

The Communicator

A Monthly Newsletter for SC Career Specialists

Welcome Back!

As the new year begins, so do many new features to our forms, processes and programs.

Changes have occurred with our electronic Individual Graduation Plan (eIGP), the SCPathways.org landing page, assessments, the Employment Verification Form, the Career Specialist/guidance Accountability Form (CSAR), the electronic Registrar (ERO), and more.

The new eIGP is housed within Pearson's PowerSchool. See the article on page 3 for more details.

The new SCPathways.org landing page is located on the SC Department of Education's website. From your browser, type in SCPathways.org and you will land on the SCDE main page. Click on the Personal Pathways to Success (PPTS) logo (see inset) which links directly to the PPTS web page.



Free student assessments will be provided by two vendors: SCOIS-CIS; and Ferguson's Career Guidance Center which is provided by DISCUS—South Carolina's Virtual Library through the SC State Library.

The Employment Verification Form (EVF) is now in a survey format. There is no need to fax, scan, or email a copy to the SCDE. An EVF is

due no later than 9/21/2012 for every person funded with EEDA Career Specialist funds. Read the article on page 3 for additional information.

The CSAR is now in survey format on the internet. There is no longer a requirement to log into the SCDE Member's Center. More details are forthcoming and information can be found on page 3 titled "Changes to the CSAR."

The ERO system is no longer functional as of June 30, 2012. Any transcripts within the system should have been downloaded for certification purposes. An email was sent to users prior to the system being disabled.

If you have questions regarding any of the items above, contact Sherry Williams, Career Specialist Liaison at swillia@ed.sc.gov.

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Save The Date!

The South Carolina Career
Guidance and Placement
Association Conference

December 2-4, 2012

Embassy Suites Hotel at
Kingston Plantation
Myrtle Beach, SC



Professional Development Opportunity

Rooms are the Embassy Suites Hotel are \$99 and include a reception on Sunday and full breakfast every morning.

Some highlights of the Conference include:

- ◆ Professional development for post secondary, secondary, middle and elementary counselors, educators, and Career Development Facilitators
- ◆ Updates from Dr. Ray Davis, SCDE Office of CATE
- ◆ Sherry Williams, SCDE Career Specialist Liaison will present "How To Deal With Parents Who are Angry, Frustrated, Afraid, or Just Plain Crazy" as well as discuss the new eIGP in PowerSchool
- ◆ Chad Vail from Junior Achievement will share "Careers with a Purpose" and other engaging free programs
- ◆ Career Assessments are an important component of career development and the Individual Graduation Plan process. SCOIS

and Kuder will be presenting assessment information.

This will be an enjoyable conference with evening entertainment provided by a comedian.

In addition, to thank our SC Educators for all their hard work, SCCGPA is partnering with Grand Strand businesses to provide fabulous door prizes. Examples are: a two night stay in Myrtle Beach; dinners; show tickets; and more!

For additional details contact Eileen Patonay at careersefo@gmail.com, epatonav@horrycountyschools.net, or by phone at 843-903-7460.

Personal Pathways to Success Regional Training Sessions

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Regional Training Sessions

SC PPTSRTS are intended for professional school counselors, career specialist, and other district personnel who are responsible for using the eIGP, career assessments, and other EEDA career development resources.

This training does not include hands-on usage of the eIGP system.

Pre-registration required to receive lunch and handouts.

October 3, 2012

SIMT/Florence Darlington Technical College

1951 Pisgah Road

Florence, SC 29501

Seating capacity: 500

Map: <http://www.simt.com/location.asp>

Register here (deadline: 9/26/12):

<http://ed.sc.gov/Survey/index.php?sid=83134&lang=en>

October 19, 2012

Midland Valley High School

227 Mustang Dr.

Graniteville, SC 29829

Seating capacity: 500

Register here (deadline 10/12/12):

<http://ed.sc.gov/Survey/index.php?sid=58519&lang=en>

PPTS Agenda

- 8:00 Sign-in
- 8:30 REC/RCS announcements
- 9:00 The SCPathways.org page
- 9:30 The New eIGP: The Role of the Counselor, Career Specialist, Curriculum Manager and IT Manager
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 DISCUS: featured sites
- 12:00 Lunch (provided by SCDE only for those who pre-register)
- 1:00 MBL : MicroCareerBursts
- 2:00 SCOIS-CIS: Assessments and More
- 3:00 CSAR and EVF changes
- 3:30 Dismissal

5.75 GCDF hours

October 16, 2012

USC Upstate, Campus Life Center Ballroom

800 University Way

Spartanburg, SC 29303

Seating capacity: 300

Map: <http://www.uscupstate.edu/map/>

Register here (deadline 10/9):

<http://ed.sc.gov/Survey/index.php?sid=41736&lang=en>

Lowcountry—forthcoming

Welcome back...the Personal Pathways to Success team of SCDE is very excited about new partners, programs and procedures for the 2012-13 school year. Many of you have already contacted the team and are "sitting on go" - you are ready to use the new eIGP system and other programs.

