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KIDS Consortium to Hold "Get Started with Service-Learning" Workshop in Springfield

Springfield – On Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at Springfield Technical Community College, KIDS Consortium is offering a full-day "Get Started with Service-Learning" workshop for educators. Through service-learning, students identify, research and address real community challenges, using knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. Co-sponsors of the session are the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Massachusetts Service Alliance.

The "Get Started" workshop is designed for K-12 educators interested in learning more about starting service-learning projects with their students. Thanks to the generous support of the Learn and Serve America Program at the Corporation for National and Community Service, the workshop fee will be \$50. The registration fee includes lunch, a copy of the *KIDS As Planners Guidebook* (130+ pages, step by step resource), additional classroom tools and resources, and a contact hours certificate. This fall, special materials and resources about Green Schools projects will be featured. Pre-registration for the workshop is required at www.kidsconsortium.org.

KIDS Consortium, based in Auburn, is a non-profit organization that helps transform classrooms and communities through an award-winning educational model that has touched more than a quarter-million students to date. Founded in 1992, KIDS Consortium prepares young people to be active and responsible citizens by training and supporting educators, community organizations and youth in the best practices for service-learning. ###