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Upcoming sessions:

11/7/19 ESC Region 12 Counselor Council at ESC Region 12 in Waco

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Session #176353 Register at: <https://txr12.escworks.net/default.aspx>

ESC Region 12 Counselor Council is a quarterly meeting for school counselors in the ESC Region 12 service area to come together and discuss topics relevant to school counseling programs in their schools with their peers. The morning is reserved for academic topics and collaboration, sharing of resources and supports. The afternoon is reserved for more ethical considerations and student development needs. Join us as school leaders take a unique and in-depth look at Culture and Diversity with Keonna White, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Waco ISD. Participants will go well beyond just identification of cultural variables, but gain a better understanding of perspectives and best practices when incorporating practices and intentional efforts to be most inclusive for all on our school campuses. You won't want to miss this engaging opportunity to discuss a facet of education that has an enormous impact on all students.

12/3/19 Suicide Response Protocols: Considerations for Safety and Support, and online LIVE webinar 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Session #193505 Register at: <https://txr12.escworks.net/default.aspx>

More and more, we are seeing a need for support in our schools for mental health needs. When students experience a crisis and need support, there are many things to consider for that continuum and how best to provide care and ensure safety to the greatest degree possible. As schools form their response plans or "protocols", several factors should be covered and best decisions made for a comprehensive plan for individuals who are in crisis. In this session, participants will explore those impacting factors and consider methods for proper crisis event identification, confidential handling of situations, use of appropriate and confidential documentation, and how to proceed with protocol plans for a campus and/or district. *Please be sure to have your current suicide prevention/intervention/response protocol on hand and be ready to ask questions via the chat option, as this will be facilitated during the live webinar. There will be no charge for this webinar.

1/7/20 Moving Forward: Addressing the Crisis on Campus at ESC Region 12 in Waco 9:00 am to 4:00 pm **Please note date change to 1/7/20 from 1/9/20*
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Unexpected events and situations are present on school campuses every day. Regardless of whether the response to them is somewhat manageable or requires significant support, preparation, professional communication and an empathetic environment can help a campus "move forward" after a crisis. In this session, participants will learn varying crisis scenarios that can interrupt or stop school operations. Developmentally appropriate stages of grief and potential reactions from students at all grade levels will be presented as well as follow-up procedures for incidents such as the loss of a home for a student, diagnosis of a life-threatening illness or the loss of a student or staff member through natural causes, accidental loss, or suicide. Parent and community communications best practices and examples will help return the campus when the unthinkable happens.