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**KIDS Consortium to Hold “Get Started with Service-Learning” Workshop for Educators**

Springfield – On Tuesday, September 23 at the Technical Community College, KIDS Consortium is offering a full-day “Get Started with Service-Learning” workshop. The workshop is designed for K-12 educators interested in learning more about starting service-learning projects with their students. 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 Education and the Massachusetts Service Alliance.

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 \$40. 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. Pre-registration for the workshop is required by September 9, 2008 at [www.kidsconsortium.org](http://www.kidsconsortium.org).

KIDS Consortium, based in Auburn, Maine, 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. ###