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# Coalition Edition

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to provide you with this summary of coalition activities taking place in Oakland and Macomb Counties. With so much local coalition activity, we have found it useful to share information and to learn from each other's experiences.

Earlier this month, I joined with Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack to create a Congressional caucus dedicated specifically to the prevention of youth substance abuse. The Congressional Youth Drug Prevention Caucus aims to educate Members of Congress about the dangers of youth drug use, and to advocate for funding and legislation that strengthen prevention programs. By raising awareness about this important issue, we hope to bring increased support to efforts like yours.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if there is anything we can do to be of assistance.

## DFC Grant Opportunities Now Open

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) recently announced it is now accepting grant applications for both the Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFC) and the Drug Free Communities Mentoring Program.

DFC grants will award up to \$125,000 per year, for five years, to community coalitions working to prevent youth substance abuse. Coalitions must have been in existence for at least six months, address multiple drugs, and receive support from volunteers in twelve community sectors identified by ONDCP (including schools, business, media, law enforcement, and health care). Approximately 150 applications will be funded through the \$18.75 million

available. The deadline to apply for a DFC grant is March 19, 2010.

DFC Mentoring grants will award up to \$75,000, per year, for two years, to help existing DFC coalitions offer guidance to start-up coalitions in nearby communities. Approximately \$1.1 million is available and is expected to fund 15 new Mentoring grants. To be eligible, a mentoring coalition must have been in existence for at least five years; be a current DFC grantee or grantee applicant; have achieved measurable results in youth drug and alcohol prevention; and have dedicated staff, volunteers, or members to assist the mentee coalition. Communities seeking to be mentored must demonstrate the ability to garner community support from

local key sectors and stakeholders, including youth, parents, businesses, media, law enforcement, government, and religious and civic organizations. DFC mentoring grants are awarded through a competitive peer review process. The deadline to submit a DFC Mentoring grant application is Friday, April 23, 2010.

Both applications will be awarded through a competitive, peer-reviewed process and are administered by ONDCP in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). More information, including grant applications and online support, is available at [www.ondcp.gov/dfc](http://www.ondcp.gov/dfc).

## Oakland County Coalitions Coming Together

On Friday, February 5, 2010 at the Modern Skate & Surf in Royal Oak, 8 Coalitions from around Oakland County came together to host "Youth Advocacy Day" bringing youth together to talk about issues they face and methods to implement change in the community.

The coalitions who were represented are: Royal Oak Community Coalition, Troy Community Coalition, Tri-Community Coalition, Madison Heights Coalition Family Coalition, North Oakland Coalition, Greater

West Bloomfield Coalition, Birmingham/Bloomfield Coalition, and Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities (ACHC). Approximately 300 students, coalition leaders, parents, community leaders, and elected officials came together to support this event.

Kent Roberts, a nationally known facilitator from the National Civility Center led Café Style discussions which gave youth the opportunity to voice their concerns to adults regarding issues they considered important.

After the discussions commenced, Miss Michigan, Nicole Blaszczyk delivered the keynote speech in which she discussed the importance of self empowerment and living a healthy lifestyle.

The youth also had the opportunity to view demonstrations by professional skateboarders and BMX bikers, experience an obstacle course from the National Guard, and music by Magic Firewater and The Jam Society.



*Pictured above are high school students representing various communities enjoying the Youth Advocacy Day Activities.*

## Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities (ACHC)

ACHC offers various resources to help local community leaders communicate the academic risk of underage drinking and the costs of substance abuse in Oakland County.

A networking meeting has been scheduled for March 3, 2010 at 9am at the Bloomfield Hills Public Schools Doyle

Center located at 7275 Wing Lake Road. This meeting will allow coalition leaders and interested parties to meet and share ideas and resources to create a healthy and drug free environment in Oakland County.

On April 14, 2010, they will be holding a seminar titled, "Working together to

address substance abuse for academic success" in the Oakland Schools Conference Room located at 2111 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford.

**For more information contact Donnise Reese at 248-802-6789 [donnise@achconline.org](mailto:donnise@achconline.org) or visit [achconline.org](http://achconline.org)**

**"Early use of drugs increases a person's chances of more serious drug abuse and addiction"**

National Institute on Drug Abuse

## Macomb County Prevention Coalition (MCPC)

MCPC is working the remaining months of the DFC grant to provide assistance and resources to the local coalitions. Executive Director Ken Lampar and the Executive Board will focus on collaborative efforts to strengthen the coalitions for sustainability and to apply for DFC grants. MCPC is looking toward a transition to

the Macomb County Prevention Network (MCPN) after the DFC grant on October 1, 2010.

The Macomb County Prevention Network (MCPN) will coordinate efforts to identify, verify and share appropriate substance abuse prevention information with new technologies and social

media throughout Macomb County. The next scheduled meeting will be held April 15 at the Macomb Intermediate School District located at 44001 Garfield in Room 202.

