





<h1>Talking to Your Town</h1>		
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<h2>Learning Objectives</h2>		
<p>By the end of this session, you will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the benefits of proactive outreach for municipal judges and court personnel; 2. Identify available Driving on the Right Side of the Road resources; and 3. Explain ways to expand your court's outreach program. 		

<h2>Why Should I Start An Outreach Program?</h2>		
<p>In Texas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 reportable crash every 83 seconds • 211,006 persons injured • 79,573 serious injuries • 3,015 deaths • 46% of the fatal crashes were not restrained • 34.5% of people killed involved a drunk driver 		



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<p>In FY 2011, 72.9% of all new cases filed in municipal courts were traffic cases. That's over 5.5 million!</p> <p>Juveniles:</p> <p>Transportation code cases accounted for 38.7% of the juvenile cases filed in 2011(over 100,000)</p>	
	

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<p>What about <u>Road Blocks</u>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$\$\$ - No Time - No Experience - Community Size 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't let these Road Blocks stop you... There are solutions to each of them! 	

Why Me?	
<p>Clerks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as the liaison between the public and the judiciary • Are respected in the community 	<p>Judges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent our system of justice • Are a symbol of authority
Clerks and Judges	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the experts • Can make it interesting and interactive • Serve as role models for young people 	

Why Should I Start An Outreach Program?	
<p>What's in it for me?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make your job easier • Reduce your case load • Increase your overall approval rating • Make all our communities safer 	

Where to Begin?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide on Subject Matter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Problems in your community – Talk to schools/police officers/parents – New laws/city ordinances – What are you passionate about? 	



DRSR Materials	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the Driving on the Right Side of the Road (DRSR) materials for additional help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – FREE! – Can be ordered or printed from computer – Divided by grade level – Informational sheets, books, activities, and much more! – Located on the TMCEC website 	



Driving on the Right Side of the Road

K to 3rd Grade Lessons

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MIMI AND MACK BOOSTER SEAT PROBLEM

1 Learning Objectives: Students will

1. Explain the need for protective equipment.
2. Listen critically to interpret and evaluate.
3. Participate in discussion of safety issues.
4. Create materials to express an idea.

2 TEKS: SS K.5 (A), (B), K.16 (A), K.17 (C), K.3 (C), Math K.6, Health K.2 (A)

Materials Needed: puppets, script, booster seat outline, markers or crayons

Vocabulary: protection, booster seat, safety belt

3 Teaching Strategy:

1. Introduce the lesson by enacting a puppet show, utilizing the attached script, "Mimi and Mack."
2. Check for understanding by asking the students to identify what the puppets were trying to teach.
3. Engage the students in a discussion about their experiences with booster seats.
4. As a culminating experience, assign students to design their ideal booster seat. They may add features such as a back, cup holders, technology, colors, and designs. Encourage creativity, even if impractical.
5. Allow students to display and explain what their ideal booster seat would look like and what features they would include.

Extension for Gifted/Talented:
Students will create a 30-second advertisement for one of the ideal booster seats, including color, where to purchase, and a name for the booster seat.

DESIR K Lessons—3

Our Town Map

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OUR TOWN

The screenshot shows the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center website. The navigation bar includes 'PROGRAMS', 'RESOURCES', 'LINKS', 'STORE', 'ABOUT TMCEC', 'CONTACT US', 'TMCA', 'SUGGESTIONS & FEEDBACK', and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'DRSR - Lending Library' and contains introductory text about the library's purpose and instructions for borrowing. A sidebar on the right lists various resources, including '11/12 Curriculum', 'Legislative Packet', 'Readers Theater', and 'Trainer Resource Section'.



The document titled 'Driving on the Right Side of the Road' lists various video and DVD titles with descriptions.

- Courts & Classrooms: TMCEC Lending Library** - Text describing the library's mission and borrowing process.
- Confronting Drunk Driving** - A 26-minute video featuring Mike Powers, a young man who was involved in a drunk driving crash.
- Courage to Live** - A 18-minute video featuring Sonora County Superior Court Judge Gary Haber.
- The Unsafe Driving Acts of Motorists in the Vicinity of Large Trucks** - A 17-minute DVD from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).
- DMV: The Road Truth** - A video using reenactments and interviews to show the consequences of drunk driving.
- Dying High 2: Real Stories of Drugged Driving** - A 20-minute video featuring interviews with real teens.
- On the Road: A Program for Teens and Their Parents** - A 28-minute DVD covering driver distraction, emergency conditions, and impaired driving.

