

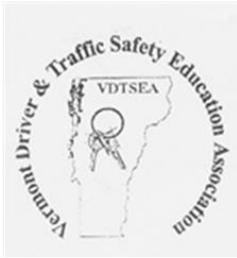
**Vermont Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association  
Virtual Conference  
October 29 - 30, 2020**

**Welcome**

The VDTSEA Board of Directors would like to welcome you all to this year's zone 2020 Fall conference. Driver Education on the state, regional and national level is experiencing new challenges and opportunities for growth and development during the Pandemic time. Many workshops will provide you with information and strategies you immediately can bring back and use in your classroom or BTW lessons.

**Thursday, Oct 29 3:00 pm- 6:30 pm**

3:00-3:10	<b>Welcome: President Richard Kearney</b>
3:15-4:30	<p><b>Session 1: The Three R's: The Special Risks Associated with Adolescence"</b>  <b>Presenter: Karen Williams, M.S.S.W., Consultant/Trainer of Williamsgroup from Denison, Texas</b>            Karen has over 35 years of experience in youth development, applying the latest neuroscience to such fields as mental health, education, juvenile justice and highway traffic safety.</p> <p><b>Abstract: "The Three R's: During adolescence, there is a massive physical and chemical reorganization that results in a brain that is no longer suited for childhood, but is not ready for adulthood. These changes also result in predictable vulnerabilities that include increase risks for traffic crashes, emotional and mental health problems, and addiction. This session provides an overview of these risks.</b></p>
4:30-4:40	<b>Break (PSA's to be shown)</b>
4:40-5:40	<p><b>Session 2: ANSTSE COVID-19 Behind –the Wheel Task Force and ANSTSE COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Task Group</b>  <b>Presenters: Andy Krajewski and Troy E. Costales</b></p> <p>Mr. Costales is the Transportation Safety Division Administrator for the Oregon Department of Transportation and is a part-time Project Specialist for Highway Safety Services where he assists with projects related to driver education and traffic safety.</p> <p><b>Abstract: This presentation will provide guidance and alternatives to conducting behind-the-wheel instruction, dealing with BTW backlogs, completing observation time and issues with availability of instructors for driver education during the pandemic or an emergency. The presentation will provide an effective backup process to conduct BTW to Driver Education participants and deal with issues related to BTW during the pandemic.</b></p> <p>Mr. Krajewski is retired from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration and serves as th Director Driver Safety, Director of Driver Programs, Division Manager of Driver Licensing and Motorcycle Safety Program Coordinator. He also is a Project Specialist for Highway Safety Services where he assists with projects related to driver education and traffic safety.</p> <p><b>Abstract: This Presentation will provide guidance on conducting end-of-course testing for driver education during the pandemic or an emergency. End of course evaluation and assessment is an essential element for completion of Driver Education.</b></p>
5:45-6:30	<p><b>Breakout Session 1: Discussion with Christopher Lynch, DMV Coordinator of Driver Training: This breakout session is for those VT teachers who are Third Party Testers.</b></p> <p><b>Breakout Session 2: Discussion with Richard Kearney: Restarting Driver Education classes in the Public Schools how is it going? This breakout session is for those who are teaching in the Public School System. What have been the challenges we are facing each day?</b></p> <p><b>Breakout Session 3: Discussion with Bret Robinson Executive Director of ADTSEA. " Delivering Driver Education through the Private/Commercial Setting. This workshop is for those teachers who are Private Driving School Owners and Instructors.</b></p>
6:30	<b>Adjournment</b>



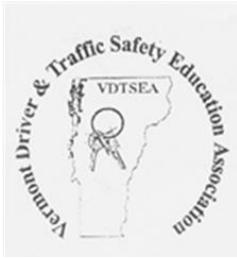
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**Friday, October 30, 8:30-11:30**