The first eIGP beta from Pearson was shared with a group of counselors, IT personnel, and security managers in June 2012. Those comments were used to improve and streamline the product. A second beta of the eIGP was demonstrated at the Education and Business Summit, the School Transformation Conference and at the Research to Practice venue. Finally, a hands-on demo was rolled out on August 2, 2012, and 400 district personnel serving various roles attended and provided feedback via an exit survey. Using the invaluable comments from the attendees, Pearson began revising the beta for the final product.

Due to several unforeseen events, the roll out of the Pearson eIGP has been delayed. We hope to begin the roll out in mid- to late-October.

Recognizing that counselors in some districts are prepared to begin, and/or have already begun conducting IGP conferences, the SCDE is preparing a list of alternative methods counselors may use to produce eIGPs until the Pearson system is delivered and installed on your respective servers. With each option, our goals are to ensure that all counselors have access to the eIGPs developed during 2011-12 and no counselor will not be required to enter eIGP data twice. We hope to finalize the alternatives and present them to you no later than Friday, September 14.

To assist us in the development of these alternative plans, [EEDA District Coordinators](#) have been asked to send Dr. Sabrina Moore—as soon as possible—the month during which your district plans to begin conducting IGP conferences. We will use your district's response to develop an eIGP alternative until the statewide rollout takes place.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and please accept our apology for the inconvenience this unexpected delay has caused.

Employment Verification Form (EVF)

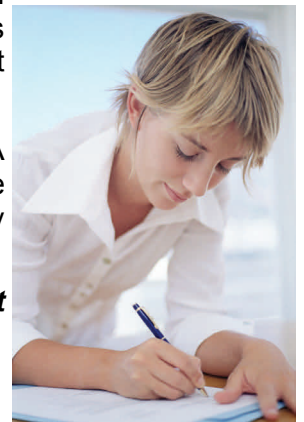
The EVF is due no later than September 21, 2012, and is to be submitted by every career specialist and/or guidance counselor serving in a career specialist position paid, in part or whole, with EEDA funds.

The 2012-13 EVF has identical questions to the 2011-12 form. You will notice however, that signatures are not required. There is no need to fax, email or scan a copy to the EEDA Office. Simply complete the online form and you have met the requirement. Too easy, right?

A unique survey link was sent to each individual career specialist and no one should share their unique link with anyone. The link will include the name of the person (ex: "Hello Sherry") for whom the unique link was created and a unique group of numbers at the end of the link that is associated with that specific name. If your name is not in the header, do not use that link. If a link is used to create more than one EVF, the system overwrites the previous EVF and that data is lost.

An email was sent 8/20/2012 to all 2011-12 career specialists and 2011-12 EEDA District Coordinators with the token to the online application. If someone needs to be removed or if a new hire needs a unique email token you may contact Sherry Williams at srwillia@ed.sc.gov.

Funding requirements were included in the funding letters sent to district superintendents therefore, signatures are not required this year on the EVF.



We're on the Web!

How to access SCPathways.org:

You may get to the SCPathways.org resources a couple of ways:

1. Type in *SCPathways.org* in your browser and you'll be carried directly to the main SCDE page. Look for the PPTS logo on the bottom right corner, click the logo and it will direct you to the "PPTS Landing Page" on the SCDE site.
2. Go to *ed.sc.gov* and type *Personal Pathways to Success* in the search box, click on the top link and that will carry you directly to the "PPTS Landing Page."

Happy Web surfing!



Division of Accountability
Office of Student Intervention Services

Personal Pathways to
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Changes to the Career Specialist Accountability Report (CSAR)

The CSAR is due for every school serving grades six through twelve and is due twice a year.

The first report is due no later than January 18, 2013, for activities completed August—December 2012.

The second report is due no later than June 7, 2013, for activities completed January—June 2013.

The 2012—13 CSAR will have the same questions as the 2011-12 report but this year, the CSAR will be in online survey format and not through the SCDE Member's Center. This should eliminate logon issues.

More details will be shared at the PPTS Regional Training Sessions. See page 2 for locations and dates of PPTS Regional Training Sessions..

Accessing Kuder Portfolios



Students who used Kuder products have access to a lifelong portfolio through Kuder.

Since the eIGP and other suites of services are no longer powered by the Kuder platform, students should log into their Kuder portfolio by going to <http://sc.kuder.com/>.

Students will be promoted to provide their username and password (use the exact one

from last year) and they will be asked to choose a category: student or adult. Choose the one that applies and specify the grade in the drop down box beside "student" or the appropriate category beside in the dropdown beside "adult."

Once the student logs in, the student will be taken to their portfolio of saved "favorite" items from previous years.

If a student desires to take a career assessment through the Kuder system, either they must

pay for the assessments individually or the school/district may purchase an annual license for system usage.

Kuder Customer Support will be happy to assist you with any questions about continued use of Kuder and Kuder products. Customer Support is available Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., CST at 877.999.6227 or at support@kuder.com.

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