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Resource Center News: SC Safe Routes to School Forum June 9th!

Register NOW! The SRTS Resource Center is hosting its second annual Statewide Safe Routes to School Forum on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at Irmo Middle School in Columbia. Attendees will choose up to three breakout sessions addressing all aspects of Safe Routes to School including education strategies, encouragement programs, engineering treatments, and opportunities to get your community involved. The Forum will also feature



Rodney Oldham, CHES, CPT

From our State Coordinator:

Thank you all for another successful school year! Safe Routes to School continues to grow throughout South Carolina. I couldn't be more proud of the progress, support and effort we're seeing amongst our School and Community Partners! Here are some highlights from the 2015-2016 school year:

plenary sessions and networking opportunities. Lunch and a light breakfast will be provided. Space is limited! [Click here to register!](#)

We look forward to hearing from all our guest speakers at the Forum, and we hope you'll join us!

Upcoming Event: SC SRTS Forum Keynote Speaker

In addition to the many exciting sessions throughout the day, the lunchtime keynote presentation will be delivered by **Ian Lockwood P.E.**, Livable Transportation Engineer from Toole Design Group.

Ian has his Bachelor & Masters Degrees in Civil Engineering from Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada). During the first decade of Ian's career, he became a proponent of "traffic calming" and what is now known as "complete streets". He led America's first two major federally-funded pilot traffic calming efforts: i) the Route 50 project in a beautiful rural area, that wanted to be preserved; and ii) its "sister project" the calming of a network of State arterials and local roads in a blighted city and downtown that wanted to be revitalized. Both efforts defied conventional transportation thinking, both had effective public involvement, both were challenging and, in the end, both were successes. Since then, Ian has employed and built on these same lessons in diverse contexts in cities and states across North America to help solve other difficult challenges. Based in Toole Design Group's Orlando office, his current work includes walkability projects, restoring 1-way streets to 2-way, taming arterials, shared spaces, policy reform, and designing main streets, campuses, and downtowns.

We are excited for the opportunity to hear Mr. Lockwood speak at our South Carolina Safe Routes to School Forum. Please join us, by registering today at <http://www.scsaferoutes.org/events/forum>.

- 36 new [School Partners](#) enrolled in the SRTS partnership program
- 9 new [Community Friends](#) to support the Resource Center
- More than 5 schools have progressed to either [Silver Level](#) or [Gold Level](#) Partners
- 3 schools have been awarded Action Plan Assistance for 2016-2017 school year

Grant Opportunity: Fuel Up to Play 60

Applications to fund your school's Fuel Up to Play 60 program are due on **June 15, 2016**. Schools may receive up to \$4,000 to fund plans promoting Healthy Eating and Active Lifestyles. To qualify for funding, schools must:

- Enroll in Fuel Up to Play 60
- Have a registered Program Advisor
- Participate in the National School Lunch Program

The Fuel Up to Play 60 grant application can be found [here](#). Please contact your [School Outreach Coordinator](#) for assistance.

Spotlight on a Friend:

Partner Highlight: North Springs Elementary

North Springs Elementary in Columbia has reached Gold Partner Level with the Resource Center! Almost 10% of their student population walks or bicycles to school every day. Each year, North Springs Elementary celebrates International Walk to School Day and South Carolina Walk to School Day with over 100 students participating. The school hosted a Safety Assessment in the fall with the Resource Center. School Outreach Coordinator, Doris Ford met with the team to assist in creating an Action Plan this spring. The team used their Safety Assessment report and the Resource Center's Action Plan worksheets to create an Action Plan to fulfill their requirements for Gold Level!

Congratulations to North Springs Elementary and their dedication to the safety of their walkers and bicyclists!

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Keep up with the Resource Center this school year by liking us on [Facebook](#)!

"[Like](#)" us to stay updated on interesting news articles, upcoming events and different funding and learning opportunities!

The Resource Center is currently accepting nominations for **Outstanding Community Friends**. Do you work with a community organization that has played a vital role in developing and supporting local SRTS programs? Is there a group that helps with Walk to School Day and Bike to School Day events in your community?

If so, please take a moment to [nominate the organization](#) for our **Outstanding Friend designation**!

Click here to [read about our current Outstanding Friends](#) and to see some examples on how their efforts have supported the SRTS Resource Center.



The SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center is a program of the South Carolina DOT