

## **Adopt A Schools Project**

In the coming year CAMS will have two campaigns:

### **Operation Student Privacy**

☐ ***To inform students and parents regarding their privacy rights in relation to military recruiters***

\*Opt Out (P.L. #107-110 Section 9528 of the “No Child Left Behind” Act) mandates that school districts release to military recruiters upon request, the names, addresses and phone numbers of juniors and seniors unless a signed “Opt Out” form to the school by October 27, 2007 for the 2007-8 school year. Flyers with the school district form are available.

\* ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a half day voluntary general aptitude test used for military placement and enlistment. From this test, military recruiters obtain the name, address, social security number and other personal information unless the school selects Option 8. On May 17, 2007 LAUSD revised their policy to institute a blanket Option 8 for all high schools. (See the ASVAB information under the JROTC link for more information). If schools are not part of LAUSD (including charter schools) and the school does not select Option 8, student information will be given to military recruiters. It is recommended that students NOT take the test, or request that Option 8 be chosen by the school. See the handout ASVAB Alert. This test is usually given in the fall, but can be administered throughout the year. It is promoted as a Career Exploration tool, but there are others. Ask your counselor for an alternative.

\*Pentagon Database- even without permission or knowledge military recruiters are obtaining over 700 categories of privacy information from many sources including teen magazines, my space websites, class ring companies, any raffles, etc. (see [www.jamrs.org/aff.php](http://www.jamrs.org/aff.php) and Pentagon Database Fact Sheet.)

☐ **Operation Student Privacy Press Conference and Leafleting**

Each year CAMS has a press conference and after school leafleting to launch the Operation Student Privacy campaign. We select a school where there is aggressive military recruitment, and local school support including students, school staff, parents and community. As the students depart from school, the leafleting teams pass out Opt Out flyers and talk to students about how they can Opt Out of military recruiters receiving their privacy information. We also hold a press conference, and send out press releases. We have held Operation Student Privacy at Roosevelt HS, Lincoln HS, Belmont HS and Cleveland HS. The percentage of students who have turned in the Opt Out form has increased from 13% of juniors and seniors in 2003 (before the Opt Out campaign) to 26.1% in 2007, or 20, 317 juniors and seniors.

### **Operation Informed Decision**

☐ ***To provide information and education about the military, equal access, alternatives to the military resources and programming.***

\*Strategies from the Adopt a School Guidebook tailored to the specific school community.

\* This has included conferences or workshops such as: Education Not Militarization Conference in Nov. 2006 in partnership with UTLA, and the Tri National Conference in April of 2008.

☐ Additional strategies developed through out the year.

☐ CAMS Web site includes networking information and resources.

## **Adopt a Schools Project January 2008**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Operation Student Privacy

Opt Out Forms

- Possibilities include giving the flyers to teachers, administrators, career advisors, requesting that an announcement be given over the PA system.
- Provide the information at Back to School events, at parent meetings, and submit an ad or article for the student newsletter.
- Request a table during lunch with the flyers, and provide them to student clubs or groups.
- Find out which office the forms need to be returned, and inform others.
- Be sure to turn in the forms by the deadline. Greg- I couldn't get the same font here

ASVAB

School-Principal Career Advisor Phone Fax (see chart on the web page)

Last year your school: \_\_\_\_\_ gave ASVAB \_\_\_\_\_ chose Option 8 \_\_\_\_\_ did not give ASVAB

- Meet the Career Advisor above and talk to them about the ASVAB as soon as possible. Give them the ASVAB Alert and concerns about student privacy and parental rights.
- The ASVAB is usually given in the fall.
- Hopefully they will have received our information at a Career Advisor Meeting October 9. We will also be advocating for an equal policy that protects all students.
- If the Career Advisor and Principal decide on giving the test, request Option 8, and request the test not be given during class time.
- Please contact us about what your school decides this year, and the results of your efforts.
- Students can also deliberately fail the test, protest by walking out, and passing out information to their peers. (See ASVAB Alert)

Pentagon Database

- In every situation, know that there always is the possibility that personal data could be given to the military (see Pentagon Database handout).
- Encourage students to be cautious when using the web site -my space, participating in raffles, etc.

Operation Informed Consent

- Review the School District Policy on Military Recruiting (2067.1), and use the checklist to monitor your school
- Review the Equal Access Law

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## **Adopt A School Strategies- What You Can Do**

See the Adopt A School Guidebook for more information

- Tabling information about military enlistment or the alternatives during lunch, nutrition.
- Contact Project Great Futures for a team of alternatives available at Career Fairs ([www.projectgreatfutures.org](http://www.projectgreatfutures.org)).
- Leaflet information or call on our Leafletting Team (Sandra Ulisandra.paz@verizon.net 310-573-1901)
- Request a classroom presentation (call CAMS or [maricelaguzman@yahoo.com](mailto:maricelaguzman@yahoo.com) 323-972-4462)
- Request the Arlingtonwest documentary with the panel of speakers including veterans and Gold Star Families.([www.arlingtonwestfilm.com](http://www.arlingtonwestfilm.com) 323 -650-8166)
- Contact us about Alternative Programming to the military such as conflict mediation and mentoring programs in middle and high schools. See: [www.projectgreatfutures.org](http://www.projectgreatfutures.org)
- Visit the Arlingtonwest at Santa Monica Beach and engage in service learning
- Start a Peace Club or CAMS Student Club
- Collaborate with existing student clubs on campus such as MEChA, CER, United Students, Social Justice Clubs, etc
- Use Addicted to War Curricula and other resources such as Whose Wars? and NY Core Curricula (see [www.militaryfreeschools.org](http://www.militaryfreeschools.org))
- Have students or parents present at parent meetings or in the classroom about the issues of military recruiting.
- Contact your chapter chair and union representatives and request support.
- Find out if your local school has a policy restricting military recruitment, if not work on a process through the Leadership Council, UTLA or other decision making body
- Hold a peace vigil, or I Will Not Kill campaign including speaking out for peace, making a banner and posters, and having an open mic
- Help your career advisor find alternatives during the career fair. See our booklet [Great Careers Great Jobs](#). Contact college recruiter Jon-Jon Stirrat [stirrajr@elac.edu](mailto:stirrajr@elac.edu) 323-265-8642
- Find out about nonprofit organizations, camps, healing conferences in your community
- Become informed about the issues
- Learn about your options and higher education resources. See: Higher Education brochure
- Write an article for your school newspaper
- Document and inform us of what is going on in your schools. Military vehicles are not allowed on campuses and military recruiters must obey the parameters set by the school
- Sell the War Leaves Every Child Behind bumper stickers to teachers for \$5.00 each and help raise money for CAMS resources
- Wear the CAMS T shirt and let people know that you are opposed to the aggressive and abusive military recruitment of youth
- Inform us and the school immediately if you see any abuses to the policy (such as military recruiters taking students home, being alone with female students, etc)
- Let us know if you need resources such as brochures, buttons, flyers, etc.