Also attached is a copy of the schedule for the workshop.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have or provide you with any information you may require. I may be contacted at [SDMMSAP@gmail.com](mailto:SDMMSAP@gmail.com) or by calling 605-939-0685.

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# **MASONIC MODEL STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

## **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

<u>DAY 1</u>	7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast Buffet
	8:30 – 12:00	Welcome and Introductions Opening Activities Goals and Expectations Masonic Model Student Assistance Program Overview
	12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
	1:00 – 4:00	At-Risk Youth Issues Chemical Dependency Conflict – Bullying – Violence Depression and Suicide
	4:00 – 5:00	Communication Skills: The Key to Intervention Wrap Up Day One
		Dinner
<u>DAY 2</u>	7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast Buffet
	8:30 – 12:00	Opening Activities The Dynamics of Families in Pain Enabling
	12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
	1:00 – 4:00	Life Skills Treatment – Recovery – Aftercare
	4:00 – 5:00	Building a Successful Core Team Wrap up Day Two
		Dinner
<u>DAY 3</u>	7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast Buffet
	8:30 – 12:00	The Student Assistance Process Case Studies: Intervention and Practice
	12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
	1:00 – 2:30	Action Planning for Successful Implementation Group Closure

**Breaks – mid morning and mid afternoon**

# REGISTRATION FORM MASONIC MODEL STUDENT ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP

Training teachers, counselors, administrators to recognize the early signs of troubled children; those at risk of becoming involved with drugs or alcohol, suicide or violence. What schools can do when the troubled child is identified and how to intervene.

October 5-6-7, 2010, Ramada Inn, Mitchell, South Dakota

Lodging, food and course materials will be supplied by South Dakota Masons. Those traveling long distances will have rooms available on Monday evening, October 4. Classes will start at 8:30 a.m. and run until approximately 4:30 p.m. On the third day, the session will end by 2:30 p.m. The ideal team size for this workshop for a large school is five (5), however in many instances we will form teams based upon the number of applicants. Teachers are the first to recognize the troubled child but they need a school team made up of administrators, counselors, school nurse and other teachers to develop and implement a school plan of action. School teams work as a group during the seminars. Some seminar groups are made up of several smaller schools. **Dress comfortably!** The hotel address and relevant details including a current agenda will be included with the registration acknowledgement. All school personnel are welcome.

SCHOOL/SCHOOL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS, CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM COORDINATOR \_\_\_\_\_

COORDINATOR FAX, E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM MEMBERS: After each name please print M (male) F (female) for housing. We attempt to house based upon double occupancy. If you desire graduate credit for this workshop, please place an X under the GC column. The cost of Graduate Credit is normally less than \$45.00. Include e-mail address to receive agenda, announcements, updates and other pertinent material

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