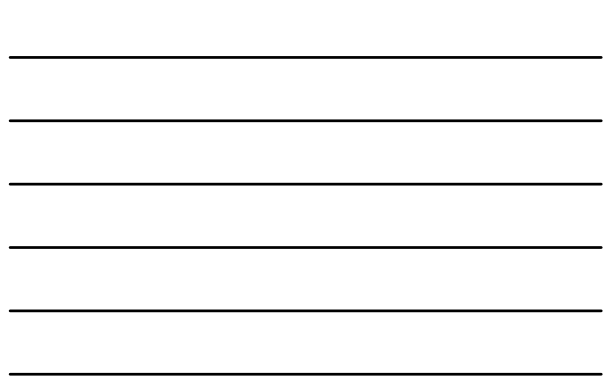
 A 'Speakers' Bureau' sign-up form is also present, including fields for Name, Court, Telephone, and E-mail, accompanied by a small photo of a speaker at a podium.



The screenshot shows the 'DRSR - Traffic Safety Videos and PSAs' section of the website. It features a list of various traffic safety materials available for borrowing, including:

- Faces of Drunk Driving: Alex Brown** - A 5-minute video about a teenager who died in a car crash.
- Jacob Sabudis: Before and After** - A commercial about a teen hit by a drunk driver.
- Teens and Drunk PSA from the UK** - A PSA video on the consequences of drunk driving.
- The Last Day** - A PSA video about teen drinking and driving.
- Clear Choice** - A documentary about a crash where a car was wrapped around a pole.
- Can't Wait and Tell** - A commercial about the dangers of waiting and telling at the same time.
- The Ballgame** - A commercial about a teen's funeral after a binge-drinking crash.
- The Kick** - A soccer-themed commercial about a designated driver.
- How to Use F.A.S.T.** - A commercial using social media to show the consequences of drinking and driving.
- Don't Drink and Drive** - A commercial about passing up a drink or passing off your keys.
- Don't Drink and Drive** - A commercial about not drinking and driving.
- Who's Your Designated Driver** - A personal story from a law enforcement officer about sobriety checkpoints.

 The sidebar on the right lists other resources available on the site.



PROGRAMS RESOURCES LINKS STORE ABOUT TMCCEC CONTACT US TMCA SUGGESTIONS & FEEDBACK SEARCH

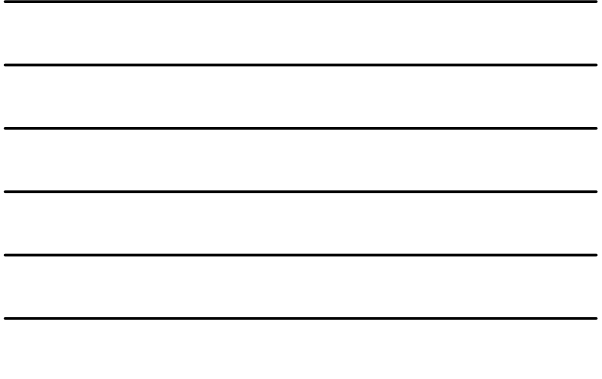
DRSR - Readers Theater

Reader's Theater – What If... A Story of Shattered Lives:

This script about the consequences of drinking alcohol and driving offers middle school students an opportunity to perform and use their voices to depict characters in this tragedy. Suitable for youth groups and clubs, as well as classroom instruction. The script has vibrant color images throughout. Below there is also a PowerPoint presentation of the same images that can be projected in class for a more interactive reading experience.

[What If... A Story of Shattered Lives](#) (English)
[What If... PowerPoint of the Images](#) (English)
[Yo qué si... La Historia de un amor roto por el alcohol](#) (Spanish)

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DRSR - Teaching Materials

Lesson Plans for High School

Our speakers herein has a list of Municipal Judges ready to come to your classroom and teach students about the court system and traffic laws.