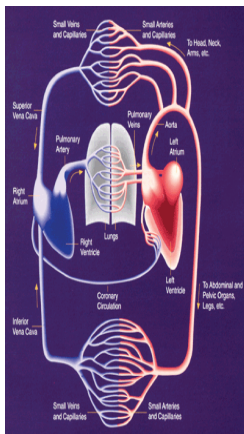
**For more information, please contact Ken Lampar at (586) 405-2260 [K\\_lampar@yahoo.com](mailto:K_lampar@yahoo.com) or visit [www.mcpcweb.org](http://www.mcpcweb.org)**



*Pictured above are students and adults conversing about key issues of concern to Youth in their communities.*

**“From 2008 to 2009, lifetime, past-month, and daily use of smokeless tobacco increased significantly among 10th-graders.”**

National Institute on Drug Abuse - NITA 2008



## Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families

The Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families was awarded the Drug Free Communities Grant in September 2009.

On March 17th at 11:00am they are hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking. At the end of March the coalition is bringing in former Olympic coach John Underwood, who has developed a nationally recognized program to confront chemical health issues and impact the problems that face today's athletes. Mr. Underwood will educate and train the athletic and overall school community

throughout the district over a two day span. The coalition is also sponsoring a Critical Issues of Youth Workshop on April 23rd at the Macomb ISD.

The coalition continues to implement several important initiatives including: the Driver's Training Initiative, Parents Who Host Lose the Most Campaign, the Parenting Gazette, the Parent's Corner, video series created to provide parenting information, the Interfaith/Chippewa Valley Schools Partnership, Smart Moves, a drug prevention program for 5th graders, Project Alert, a middle school prevention

program, and the Dakota and Chippewa Valley High School Teen Councils, groups that support Coalition goals in the schools.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 3:30pm at the Chippewa Valley Schools Administration Building. The meeting schedule for the remainder the year is: March 9th, April 13th and May 11th.

**For more information, please contact Dr. Charlene McGunn at 586-723-2360 or [cmcgunn@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:cmcgunn@cvs.k12.mi.us).**

## Clintondale/Mount Clemens Make a Difference Coalition

The Clintondale/Mount Clemens Make a Difference Coalition has been working on strategically planning for the Parents Who Host Lose the Most Campaign and implementing some aspects of the campaign at district sporting events. They are in

the process of designing a logo and developing a parenting brochure.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month (September through May) at 8:30am at Clintondale High School in the library.

The next scheduled meeting will be held March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**For more information please contact Dorothy Wilkins at (586) 791-6300 or [dw2mcln@ccs.misd.net](mailto:dw2mcln@ccs.misd.net).**

## Eastpointe Coalition

Eastpointe is still in the early formation stages of their coalition. They are holding meetings at the East Detroit High School cafeteria on the 4th Monday of every month at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Suzanne Pixley attended the initial meeting

in January along with school personnel and community leaders. The coalition looks to increase the participation of the 12 sectors and do a community assessment.

The coalition is a sub-committee of the Eastpointe Community Chest Network-

ing Forum. We thank Chief Laretti and the Board of Directors for sponsoring us.

The next scheduled meeting will be held March 22, 2010.

**For more information, contact Judy Hartwell at 586-498-7122**

## Fraser Community Action Team (FCAT)

In October FCAT hosted a Community Drug Awareness night that was well attended and highly successful. They have recently created an Executive Board and elected new leadership. They are in the process of designing a logo and are implementing

several initiatives for the Parents Who Host Lose the Most Campaign. They are currently applying for a Prevention Network grant so they can train students on the "7 habits of highly effective teens" program.

Meetings are held on the 4th

Tuesday of every month at 12:00pm at Fraser High School.

The next scheduled meeting will be held March 23, 2010.

**For more information please contact Patti Kovac at (586) 439-7267.**

## Hazel Park Coalition

In an effort to further combat alcohol and drug abuse amongst youth, Hazel Park has decided to form an anti-drug coalition. Previously, Hazel Park collaborated on these efforts as the Southeast Oakland coalition (SEOC).

SEOC worked on several successful projects to promote healthy communities free of substance abuse for youth which prompted each city to recognize the rising need for additional resources. In

order to better target issues specific to youth in the Hazel Park community they decided to form their own coalition. Hazel Park is in the beginning stages of forming the coalition and welcomes your support.

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at Hazel Park Junior High School, located at 22770 Highland. This is the first meeting of the coalition and is open to any interested community members. The

goal of this meeting will be to identify community interest in the coalition, determine the specific concerns that need to be addressed in the community and appoint a steering committee to develop a mission statement.

