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**CHARACTER\_EDUCATION\_NETWORK  
ALERT #1  
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This Alert is a special announcement from the **CHARACTER\_EDUCATION\_NETWORK** online mail list. Alerts will periodically bring you information that is time sensitive. You will also continue to receive the monthly Character Education Network e-newsletter. Your name has been added to this list as a result of your completing the New Jersey Department of Education Character Education Network Online Listserv Form or because you have indicated an interest in receiving updates on character education efforts in New Jersey.

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**FROM THE NJCCE DIRECTOR**

In addition to our monthly e-newsletter, the NJCCE will provide occasional special alerts regarding professional development opportunities and other information that is time sensitive. Some of the events detailed below are occurring soon, but there is still time to register for them. The monthly Character Education Network e-newsletter will continue to feature conference and professional development opportunities which are less time sensitive, in addition to other topical and substantive articles.

Philip M. Brown, Ph.D.  
Director

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- **Sustaining Character Education Initiatives: Strategies and Resources to Meet the Challenges**  
November 29, 30, and December 1, 2006

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING:** November 20

Three free ½ day technical assistance workshops are being offered regionally throughout NJ to provide educators with information, resources and strategies for sustaining character education initiatives, including opportunities to: **NETWORK** with colleagues, **SHARE** successful strategies, **EXPLORE** factors that contribute to sustainability, **LEARN** how to leverage alternative resources.

**Sustaining Character Education Initiatives:**

## Strategies and Resources to Meet the Challenges

### SOUTH

November 29, 2006  
 Check-In at 8:00a.m.  
 Workshop: 8:30a.m. to 1:00p.m.  
 Gloucester County Office of Education  
 1492 Tanyard Rd.  
 Sewell, NJ  
**Registration Deadline: Nov. 20**

### CENTRAL

November 30, 2006  
 Check-In at 8:00a.m.  
 Workshop: 8:30a.m. to 1:00p.m.  
 Busch Campus Center  
 Rutgers University  
 Piscataway, NJ  
 Room 116 ABC  
**Registration Deadline: Nov. 20**

### NORTH

December 1, 2006  
 Check-In at 8:00a.m.  
 Workshop: 8:30a.m. to 1:00p.m.  
 Passaic County Public Safety Academy  
 300 Oldham Rd.  
 Wayne, NJ  
**Registration Deadline: Nov. 20**

To register for a workshop near you, visit the New Jersey Department of Education's Professional Development and Technical Assistance website at:  
<http://education.state.nj.us/events/>.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please be sure to click on the links "Details" and "Directions"! Directions and exact workshop locations are provided there for you.

Sponsored by the NJ Department of Education and the New Jersey Center for Character Education.

- **Humiliation and the Roots of Violence: Human Conflict in a Globalizing World**  
 A lecture and discussion with Dr. Evelin Gerda Lindner, M.D., Ph.D.  
 November 14, 2006  
 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 Center for Applied Psychology  
 Rutgers, The State University  
 Piscataway, NJ

In 1996, Dr. Lindner designed a research project on the nature of humiliation and how it is related to the occurrence of genocide and mass violence. She believes that by eliminating harmful cycles of humiliation, a space is opened for mutual respect and esteem to take root and grow, thereby leading to the resolution of previously intractable conflicts. There is no charge for this workshop, but registration is required. To register, email 1) your name, 2) your position or

title, 3) your e-mail address, and 4) your Phone #, to: [coyman@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:coyman@rci.rutgers.edu). Upon receipt of your e-mail, NJCCE will send you a confirmation along with directions to the Center for Applied Psychology.

## NATIONAL CHARACTER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- 2007 New Jersey Schools of Character  
Application Deadline: December 18, 2006 (postmarked)

The New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey Center for Character Education (NJCCE) are pleased to announce the 2007 New Jersey State Schools of Character (SSOC) competition. This is the second year of the New Jersey SSOC awards, which also serves as a preliminary step to advancing to the Character Education Partnership's (CEP) National awards program, the NSOC awards. The SSOC and NSOC applications are the same. However, if your school or district is located in New Jersey, you must apply directly to NJCCE, not to CEP.

To learn more about how the process will work in New Jersey and to download an application, click [here](#).

Every year, CEP names 10 public and private schools and districts (K-12) as National Schools of Character (NSOC) for their outstanding work in character education. One or two New Jersey Schools of Character award winners may advance to the National School of Character award competition. In 2007, winning NSOC schools and districts will receive a [\\$20,000 award](#).

Click on the links below to download documents needed to apply, and to view helpful examples of applications, including sample narratives and portfolios.

### Documents Needed to Apply

- [Application Cover Sheet](#)
- [Revised Character Education 2006 Quality Standards](#) (PDF)
- [Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education](#) (PDF)
- [Self-Assessment Score Sheet](#) to compute your scores in Excel.
- [Guidelines for School Districts in Fostering Character Education](#) (PDF) for School Districts Only.

### How to Complete the NSOC Application

[View an informational Power Point Presentation](#) that guides you through the application process.

### [Sample Applications](#)

Click on these links to learn more about the [NSOC](#) and [Promising Practices](#) awards programs.

For more information about the New Jersey Schools of Character awards program, contact NJCCE at 732.445.7504.

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