

The COALITION Connection

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Working
together
to improve the
SAFETY & **QUALITY**
of **LIFE** in **OUR**
community

CARLSBAD COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG/GANG

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Family Empowerment Project

Concerned About a Family Member's Addiction?



CRAFT helps families address addiction by teaching them skills like using positive reinforcement while maintaining healthy boundaries.

The Family Empowerment Project is an evidence based practice, deeply rooted in and supported by the strength of the family's connection. The Family Empowerment Project is proactive, non-confrontational, and effective.

Families who use this model feel more in control, less angry, less desperate and guide their loved one's into treatment 7 out of 10 times.

Get real help in guiding your loved one into recovery.

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WHOLE LIFE SERVICES
Recovering Community

*Wednesday Nights 7pm-8pm
1900 Westridge Rd Carlsbad, NM*

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GRANT Updates

SPF -Strategic Partnership Framework

(Prevention in Motion) – 300,000.00/yr

Joana Wells/Tiffany Shirley/Esther Hernandez

Description: *SPF is a 5-year federal grant that focuses on reducing underage drinking and substance abuse. We implement the All-Stars curriculum with middle school students, which is an evidence-based curriculum that is designed to change qualities that research shows accounts for why adolescents engage in risky behaviors. The various All Stars programs address the following qualities: normative beliefs, personal commitment to not use, positive relationships with peers and important adults, parent/Adult attentiveness, beliefs about consequences, idealism, positive character, goal setting skills, decision making skills and resistance skills.*

Update:

We are happy to have resumed programming with 8th grade Health Classes in partnership with Carlsbad Intermediate School – PR Leyva Campus. We have approximately 200 youth who began the All Stars Plus programming in January. Huge thank you to Mrs. Duarte and Mr. Jones for helping implement programming this year as we are still limited by in-person Covid-19 restrictions. We are holding virtual programming every Wednesday via Google Classroom with videos and worksheets paired with live teacher-lead discussions in the classroom.

Our Teens in Action Youth Council has been working on media campaigns to be distributed this semester. They have created their first Tik-Tok campaign video and are working on commercials as well. The teens have also been preparing and making contacts for the career-interest internships coming up this semester, where they will have the opportunity to spend some time shadowing someone in an area they'd like to explore.



**YOU CAN HELP
PREVENT
RX DRUG
ABUSE!**

1

LOCK IT UP

2

MONITOR IT

3

DROP IT OFF

DISPOSE OF UNUSED
MEDICATION IN THE FREE
DROP BOX INSIDE THE
POLICE DEPT
OR WALGREENS



Protect our water supply!
DON'T FLUSH unused
medications! Follow the
instructions below to
SAFELY DISPOSE
of unused medications.

1



*Mix with an
unappealing
substance.*

2



*Place in a
sealed
container.*

3



*Throw into
household
trash.*

4



*Scratch out
personal
information.*

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GRANT Updates

OSAP

(Office of Substance Abuse Prevention) – 100,000.00/yr

Joana Wells/Samantha Smith

Description: OSAP preventionists are committed to the implementation of evidence-based prevention programs and infrastructure development activities. OSAP delivers effective prevention services aimed at reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse, which includes reducing underage drinking, binge drinking and DWI, reducing prescription painkiller misuse and abuse, reducing adult binge drinking and DWI and reducing prescription painkiller opioid overdose related deaths. We work towards improving these goals by partnering with local law enforcement, school administration, pharmacies, medical providers, parent trainings and many other community organizations.

Update:

We have completed our mid-year grant reports and are looking forward to 2022. We have delivered bag tags to the pharmacies, as pictured to the right, advertising for safe storage and disposal of prescription medication.

We are preparing to deliver reusable grocery bags in partnership with Meals on Wheels in February, packed with safe storage and disposal information.

We are also continuing to stay up to date with prevention trainings on new and changing drug trends.