**For more information, contact Jeremy Mahrle at 586-498-7122**

## L'Anse Creuse Community Action Coalition

The L'Anse Creuse Community Action Coalition (CAC) recently held their 9th Annual Dialogue Day. There were over 100 high school and middle school students in attendance and 100 adults comprised of local elected and school officials, business leaders and the religious community. There were breakout

sessions with discussions by groups of students about alcohol, drug abuse and other issues students face at school. State Rep. Jennifer Haase was the guest speaker.

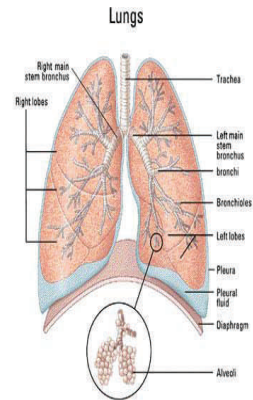
Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 8:30am at the L'Anse Creuse Administration

building.

The next scheduled meeting will be held March 12th, 2010.

**For more information please contact 586-783-6300 ext. 1110, or visit**

<http://www.lc-ps.org/Administration/CAC/>.



**“Between 2004 and 2009, a drop in past-year use of methamphetamine was reported for all grades, and lifetime use dropped significantly among 8th-graders, from 2.3 to 1.6 percent.”**

National Institute on Drug Abuse - NIDA 2008



Pictured above are students from Madison and Lamphere High Schools as they work on one of the coalition's sticker shock campaigns.

**“11 percent of 8th graders, 22 percent of 10th graders, and 29 percent of 12th graders engaged in heavy episodic, or binge, drinking within the past two weeks.”**

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's Monitoring the Future Survey

## Madison Heights Community Family Coalition (MHCFC)

One of the strengths of the MHCFC is their Youth Coalition Board. Over the past 2 years they have made a significant impact on their schools and in their community. The Youth participated in an after school program at The Little House on Hales in which they provided tutoring to younger students. Through participation in the SYNAR compliance checks, the Youth Coalition raised money to give two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors.

Social awareness campaigns were implemented at the schools to get healthy messages out to the student population. The “Spring Break, I Pledge to be Alcohol Free” and the “Stop, Think and Choose. Don't Cruise with Booze,” were two of the campaigns

these students created, developed and implemented for the Madison Heights Community Family Coalition. The Youth Coalition Board also produced eight public service announcements that are currently airing on community television.

Coalition awareness has grown within the high schools and has attracted the attention of other partnering student organizations like the National Honor Society, SADD, Students Leading Students, the PACT Club, and the Diversity Club. Members of these different clubs recently participated in a Youth Voices and Advocacy Day sponsored by several Oakland County Community Coalitions. Ideas that come from this event will help direct student initiatives moving forward.

The MHFC meets on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held March 11, 2010.

**For more information, please contact Rick Lewis, [rlewismhcfc@gmail.com](mailto:rlewismhcfc@gmail.com) or visit [www.mhcfc.com](http://www.mhcfc.com)**

## Roseville Community Coalition

On December 7, 2009, the Roseville Anti-Drug Coalition held their first meeting. The accomplishments at this meeting were very impressive. A name was selected – Roseville Community Coalition; and a mission statement written - To promote a safe, healthy environment for youth by building and supporting strong families and community.

Local law enforcement, school board members,

parents, students, community members and city officials in attendance truly made this meeting a success. In January the coalition provided handouts on “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” for the high school and middle school parent - teacher conferences.

The meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at Roseville Library Erin Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting

will be held March 1, 2010.

**For more information, contact Judy Hartwell at 586 498-7122**



Pictured above are students enjoying the music of Magic Firewater and The Jam Society at Youth Voices and Advocacy Day

## Royal Oak Community Coalition (ROCC)

ROCC and the Royal Oak Police Department partnered together to sponsor The Great American Cabinet Clean Out. On December 11, 2009, a medication drop off box was installed in the lobby of the Royal Oak Police Department designed to reduce the use of expired or unused prescriptions by youth which has become a rising concern across the Nation.

On, March 18th 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. ROCC will be hosting a workshop titled, “The Power of One: Building Blocks for your Child’s Future” with a presentation by Kim

Steggles is a Limited Licensed Psychologist Coordinator from Beaumont Hospital’s Parenting Program. At this workshop a free booklet will be provided, and participants will learn simple techniques for building 40 Developmental Assets that are building blocks which will ensure all children grow up to be healthy, caring and productive adults on a daily basis.

ROCC is offering an opportunity for Royal Oak senior students who live or attend school in Royal Oak to apply for a \$500.00 scholarship. To be considered for the scholarship students

must complete an application, submit two letters of reference with an essay or MS PowerPoint entitled, “Why I am Drug and Alcohol Free.” Applications are due by March 30, 2010.

The next ROCC meeting will be held at the Churchill Community Center located at 707 Girard on March 25, 2010 at 7:00p.m.

