Social Sciences and Life Skills is offering a Character Education inservice on literacy and service learning for teachers, grades 4-12.

- The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, in cooperation with the United States Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, Partnership in Character Education Grant Program, is offering a two-day interactive training session introducing the “Strategies for Success with Literacy: A Learning Curriculum that Serves.”

- Participants will learn and engage in the strategic use of this curriculum which combines research-based strategies from the fields of literacy, service learning, civic development/citizenship, and social/emotional learning and will receive all necessary curricular materials for implementation in their classrooms for the 2009-2010 school year.

- The two-day training session will take place as follows:
  When: Monday-Tuesday, September 21-22, 2009
  Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
  Location: Hilton Miami Airport & Towers
  5101 Blue Lagoon Drive
  Miami, Florida, 33126

- Fourteen (14) Master Plan Points will be provided for teachers who attend and complete a follow up assignment.

- Substitute coverage will be provided; however teachers must secure the permission of their principal to attend.

- Registration is restricted to 100 registrants. Consideration for acceptance of registration will be contingent upon equal participant representation from the various Regional Center schools. The registration deadline is Thursday, September 17, 2009.

- **Registration for this inservice is as follows:**
  - Teachers must register using the online M-DCPS Professional Development registration system. You must login using your employee number for both username and password and click on the following: “find a session, by instructor, on the alphabet “Z”, Alayne C. Zeto, instructor and finally scroll to find the session titled, “Character Ed/ Literacy & Service Learning 4-12.”

  - Please complete the registration process as soon as possible, as space is limited.

  - A confirmation email of your registration will be sent to you. Without confirmation, the registration is not complete.

  - Only teachers who have completed the registration process, and have received a confirmation will be admitted to the training and receive the 14 Master Plan Points, contingent upon completion of the follow-up assignment.

  - Please be sure to bring your confirmation email on the first day of the institute to ensure entrance.

If you have any questions regarding this institute, please contact Dr. Mara Zapata, Instruction Support Specialist and Program Director of the Partnership in Character Education, at the number listed below, or via email - marazapata@dadeschools.net.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

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