

Masonic Student Assistance Training Program

The New York State Masons' Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse

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About the Program

The Masonic Student Assistance Training (MSAT) Program is a research-based program for New York's schools that is promoted and funded by the New York State Masons. This program meets the NYS Education Department's guidelines for effective programs, the SDFSCA guidelines, requirements of NCLB, and the NY SAVE Legislation. This staff development program has been in place since October 2001, and more than 1000 educators, from more than 194 school teams have participated. The program trains a core team of educators in the identification of children who are "at risk" of becoming involved in toxic behaviors - substance abuse, gangs, vandalism - and who are insubordinate, disorderly, and disruptive, whose conduct endangers the safety, morals, health or welfare of themselves and others. The program is designed for school personnel (K-12). The Pennsylvania Student Assistance Program serves as the model for this program and has been evaluated by the University of Pittsburgh and the St. Francis Institute for Psychiatric and Addiction Services. To make a successful impact in your school, the Student Assistance Training needs the "Right People for the Job". They need to actively participate and take the information back to their respective schools. A core team of individuals will be trained. We strongly encourage each school's team to include one building administrator and/or a school counselor. The principal's training and involvement on the core team, even if limited to ad-hoc is crucial to the team's support, implementation and success.

The core team members may include:

- One building administrator
- One or more counselors
- Two or more teachers-regular education/special education
- One school nurse, school psychologist, in-school suspension coordinator
- One drug/alcohol service provider, and/or mental health provider

Where and When

The training takes place over three consecutive days on the campus of the Masonic Care Community in Utica, New York. Participants will stay at a local motel. Training sessions for the 2005-2006 school year are scheduled for:

October 24-26, 2006 December 5-7, 2006 January 30-February 1, 2007 March 27-29, 2007

Costs - Training fees and materials, meals, and lodging will be covered by the Grand Lodge of New York (up to 8 participants per team). Districts are encouraged to send a team for each building. Substitute teacher costs will be the responsibility of the school district.

How to Register - To register a team or to obtain more information, contact Tim McMullin, MSAT Chairman. The toll-free phone number is 1-888-694-0511. The e-mail address is MSAT@nymasons.org .

Note:

We urge interested parties to visit our website. A downloadable registration form, updated information, summaries of research, statements and testimonials from past participants may be found at <http://www.nymasons.org/index.php?c=MSAT>.