*For more information, contact Jennifer Sheridan at (248) 588-5050 x 231 or visit [www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/rocc/index.html](http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/rocc/index.html)*



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**“Past-year nonmedical use of Vicodin and OxyContin increased during the last 5 years among 10th-graders, and remained unchanged among 8th- and 12th-graders. Nearly 1 in 10 high school seniors reported nonmedical use of Vicodin; 1 in 20 reported abuse of OxyContin”**

National Institute on Drug Abuse - NIDA 2008

## Southeast Oakland Coalition (SEOC)

In an effort to better serve the needs of the residents in Ferndale, Royal Oak Township and Pleasant Ridge, SEOC is in the process of applying for the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant. This grant will enable the coalition to enhance and add to the current programs and

services that have been so successful in the communities in which they serve including Sticker Shock, “Vision Warrior”, etc.

The coalition meets on the first Monday of each month at 7pm at the Gerry Kulick Community Center located

at 1201 Livernois. The next scheduled meeting will be held March 3, 2010.

*For more information, please contact Chris Dewan at 248-302-4407 or [se\\_oakland\\_coalition@comcast.net](mailto:se_oakland_coalition@comcast.net).*

## Southfield Coalition

Southfield is in the beginning stages of revitalizing it’s anti-drug coalition and welcomes your support. Several key community leaders, parents and youth recently met to identify the challenges

facing youth in their community and strategies to further combat alcohol and drug abuse amongst youth.

The next meeting will be held on March 1, 2010 at noon at the Field Zone

located at 26000 Evergreen Rd. on the Civic Center Campus.

*For more information, contact Kyesha Lane at 586-498-7122*

## Tri Community Coalition

In December, TCC and the Young, Optimistic and United (YOU) Youth Coalition hosted a Youth Summit at Oak Park High School. During this summit, participants worked on creating a logic model to guide YOU for the remainder of the 2009-10 academic year. At the end of the day, the YOU members created events and projects that focus on alcohol and marijuana prevention for youth in which they plan to host by May 2010.

With the leadership of Beverley Barra, TCC had over 40 youth people attend

the orientation for the I Believe in Me PSA event. They received an educational presentation about "Natural Highs" from YOU members and began to learn more about what it takes to make a PSA.

TCC has several events scheduled for the upcoming months. On March 22, 2010 TCC will host a Town Hall entitled "Life of An Athlete" with guest speaker John Underwood, a former NCAA All-American and President/ Founder of the American Athletic Institute. The Annual Youth Dialogue day has been scheduled for April 23, 2010 which is full day

program where students voice their concerns to adult leaders. Planning is also underway for the 1st annual TTC Prevention Walk and the Annual Golf Outing.

TCC meets at the Michigan State Police Post, located at 14350 W. 10 Mile Road, on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held March 3, 2010.

*For more information, please contact Judy Rubin at 248-837-8008 or visit [www.tricomcommunitycoalition.org](http://www.tricomcommunitycoalition.org)*



**Congratulations to Judy Rubin for her 10 years of dedicated service to TCC.**

**“Underage drinking can interfere with school attendance, disrupt concentration, damage relationships with parents and peers, and potentially alter brain function and/or other aspects of development, all of which have consequences for future success in such areas as work, adult relationships, health, and overall well-being.**

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's Alcohol Alert Number 78 July 2009

## Utica Community Action Team (UCAT)

UCAT recently participated at the Sterling Heights Annual Cultural Exchange in February. UCAT had an ad in the program book featuring a message about "Parents who Host Lose the Most" and had a display table with various materials on drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Over 1,600 people attended

this event. UCAT's 16th Annual Spring Break Michigan Style 2010 will be held from April 5-10, 2010. The program provides healthy alternatives to the traditional non-chaperoned spring break trip. Activities range from basketball tournaments to packing food for Kids Against Hunger.

Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 4:00 PM. at the Sterling Heights Police Station. The next scheduled meeting will be held March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

*For more information please contact Judge Kim Wiegand at (586) 446-2520 or visit [www.ucat4kids.org](http://www.ucat4kids.org).*

## Warren-Center Line Prevention Coalition (WCPC)

WCPC has recently developed an outreach presentation for Parents Who Host Lose the Most and is planning to have coalition members present it at various community, civic and parent organizations in the coming months.

Additionally, the coalition is

planning to once again initiate their "Prom Awareness Project" which entails the coalition mailing letters to every hotel and limo company near a Warren or Center Line school prom reminding them not to rent rooms to teenagers or allow them to drink alcohol in their vehicles.

Coalition meetings are held on the 4th Monday of every month at 12:00pm at Warren Woods Middle School. The next scheduled meeting will be held March 22nd, 2010.

*For more information please contact Jennifer McFarlane at (586) 439-4403 or email [wcpc4change@gmail.com](mailto:wcpc4change@gmail.com).*