

## DENVER STREET SCHOOL DISSEMINATES MODEL AT CONFERENCE

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Denver, CO---Representatives from more than 20 U.S. cities will gather in Denver from July 14-17, 2003 at Riverside Baptist Church's conference center to learn how to duplicate the Denver Street School model in the urban core of their own cities.

Due to the uniqueness and success of the Denver Street School over the past 18 years (nearly 200 graduates and hundreds of lives impacted), urban leaders want to learn how the Street School Model can give at-risk students who have dropped-out or been expelled a second chance to earn a diploma.

The conference is an outreach of the National Association of Street Schools, a non-profit organization developed specifically to serve as a clearing-house of information and support for those that want to start street schools around the country. Attendees will receive instruction in areas ranging from secondary literacy to non-profit operations and fundraising.

The Denver Street School has caught the attention of many people nationwide. In March, the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation granted to NASS to help it create 10 new schools around the countries built on the DSS model. To date, schools based on the Denver Street School Model have been started in Tampa, FL; Omaha, NE; Seattle, WA; Colorado Springs, CO and other cities. Schools are in development stages in New Orleans, LA; Winston-Salem, NC; Oklahoma City, OK; Chicago's Caprini Green neighborhood and other locations.

The Denver Street School and the National Association of Street Schools were founded by Tom Tillapaugh, an educator who came to Denver's inner-city in the mid 1980's to apply what he knew about education to helping the poor become self-sufficient. Over the years, the Street School Model has evolved to include: literacy interventions, on-site childcare, after-school activities and the installation of a moral code in addition to academics.

For more information about the Denver Street School or the National Association of Street Schools conference, please visit the National Association of Street Schools website at: [www.streetschools.com](http://www.streetschools.com) or call Tom Tillapaugh at 720.299.3420 or Jen McShea at 303.860.1702 x706.

The conference is open to the community at large, including intensive seminars on Wednesday, July 16 addressing the topics of fundraising, strategic planning, literacy programs, and technology.