

DISCOVER PARENTING Guidelines - 2018

Dear teachers, students and friends, USEP-OHIO is happy to announce we are celebrating a new year of Discover Parenting! We are sending you dates and forms to use as you enter **the 2017-2018** project! The following helps you describe the project to others and includes participation forms and information.

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Photos will be on display at the Statehouse, may be at the Ohio State Fair, and at several conferences throughout the year.

Discover Parenting is an educational program sponsored by United Services for Effective Parenting-Ohio, Inc. (USEP-OHIO) that features classroom study and culminates with a photo project. The lessons, written by teachers, allow high school and middle school students to explore critical thinking and feeling about the issues of safe and responsible parenting. Students conclude the project by submitting a photo with a caption related to the contest theme, "How Does It Feel to be a Safe & Responsible Parent?" In May, Ohio advocate/leaders assist with judging entries displayed at the Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in Columbus. The goal of the display is to bring Middle and High School students' work to the Ohio legislators, whose decisions impact their lives on a daily basis, in a place where all Ohioans can view it. See registration form end of this document. Go to USEP-OHIO.org and click to see 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 winning photos and prize awards. Winners for each year will be posted for viewing, and all entrants displayed in the PowerPoint files linked to each page.

Discover Parenting Photo Display entries must be received by April 15, 2018, for the 2018 (2017-2018 school year) Exhibit. The display will be open throughout the month of May and possibly into June. Please note the winning photos will be identified with colored ribbons denoting each place, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mentions on **by June 2018**. Cash awards are given to recognize winners (students and teachers) in this statewide competition, paid out during the weeks following.

Attention Teachers! The rewards will be the same for both the Traffic and Home Safety Category and the new special Topics Category (doubling the rewards by having 2 separate categories) and adding rewards for teachers who submit lesson plans for either category.

Category1 (original):

- basic traffic/home safety reflecting FACTS, NAWHSL, Safe Seating for infant, toddlers, teens and adults; Distracted Driving, and many more as reflected in photo results from other years.

Category 2 - the new special topics category that includes:

- Human Trafficking,
- Opioid and Substance Abuse
- Safe at School and in the Community
- Safe in a new Land

Contents Fit: We hope that the new category also allows students to make photo and mini essay (captioned comments) that fit some of the current critical issues in our lives. This new category is congruent with a host of Health and Wellness issues, Competencies and Outcomes in Strand 5 as well as others like Career Development, Global Development, Family Development, Parenting and others. It fits the critical new areas of personal and family dangers and challenges Ohio students face in their lives today and in the future. We hope this offers edgy and exciting new ideas for your classes and FCCLA!

The Rewards for Discover Parenting photo entrants:

- **\$25.00 mini grants to all teachers whose students enter the final competitions (Action project or Discover Parenting photo exhibit)**
- **Discover Parenting Winners:**
 - **First Place - \$125.00 each to student and to school**
 - **Second Place - \$100.00 each to student and to school**
 - **Third Place - \$75.00 each to student and to school**
 - **Honorable Mentions - \$50.00 each to student and to school**

This project can be done by a class or a small group of students in conjunction with the Discover Parenting photo project. A group photo and brief summary of the project must be submitted by **April 15, 2018**, so participation in the action project will be recognized as part of the Discover Parenting Display. **Final materials and a notebook or portfolio need to be submitted by May 6, 2018.** As the deadlines approach teachers may wish to verify deadlines.

Resources:

1. **"Discover Parenting Classroom Manual"** original is available from the USEP-OHIO office usepohio@usepohio.com; and is presently being updated with new resources and information. We hope to add it to the website soon.
2. ***Kids in the Car. . .With Grandparents and Others Who Care***, a multi-media-kit produced by USEP-OHIO, and sponsored by NAWHSL (see below) available for download from www.usep-ohio.org.
3. Go to www.usep-ohio.org/References.html for a list of links to resources/information you may wish to use, like Safe Kids, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and more.
4. Go to www.SafeConnectionsandResources.org, our new safety website designed to help supply ideas and projects, data and a wide range of safety information. You will see links to many organizations and sites that contain materials to support your lessons.
5. If you need further information or in order for USEP-OHIO to suggest materials or provide support, please contact us at 1-800-262-4KIDS, 614-571-8313, fax 614-868-9755, or email us at www.usep-ohio.org as soon as possible.
6. **NAWHSL (National Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders)**, and the Ohio Chapter OAHSL (Ohio Association of Highway Safety Leaders) are our partners. Some of the Discover Parenting photos and the action projects will be displayed at the NAWHSL national conference and other conferences as requested. Go to www.NAWHSL.org for more information.

Register using the "2018 Teacher Registration Form". See link on USEP Home Page or go to <http://usep-ohio.org/DP2018/DISCOVERPARENTINGGuidelines2018.pdf> Please complete and return this form to our office by April 15, 2018. This helps us to gauge the number of possible entries that will require mounting. **Teachers, watch for any changes and confirm deadlines.**