



Monday Memo

September 5, 2023

It's the first Monday Memo of the 2023-2024 school year! And, even though it's not technically Monday, it still likely feels like a Monday! We hope everyone had a wonderful, relaxing holiday weekend and is ready for the start of another week!

The MSCA Monday Memo will be coming out and released via email and social media every other Monday throughout the school year. To submit content for the Monday Memo, please contact Jill Hancock (jill@c2cpro.solutions). The goal is to provide updates on MSCA news and upcoming events as well as information from MSCA's partners.

MSCA NEWS & UPDATES

Fall Conference - November 5-7, 2023

Fall Conference is just two months away! This year's event will be held on November 5-7 at the Tan-Tar-A Conference and registration is now open online by [clicking here](#). Below are major highlights regarding this year's event. More information may also be found [online](#).

- Workshops - The grid and information on the more than 100 workshops to be presented at Fall Conference are now available! [Click here](#) to access workshop descriptions and [click here](#) to access the conference grid. Please note that both are subject to change based on availability of the volunteer presenters.
- Saturday Institute - Looking for more PD? A half day workshop will be held on Saturday, November 4, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and will feature Kat Pastor with CharacterStrong. Visit the [conference website](#) for additional information.
- Conference Preview - For the full conference schedule, and additional details, view the [Conference Preview](#).
- Conference T-Shirts - New this year! Conference t-shirts may be ordered and received in advance of conference - t-shirts may be ordered by [clicking here](#). Please note that these will not be available for purchase onsite.

- Lodging - Tan-Tar-A is accepting reservations! Please use the following code on the [Margaritaville/Tan Tar A website](#): MSCR. The resort WILL sell out for this event - book early to guarantee your reservation.
- New Special Opportunities
 - Monday Evening Dinner (Monday, November 6, at 5:30 p.m.) - Monday evening includes free time for attendees to enjoy dinner, networking with colleagues, etc. Many of our attendees chose to leave the resort property for dinner, but for those that prefer to stay on property for a coordinated dining option, may register for this opportunity through the MSCA website. The fee for dinner is a flat rate of \$45 per person. [Click here](#) to register.
 - Carpool - Interested in sharing a ride for Fall Conference? [Submit your information here](#) to be added to the listing of interested individuals. Please note that submission does not guarantee a ride for Fall Conference.

Committees - Get Involved Now!

MSCA is soliciting volunteers to serve on continuing, as well as newly formed committees. These committees provide an opportunity for members to get involved within MSCA based on various levels of interest. Overall time commitment per committee is approximately 1 hour per month. To submit your name for consideration, please [click here to complete the interest form](#).

Fall Semester Professional Development Opportunities

Make plans to join us virtually for our webinar and coffee, counselors and conversations (3Cs) events during the fall semester! [Click here](#) to register for upcoming offerings.

Upcoming Specialty Meetings

In addition to regular board and committee meetings, MSCA is working to coordinate various meetings and continued discussions with other subsets of our school counselor community. Please note the following upcoming meeting dates. If you would like more information on either of these opportunities, please contact Jill Hancock at jill@c2cpro.solutions.

- Coordinators & Directors of School Counseling - Thursday, September 7 at 1:00 p.m.
- Region Leadership - Tuesday, September 12 at 3:30 p.m.

MSCA Nominations for Board of Directors

Are you interested in making a difference in your profession? Consider running for a position on MSCA's Board of Directors! During this election process, three individuals will be elected by their peers to serve a 3-year term beginning on October 1, 2024. In addition to knowledge about and experience in the school counseling field, the Nominations and Elections Committee seeks leadership candidates with a demonstrated commitment and service to the organization, a working knowledge of the Missouri Comprehensive Counseling Model, and a temperament that contributes to and generates group consensus, wisdom, and vision. To submit your application for a director position and for additional information, please [click here](#). Applications are due by November 15, 2023.

MSCA Position Papers

Looking for resources on how to advocate for your position on topics such as 504s, Testing, and Other Duties? MSCA has position papers available on these topics and more! MSCA's Position statements describe the organization's position on specific topics in education and define the role of the school counselor relative to those topics. [Click here](#) for more information and to access MSCA's position papers.

MSCA Instagram

MSCA is officially on Instagram! Follow us at <https://www.instagram.com/moschoolcounselor/>.

Got Questions?

MSCA members are encouraged to reach out to the MSCA office for any questions at (53) 635-9109 or msca@c2cpro.solutions. Additionally, members may reach out directly to the MSCA Board of Directors at board@moschoolcounselor.org.

NEWS FROM MSCA'S PARTNERS

MSCA continues to share updates from related organizations and partners as outlined below. Organizations are encouraged to submit updates to Jill Hancock at jill@c2cpro.solutions for inclusion within the Monday Memo.

DESE Updates

Input Requested: The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is seeking input on the newly proposed K-12 Learning Standards, Glossary, and Student Indicators for Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) developed by the SEL work team and we would like to hear from you! As you complete the [survey](#), be very specific in your responses to ensure the department captures the true intent of your comment. Comment period will be open August 16 through September 15. Comments will be compiled and shared at the October 16th State Board of Education [meeting](#).

School Safety Grants: DESE has released the application process for the \$50 million in school safety grants. This round does include nonpublic schools. [Click here](#) for additional information.

Mental Health First Aid Training: Missouri's DESE and department of Mental Health are pleased in partnership with the Missouri Institute of Mental Health are pleased to provide grant funding to bring teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) to your school or organization this upcoming spring 2024. This means schools or youth serving organizations in your community can take part in tMHFA at no cost! [Click here](#) to learn more about the program, application process, and timeline.

Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH) and the Missouri Child Psychiatry Access Project (MOCPOP)

The MIMH and MOCPOP are pleased to announce a new training series for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year entitled: Conversations for Suicide Safer Schools. Conversations for Suicide

Safer Schools empowers educators to ask about suicide risk effectively, identify each staff member's role & responsibility, and practice skills to help parents create suicide-safer environments when there is a potential risk for suicide. More information, including online registration, may be found by [clicking here](#). Registration inquiries and further questions about the training may be directed to: conferences@mimh.edu.

Missouri ACT Council

The 2023 Kansas and Missouri ACT Conference will be held on September 12, 2023 at the Embassy Suites Kansas City Airport. In addition to the September 12 conference, ACT has expanded this year's event to include a post conference on September 13. Attendees will have the opportunity to gain new perspectives, expand their knowledge, and find solutions to problems facing the education and workforce landscape. Learn more about the conference and [register here](#).

Missouri College and Career Attainment Network (MOCAN)

MOCAN and its partners will be hosting FREE in-person and virtual fall workshops for high school counselors, advisors, and college access professionals. Workshops will begin in September with topics ranging from financial aid (24-25 FAFSA updates), career pathways, match & fit, and advising strategies. For additional information, including dates, locations, and registration, please [click here](#).