





The Coalition
Connection
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together
to improve the
SAFETY & **QUALITY**
of **LIFE** in **OUR**
community

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We partner with the Carlsbad Police Department to offer presentations for parent groups, organizations, business/employee meetings, etc.

Available Presentation Topics:

Local Drug Trends/Drug Identification

Signs of Substance Abuse/Addiction

Stash Compartments:
How Drugs are Concealed

*Have a specific topic in mind?
We can develop a custom
presentation for your group!



Parent Facebook Group

Stay updated
with new
information
& continued
learning
opportunities.

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TEEN OPPORTUNITY:

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WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN US:

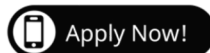
BE A VOICE FOR CHANGE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

ADDRESS PROBLEMS YOU
SEE AFFECTING TEENS &
CREATE SOLUTIONS.

PLAN FUN EVENTS &
ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO APPLY:

SPEAK TRUTH.
CRUSH LIES.
BECOME
SOMETHING
GREAT.



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GRANT Updates

SPF -Strategic Partnership Framework

(Prevention in Motion) – 300,000.00/yr

Joana Wells / Tiffany Shirley / Samantha Smith

Esther Hernandez / Julie Fuentes

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 continuing our 2022-2023 All-Stars programming with the 8th Grade Health Classes at Alta Vista and PR Leyva Middle Schools, as well as the 8th Grade Health Class at Loving Middle School.

Our team just wrapped up Red Ribbon Week, which our All-Stars classes helped with by creating videos, making posters and pledging to remain drug-free with their classmates. Make sure to check out their videos on our social media pages as well as on TikTok on the @carlsbadteens page!



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OSAH – Office of School and Adolescent Health

140,000.00/yr

Joana Wells / Samantha Smith / Hannah Ornelas

Description: OSAH is a 4-year mental health grant. We will be implementing evidence-based suicide prevention programming with high school students, as well as early detection training for educators. Our staff will be trained in QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer) and Youth Mental Health First Aid, as well as creating marketing and awareness campaigns for our community.

Update:

We have recently purchased a program called MindWise to be implemented at Carlsbad Intermediate School, Alta Vista, and Carlsbad High School. This program will give information to youth on recognizing the signs associated with suicide and how to obtain help. We are also preparing to attend the Sources of Strength training in Georgia in November to prepare for implementation that portion of the suicide prevention programming in partnership with the schools.



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OSAP

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

Joana Wells/Esther Hernandez/Hannah Ornelas

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.

Our OSAP team has been assembling Tobacco Merchant Education Packets with updated tobacco sales laws and information that will be distributed to merchants all over Southeast New Mexico by our team in October. We are also distributing the flyer you see to the right about marijuana laws, facts and the importance of locking up products to all local distributors to pass out to their customers.



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STOP

(Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking)

\$48,509.00/yr

Joana Wells / Julie Fuentes / Hannah Ornelas

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 boding to the school and peer group, and build positive parent/adult connections.*

Update:

We collaborated with the Eddy County DWI Program to celebrate Red Ribbon Week in October. Red Ribbon celebration banners and stickers were passed out at Loving Junior High and Loving High Schools. Both schools participated in celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Youth at Loving High School participated in dress up days and many signed a banner as a sign of their commitment to stay drug free.



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TOP

(Teen Outreach Program)

\$50,150.00

Julie Fuentes / Tiffany Shirley

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:

TOP Club continues to work through lessons. This month they completed four lessons which focused on goal setting, problem solving, and teamwork. Youth worked to complete Community Service Learning hours and helped with Red Ribbon Week. Brandy Mendoza from the DWI Program presented to TOP Club. They learned why Red Ribbon Week is celebrated and discussed ways to celebrate at Loving High School. TOP Club youth created social media content for Red Ribbon week, passed out posters and stickers, and gave presentations to Mentor classes. They also encouraged other youth to participate in Red Ribbon week activities by dressing up and reading daily announcements.



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TEEN COURT

\$38,400.00

Samantha Smith/Esther Hernandez

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 has seen a drastic increase in cases ranging from traffic violations to drug violations on school grounds. We are expanding our service learning opportunities for the youth to be able to give back to the schools as well as continue to give back to the community. We are actively seeking volunteers to become youth attorneys and grow within our program. We offer scholarship opportunities as well as providing dinners on nights of Teen Court for attorneys and many other growth opportunities in the field of criminal justice. If you would like to apply to be a youth attorney, please contact our Teen Court Coordinator at 575-256-0565 ext. 1.



TEEN OPPORTUNITY:

TEEN COURT OF EDDY COUNTY



For more
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ABOUT TEEN COURT

- Teen Court is a program for individuals age 12-18 who are charged with traffic violations, shoplifting less than \$250 value, possession of alcohol or drugs, disorderly conduct and other misdemeanor offenses.
- Referring agencies: Municipal Court, Magistrate Court, Juvenile Probation and Parole Office and Carlsbad Municipal Schools.

TEEN DEFENDANTS MUST:

- Admit to charges
- Appear at the sentencing hearing with parent, guardian, or custodian.
- Complete sentence within the allotted time frame
- Follow the Teen Court Rules of Conduct.
- Not commit any other offenses while serving their sentence in Teen Court

TEEN ATTORNEYS WILL:

- Be mentored by local judges and experienced attorneys on how to prosecute and defend cases.
- Improve your public speaking skills and open many doors of opportunity.

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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.

Community Impact Council:

Year-round

*Meetings Bimonthly: 3rd Friday @9AM
(JAN/MAR/MAY/JUL/SEP/NOV)*

Chair: TBD

Vice-Chair: TBD

BOD: TBD

Staff: All Coalition Staff Members

Volunteers: TBD

This council began with local nonprofits and has since been opened to other businesses/organizations that are passionate about reaching our community through our combined services and collaborating on local campaigns and events.

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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.



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.

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

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