

Resources and Ideas from SCA Prevention Networking Session

2/8/23

Successes/Activities Planned/Resources

- Working on initiatives to promote naloxone resources, training and education in York/Adams Counties. Hospitality Health Initiative - Focused on hotels/motels – Can get free naloxone, education and training. Faith-Based Initiative – Offering naloxone, education and training, as well as prevention education presentations/programs. Had 7 out 300 churches respond so far.
- Planning PAYS presentation for schools, families, etc. to learn more about PAYS and how to use the information in different ways.
- Vaping panel presentations for families (incorporate PAYS data).
- Vaping education resource: https://digitalmedia.hhs.gov/tobacco/educator_hub
- Community organizations wrote grants to purchase Dterra pouches. Are well received by families and other partners.
- Chester SCA held CTC intro training (geared to needs of Chester County CTCs) for their CTC coalitions (board members and coalition members). Gave good background of CTC model. Was well received.
- Fake is Real (<https://fakeisreal.org/>) – Resource related to fentanyl awareness. Gives locations of where can get naloxone. Reaching out to them to get county office locations added to their site and also discuss potential partnership.
- Environmental Strategy Reimbursement Project – Found that many of the students with school policy violations for vaping when assessment done through SAP reveals other substance use. Working with schools to update policies to ensure that policy violators are referred to SAP and receive assessment from behavioral health liaison. Student needs to follow through on recommendations from liaison to avoid fine or other punitive measures. School policies also state that vape contents are tested to determine what substance is in the vape. Schools who change policy receive vape detector. Have provided 179 vape detectors to schools. Have had 9 public school districts and 1 technical school revise policies.
- Partnered with DEA who tested vapes confiscated from students at school to see what substance they contained. Most contained marijuana and vitamin E acetate.

Questions

- Any suggestions of speakers for youth leadership conference?
 - Joe Markiewicz - <https://www.buildingstrongercommunities.com/>
 - Youth Move - Kevin Puskaric (Kevin@pmhca.org)
 - Staff from EPIS to present on how to use PAYS data
 - Student-led groups like Aavidum
- How are schools disposing of vapes?
 - DEA accepts vaping devices at take back days (but battery must be removed)
 - Should use gloves when handling, since don't know what they may contain.
 - Schools should avoid keeping devices with lithium-ion batteries together in one box, etc. as it can pose fire risk.
 - Have in some cases taken the vaping devices and cleaned up so can use them as examples for education with parents, school staff, others.

- Need more training and guidance on this topic. Info session or professional development on vape disposal and school policy advocacy would be helpful.
- National resources related to vape disposal:
 - Public Health Law Center: [Disposing of E-Cigarette Waste FAQ for Schools and Others](#)
 - Public Health Law Center: [Vape Aware: Safe Storage and Disposal](#)
 - Public Health Law Center: [Tobacco Product Waste Toolkit](#)
 - U.S. Food & Drug Administration: [Tips for Safe Disposal of E-Cigarettes and E-Liquid Waste](#)
 - DEA: [E-Cigarette & Vaping Devices Disposal and Take Back Information](#)
- Does anyone have a good system for keeping track of all the various funding sources they have for prevention and the activities doing under each (e.g. keeping track of how much of each funding source has been spent)?
 - Use CPR-Web – Software allows providers to report by cost center and funding source, so provides good way to see the status of each funding source on monthly basis.

CPA Updates

- CPA Conference (June 7-9 in State College) – Lots of great speakers lined up, including 12 sessions with speakers sharing about their prevention work/projects in PA.
- Prevention Week (May 7-13) – Nominations for 6 awards will be opening soon. CPA will travel to each region during Prevention Week to recognize nominees and winners. Please consider nominating an individual, group, organization, coalition, etc.
- PA Alliance Against Marijuana Commercialization (PA3MC) – Are expecting legislation on recreational marijuana legalization to come out of committee in the house (possibly end of Feb/beginning of March). If press conference/hearing is held to introduce bill, planning to have some PA3MC and CPA members attend.

DDAP Updates

- BG ARP Supplemental Funding
 - Proposal form for SCAs to request ARP funds for SFY 23/24 and 24/25 to go out 12/12 and is due 2/10.
- Prevention Workforce Survey – Coming this Spring. Will be the first every comprehensive survey of our prevention workforce that will play a vital role in helping to inform efforts to recruit new staff to prevention field, retain current staff, and provide training/professional development to prevention staff. Our goal is to have as many prevention staff as possible complete the survey.