8:30-8:50	<p>Updates: DMV, AOE, NETSEA, ADTSEA, VHSA</p> <p>Representatives from each Group will give an updates on what their organizations are doing</p>
8:50-10:20	<p>Session 3: Identifying the most common drugs of abuse in 2020. What are they and how can we recognize their use?</p> <p>Presenter: Sergeant Jay Riggins, Vermont State Police Jay is a 14 year veteran with the VSP. Jay is internationally credentialed and state-certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and DRE instructor.</p> <p>Abstract: This presentation will focus on the most prevalent drugs in circulation among adolescents in 2020. Participants will learn what these drugs look like and how to recognize if an individual is using them. How do we confront our students if we suspect use?</p>
10:20-10:30	<p>Break: (PSA'S) will be shown</p>
10:30-11:30 Hannah and Jill will stay on unto all questions are answered.	<p>Session 4: COVID-19 Prevention for Driver Education Providers</p> <p>Presenters: Hannah Mason Hauser, MSW and Jen Pistole, Primary Prevention Team for VT COVID-19.</p> <p>Presenter: Hannah Manson Hauser and Jennifer Pistole are on the Vermont Health Department COVID-19 Response Team. The team works with facilities, groups, and agencies to help them plan and prepare for COVID prior to cases being identified. They provide groups with information they need, review any plans they have and work to find answers to their questions.</p> <p>Abstract: The COVID-19 pandemic presents unique challenges for Driver Education providers in both the classroom and BTW. This presentation will provide a brief overview about COVID-19 and explore different methods for preventing the spread of COVID-19 through protecting both instructors and students.</p> <p>There will be a question and answer period after the presentation which participants are asked to write the questions into the chat box if they have not send in the questions when they registered for the conference.</p>
	<p>Adjournment</p>

**Friday, October 30, 3:00-5:45**

3:00-4:00	<p>VDTSEA Business Meeting Including Regional Breakout: Regional Directors will lead their regions breakout sessions</p> <p>Breakout 1: Northeast Breakout 2: Northwest Breakout 3 Central Breakout 4 Southwest Breakout 5 Southeast</p> <p>Other participants will be put into break out rooms to network with others across the states</p>
4:00-4:10	<p>Break – PSA's will be shown</p>
4:15-5:45	<p>Session 5: "Distress Management"</p> <p>Presenter: Presenter: Karen Williams, M.S.S.W., Consultant/Trainer from Williamsgroup in Denison Texas Karen has over 35 years of experience in youth development, applying the latest neuroscience to such fields as mental health, education, juvenile justice and highway traffic safety.</p> <p>Abstract: Stress is not negative; it's positive! Stress is stimulation, and we must have some stimulation to stay alive. But, DISTRESS is another story. Unmitigated distress can make us ill, physically and psychologically. However, our body gives us simple ways of mitigating/reducing the impact of distress, especially during this pandemic and even when we cannot affect the causes. This session will focus on distress management for both adults and adolescence.</p>
5:45-6:30	<p>Networking: For those wishing to stay on we will divide group into breakout sessions to discuss Traffic Safety Issues state to state</p>



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Jay is a 14 year veteran with the Vermont State Police. His current duty assignment is in Traffic Safety as VSP's Impaired Driving subject matter expert. Jay is internationally credentialed and state-certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and DRE instructor. He presents both statewide and regionally on issues related to drug and alcohol impairment trends, symptomatology and early intervention. Jay has presented at many traffic safety conferences both statewide and regionally and is often seen presenting in Driver Education classes to our students. You can reach Jay at [jay.riggen@vermont.gov](mailto:jay.riggen@vermont.gov) or 802-585-0277

**Karen Williams**

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Karen is not a scientist or a researcher, but she is an educator known for her ability to explain the latest neuroscience in ways that are fun, easy to learn and easy to apply to real life. Karen has over 35 years of experience in youth development, applying the latest neuroscience to such fields as mental health, education, juvenile justice, child protective services, substance abuse prevention and highway traffic safety. You can contact Karen at [williamsgroup@cableone.net](mailto:williamsgroup@cableone.net) Cell Phone: 903-814-1171