

Resources and Ideas from SCA Prevention Networking Session

2/7/24

Successes/Activities Planned/Resources

- Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. worked with media company to film a video highlighting prevention work in the county: https://youtu.be/MML_11tcUBk.
- Held carnival night for students/families after completing Too Good for Drugs. Held at school and had 100 people attend. Had a bingo game where students answered questions on info learned in Too Good for Drugs. Allowed parents to hear what the students learned. Have also done this same type of celebration event at the end of Too Good for Drugs in the classroom during school day to ensure students could participate.
- Planning “Spring Cleaning” event for April Take Back Day. People will be encouraged to not just bring medications for disposal but to also donate clothes, books, etc.
- Working with Devereux Center for Effective Schools to provide training, coaching and materials development to support the effective implementation of prevention programs by providers and teachers.
- Planning town hall meeting for Alcohol Awareness Month. Last year in order to get more people to attend/be involved held Painting with a Purpose event where painted mural. This year planning Dancing with a Purpose. Collaborating with Albright College and credit union on event. Will have different types of dance and a presentation that will address alcohol related norms and open dialogue with participants on the topic.
- Partnered with school to help fund Tall Cop presentation. 200 people have registered to attend.
- SAMHSA Communities Talk to Prevent Alcohol and Other Drug Misuse - The 2024 cycle for SAMHSA’s Communities Talk is now open. \$750 planning stipends are available on first come, first served basis. Learn more at: <https://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/communitiestalk/>.

CPA Updates

- Prevention Week (May 12-18) Awards – Nominations will open 2/12. Statewide recognition for all nominees and winners. Nominators can be anonymous.
- Youth Summit will be held 5/1 at the Capitol in Harrisburg. The application for youth coalitions to participate is due 2/12. Details and Application: <https://paprevention.org/special-initiatives/pa-prevention-youth-summit/>
- CPA conference will be in Harrisburg June 12th-14th. Registration will open in early March. Planning change this year that once individuals have registered, then will then get info to select workshops in Whova.
- CPA expanding to six regions this fall. Goal is for regions to meet twice a month. Looking for individuals to be a part of leadership teams for each region. If interested in being part of leadership team, email Jeff Hanley, jeff.hanley@commonwealthpreventionalliance.org.

DDAP Updates

- Welcome new DDAP prevention staff Kelly Dietrich and Laura Suits-Dolan!
- Applications open for SUD student loan repayment program. Prevention staff are included in the qualifying professions. Applications must be submitted via the [online application portal](#) by March 1, 2024.

- Upcoming Webinars for SCAs:
 - Prevention Contracts Best Practice Guide Overview, February 8th from 1:30-2:30
 - SCA Prevention Needs/Resource Assessment Overview Webinar, March 20th from 10:30-12
- Evaluation Roundtable: SAP Liaison Services (open to SCAs, SAP liaison providers and their evaluators)
 - Date/Time: March 28th, 2024; 11:00-12:00
 - Zoom: <https://psu.zoom.us/j/3291453018> ; or Phone 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID 329 145 3018)