Fact or Fiction, by Mark Goodner, TMCCEC Program Attorney & Deputy Counsel
 This lesson is an interactive presentation using hypothesis to teach and test a student's knowledge of the law through a game-show format. These lessons are ready for a Municipal Judge or Court Personnel to use in your classroom. These may also be adapted by a teacher to use as well.

Fact or Fiction PowerPoint Lesson
 Handouts to use:

- **Fact**
- **Fiction**

Jury Trials and Traffic Safety, by Mark Goodner, TMCCEC Program Attorney & Deputy Counsel
 This lesson explores the jury trial process and the people's right to a trial by an impartial jury. This lesson also covers Municipal Court jurisdiction and the number of traffic offenses that occur. These lessons are ready for a Municipal Judge or Court Personnel to use in your classroom. These may also be adapted by a teacher to use as well.

Jury Trials and Traffic Safety PowerPoint Lesson
 Handouts to use:

- **Charge of the Court**
- **Jury 1**
- **Jury 2**
- **Jury 3**
- **Jury 4**
- **Jury 5**
- **Jury 6/verdict**

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Lesson Plans for Elementary School
Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Walker, by Katie Teffl, TMCCEC Program Director
 This lesson focuses on the problems that pedestrians face and the power that motorists have when interacting with each other. It uses the 1990 Disney short film *Mister Mouse* to give good and bad examples of pedestrian and motorist behaviors. This lesson can be used by a teacher or used by a Municipal Judge or court personnel who is a guest speaker in your classroom.

Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Walker
I Promise to Obey, by Katie Teffl, TMCCEC Program Director
 This lesson teaches the differences between laws and rules. It asks the students to come up with laws, like stopping at all stop signs, and rules, like raising their hand before speaking in class. This lesson is ready for a Municipal Judge or court support personnel to use in your classroom. These may also be adapted by a teacher to use as well.

I Promise to Obey (Lesson)
I Promise to Obey (handouts)
Traffic Safety books for kids
 Click on the image to listen to the audio recording of the book.




Don't Monkey Around with Field Trip Safety - Power Point of the book pages with English text.
Don't Monkey Around with Field Trip Safety - Power Point of the book pages with Spanish text
Don't Monkey Around with Field Trip Safety - Power Point of the book pages with English and Spanish text

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	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Where to Begin?</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Relevant to Audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter • Presentation Styles – Build on your strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your comfort level? – Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint • Activities • Provide something they can take with them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Coloring book, information sheet, sticker, etc. 		
		

Where to Begin?	
<p style="text-align: center;">How to Reach Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send materials to school with your child or grandchild. • Invite a class to your court. • Offer to speak to a class. • Call a teacher who is a friend. 	

Where to Begin?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local schools/agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Establish a point of contact – Look to community groups, youth organizations, etc. – Sell your program! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain benefits – Use current contacts as references 	

Expanding Your Program	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow for flexibility • Train other instructors • Expect trial & error <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Learn and adapt from experiences • Utilize the media • Create informational handouts/display boards 	

	Expanding Your Program	
Examples of Programs:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Presentations • Tour of Courtroom • Mock Trials • Parent/Teacher Conference Days • After-School Events • Letters to Parents • Red Ribbon Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prom/Homecoming • Display Boards • Trainings/In-services • Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts • Information on Website • Career Days • Art Contests • PTA meetings 	

	Additional Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) – http://www.nhtsa.gov/ • USAA (Free Safety Booklets & Information) – https://www.usaaedfoundation.org/ • AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety (Free Brochures) – http://www.aaafoundation.org/products/index.cfm?button=free • Texas Department of Transportation – http://www.texasclickitorticket.com/ – http://www.seatcheck.org/ • Department of State Health Services – Safe Riders – http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders/default.shtm • Human Relations Media (\$\$) – http://www.hrmvideo.com/ 		

	Clearing Road Blocks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>\$\$\$</u> -FREE materials through DRSR and additional resources • <u>No Time</u> -Give DRSR materials to schools for teachers to use, create display board, provide handouts • <u>No Experience</u> -DRSR materials have pre-made presentations with instructions • <u>Community Size</u> -unlimited resources to create a program that fits your community's needs 		

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