



Scenarios USA is a non-profit organization that uses writing and filmmaking to foster youth leadership, advocacy and self-expression among teens. Scenarios USA asks young people to write about the issues that shape their lives for the annual "What's the REAL DEAL?" writing contest. The winning writers are partnered with some of Hollywood's finest filmmakers to transform their stories into award-winning short films. 15 million people a year watch the Scenarios USA films nationwide. Scenarios USA believes that by valuing youth and listening to their opinions, we can have an impact on promoting healthy relationships and lowering the rate of HIV, STDs and pregnancy among teens.

Invites you to attend a Professional Development Workshop

*Inspiring critical thinking through film and writing,
with the opportunity to be involved in a true Hollywood filmmaking experience.*

Who? All educators and youth-serving professionals, especially teachers in English Language Arts, Social Studies, Health Education and Theater Arts.

What? This free workshop will show how learning about masculinity can help students meet the Texas learning standards for English Language Arts, Social Studies, Health Education and Drama. We will also introduce teachers to the Scenarios USA ***What's the REAL DEAL about Masculinity?*** story, play and scriptwriting contest.

Workshop participants will receive a free contest kit, including a curriculum, 20 writer's journals and 3 Scenarios USA short films. ***Contest winners turn their story into a film with a Hollywood director; will be trained in public speaking and advocacy; and will receive \$500.***

Why? Teachers, administrators, community members, parents and students have all told us the same thing: untangling the meanings of gender is important and engaging to **all** young people. The Scenarios USA approach of putting gender at the heart of English Language Arts, Social Studies, Drama and Health Education promotes higher level thinking skills, helps students build confidence in their own voice, changes attitudes which are linked to sexual health risk and violence, and improves students' overall educational experience.

When and where?

September 9th: Residence Inn Marriott, Brownsville, TX, 8:30 -11:30am # 21530
https://esc-staffdb.esc1.net/staffdev/Calendar_Summary.aspx?WKID=21530

September 10th: Edinburg Region One ESC Webb Room 8:30am – 11:30am # 21288
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Refreshments will be served!

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"... Through Scenarios USA, your film will not only impact countless individuals, but it also shows great determination and compassion... As you continue to grow and face new challenges, never underestimate your power to make a difference. You are the future."

- an excerpt from a letter from **Barack Obama** to a Scenarios USA writer

