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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **PCLT selected to present at the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools National Conference**

We are pleased to announce that PCLT has been selected to present both a workshop and poster presentation at the August 8-10, 2011, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) National Conference entitled *Making the Connection: Creating and Maintaining Conditions for Learning*.

The workshop, entitled *Unifying School and Community Stakeholders to Build Cultures of Achievement, Foster Student Leadership, and End Student Isolation*, will be presented by Daniel F. Oscar, President & CEO and Margo Ross, Psy.D., Senior Director of Business Development & Marketing. The workshop will present strategies for creating and sustaining effective stakeholder groups that ultimately support the academic, leadership, social, and emotional needs of students.

The poster, entitled *A Peer-led High School Transition Program Supports Academic Achievement*, will be presented by Margo Ross, Psy.D., Senior Director of Business Development & Marketing, and Laura Fenster Rothschild, Psy.M., Product Director, Transition Programs. The poster presents findings from a National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-funded study which investigated the impact of a peer-led high school transition program on freshman students' academic achievement. Findings show that program participants performed better academically than control participants in two subjects (science and history). Results, implications, and lessons learned will be discussed.

The Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) provides funds and technical assistance to states, schools, and communities for programs that promote the health and well-being of students in elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education. OSDFS programs emphasize positive, disciplined, high-achieving schools; strong parent and community involvement; effective school planning and preparedness; research-based prevention and education strategies; and the effective use of data by schools and states to select and improve high-quality programs and activities.

Please see <http://osdfs.dgimeetings.com/Home.aspx> for more information or to register for the conference.