SAFE STORAGE

Protect your water supply! DON'T FLUSH unused medications! Follow the instructions below to SAFELY dispose of unused medications.

1 2 3 4

Mix with an unpalatable substance. Place in a sealed container. Throw into household trash. Scratch out personal information.

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GRANT Updates

STOP

(Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking)

\$48,509.00/yr

Joana Wells / Julie Fuentes / Esther Hernandez

Description: *The Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP) program's goal is to expand evidence-based prevention initiatives to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth ages 12-20. A youth council will lead community education and media messages for their peers as well as parents and other adults in the community. We use an evidence-based curriculum, All Star Core, with sixth grade students to establish positive norms and personal commitments to avoid risky behaviors (including substance use), promote bonding to the school and peer group, and build positive parent/adult connections.*

Update:

All Star programming for the 2021-2022 school year is currently underway with all 6th graders at Alta Vista Middle School. Special thank you to Mrs. Evelyn Salcido and Mrs. Deva Ingraham for helping with the program in their classrooms. All Star lessons are being distributed bi-weekly via Google Classroom.

Our STOP team continues to work with Teens in Action on prevention projects and activities along with the rest of our Coalition Team.



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GRANT Updates

TOP

(Teen Outreach Program)

\$50,150.00

Julie Fuentes / Esther Hernandez

Description: Wyman's Teen Outreach Program® (TOP®) is a youth curriculum that promotes the positive development of adolescents through curriculum-guided, interactive group discussions; positive adult guidance and support; and community service-learning projects. This program is funded through the New Mexico Department of Health/Family Planning Program. TOP is designed to meet the developmental needs of middle and high school teens and is focused on key topics related to adolescent health and development, including building social, emotional, and life skills; developing a positive sense of self; and connecting with others. The TOP Club meets for 9 months throughout the school year and requires 80% attendance and 25 service-learning hours in order to receive a graduation stipend of \$200.

Update:

The TOP Club met 3 times in January. Due to changes in class schedule, we are now meeting on Thursday mornings in Mrs. Thatcher's Science Class at JMA. There are currently 14 youth participating in the programming. Each youth received a \$100 Walmart gift cards for completing the first half of the TOP curriculum during the first semester of the school year. To complete service leading hours, the youth are helping Mrs. Robbie with Candy Grams for Valentine's Day. They have completed posters announcing the sale of Candy Grams and are planning to create Valentines cards for the San Jose Senior Center. They have completed two lessons focused on Health and Hygiene this month as well.



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GRANT Updates

TEEN COURT

\$38,400.00

Julie Fuentes / Samantha Smith

Description: *Teen Court is an alternative approach to juvenile sentencing. We receive misdemeanor cases from around Carlsbad, including Municipal Court, JPO, and Magistrate Court. Juveniles either plead guilty or no contest and are referred to Teen Court for their sentencing hearing. Sentencing is determined through a jury of their peers, which includes previous Teen Court defendants. The juvenile defendants are assigned volunteer youth attorneys as a defense team and are also prosecuted during a trial by another team of volunteer youth attorneys. Local attorneys and judges from Carlsbad volunteer their time, sitting in as Judge, for Teen Court trials every Tuesday. Teen Court is hosted by the City of Carlsbad's Municipal Court House and is funded in part by the United Way of Carlsbad and the City of Carlsbad.*

Update:

Teen Court was held 4 times in January, hearing a total of 12 cases. We have moved all upcoming hearings to the Janell Whitlock Municipal Complex. Special thanks to the City of Carlsbad for allowing us to use this facility to house our growing programming. The first meeting at the new location was held on January 24th. We are currently planning to hold Youth Attorney Trainings on the First Mondays of each month and court hearings on the remaining Mondays every month. We are also working with Mrs. Hernandez at CHS to recruit new volunteer youth attorneys.



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Join an Action Team!

