

Hello Members of the National Network,

This e-mail is to announce the upcoming biannual meeting of the National Network for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities. The meeting will be held June 22-25, 2002 at the Westin Grand Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide State Education Agency (SEA) Coordinators, Governor's Program (GOV) Coordinators, Comprehensive Assistance Center Directors, and NNSDFSC Partners with the latest information about appropriations, programmatic developments and coordination efforts with key stakeholders. Participants will include Bill Modzeleski and/or staff from the U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program; Sue Thau from the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America; and Julie Peterson from the Comprehensive Health Education Foundation.

There will be a special Orientation and Training Session for new and interested coordinators regarding the legal and programmatic requirements of the SEA and GOV programs. If you are new in your job, you cannot afford to miss this valuable session with veteran SDFSC staff, as well as staff from the U.S. Department of Education. There will also be time to network with program coordinators from across the United States and to interact with the participants named above. For those interested in education and program advocacy, we will be arranging an informational briefing for congressional staffers on Capitol Hill. You may also wish to visit with your elected officials (optional).

The registration fee for this important opportunity is only \$75.00 per person. The hotel cost of \$159.00 plus tax is very low for Washington, D.C. Attached you will find a registration form and draft agenda. I encourage you to make travel arrangements as soon as possible. The number for hotel reservations is: 1-800-WESTIN1 or 202-429-0100. Be sure to mention that you are with the National Network for SDFSC to get the rate quoted above. The Network business meeting starts on Sunday, June 23, at 1:30 pm (after the New Coordinators' Meeting and lunch) and dress for that day will be casual. Since our invited guests will be joining us on Monday, most Network members will dress for business on that day. Dress for Tuesday will vary depending on the activities you choose to participate in. The most important thing is for you to be comfortable, so check out the agenda and plan accordingly.

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