Neighborhood Night Out:

July, August, September, October
(Event 1st Saturday of October)

Chair: TBD

Vice Chair: TBD

BOD: TBD

Staff: All Coalition Staff Members

Volunteers: TBD

This initiative brings awareness in our community, increases reporting, and reduces crime. This committee will meet for several months and is in charge of raising money for the event, finding donors for food, water, activities etc, will determine the safety theme for the event and involve police and fire dept to speak at every block party. This committee will advertise the event and sign people up to host a block party in their neighborhood. They will make invitations for each host to hand out along with pack goodie bags for each block party. This committee will determine where the Coalition will host a block party and get permission from the City for that location. They will also follow up with each host to determine what the needs were for that neighborhood and then present to Community Board for any action needed.

Parents in Action Team

Parent Trainings:

All year as needed.

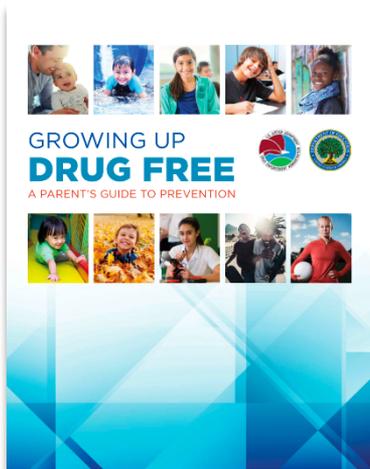
Chair: TBD

Vice-Chair: TBD

BOD: TBD

Staff: All Coalition Staff Members

This initiative is driven by the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention grant to reach out to parent groups and educate them about the laws regarding providing alcohol to a minor as well as the dangers of prescription medication and how to safely store and dispose of all medications. This action team helps identify community issues, locations of parent groups and assists with presentation partnerships.



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Prescription Drug Take Back:

2022: April 30th and Oct 29th

BOD: TBD

Staff: Kimberly Morrow

Volunteers: TBD

This initiative is driven by the Coalition's Office of Substance Abuse Prevention grant. Entails promoting event, hanging up flyers around town, putting together informational bags to hand out at the event, and provide food and refreshments for police and fire department at the event. This event is in conjunction with Hazardous Waste Day. It is held twice a year at the Carlsbad Municipal Beach parking lot from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Citizens will drive up and hand their unwanted/unused medications to the police officer to dispose and Coalition volunteers will hand them an information bag and ask how they heard about the event.

Annual Dinner:

October, November, December

(Event 1st or 2nd Monday of December)

Chair: TBD

Vice-Chair: TBD

BOD: TBD

Staff: All Coalition Staff Members

Volunteers: TBD

This committee is in charge of determining location, menu and theme for the event. Finding funding and donations is needed for this event. This committee will be in charge of inviting all active members of the Coalition and set up and take down of the event.



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Media:

All year as needed for promotion.

Chair: TBD

Vice-Chair: TBD

BOD: TBD

Staff: Tiffany Shirley, Sarah Bowman

Volunteers: TBD

This committee is in charge of public service announcements to the newspaper, radio, social media, etc. regarding the mission of the organization with the approval of the Executive Director on all campaigns. They are also in charge of advertising upcoming events, initiatives, and our organization in general.

Advisory:

All year as needed.

BOD: TBD

Staff: Joana Wells

Volunteers: TBD

Provide professional assistance on Coalition efforts and initiatives in order to be successful in fulfilling the mission of the Coalition.

**SIGN UP FOR ANY ACTION
TEAM BY CONTACTING**

JOANA WELLS:

575-256-0565, ext. 0



Teen Court of Eddy County:

All year: Tuesdays 5:30-7:30pm

BOD: TBD

Staff: Julie Fuentes, Sarah Bowman

Volunteers: TBD

This committee assists during Teen Court proceedings by helping direct youth during hearings, mentoring youth in a life skill when needed and setting up other service-learning opportunities for the youth to participate in. This team also helps promote the program to potential donors and seek other funding opportunities.



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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

1ST WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH **4-5PM**

UPSTAIRS PLANNING ROOM AT CITY HALL

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