

# Resources and Ideas from SCA Prevention Networking Session

## 4/18/24

### Successes/Activities Planned/Resources

- Will be participating in CPA's Youth Summit on May 1<sup>st</sup> and also Day at the Capitol with TRU youth on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- On April 27<sup>th</sup> for Drug Take Back Day holding a "spring cleaning" event where, in addition to bringing in medications, people can also donate clothes and books. Will also have other activities and games for youth/families and will be giving out medication lock boxes and Detera bags.
- Submitted grant to PLCB to work with University of Pittsburgh at Bradford on the development of VR simulations related to substance use and navigating certain scenarios on college campus.
- Clearfield-Jefferson Drug & Alcohol Commission's evaluator has created a pre/post test that can be used to evaluate Small Games of Chance trainings. Willing to share the test with anyone else doing these trainings.
- Collaborating with MADD to provide a Power of Parents presentations which will be followed by a panel discussion with prevention providers in county. Plus to Power of Parents is that its research based, free and available in Spanish.
  - To encourage parent participation/turn out for Power of Parents presentation, some have offered virtually and have offered discounted prom tickets or student parking fee if parents participate. But some still struggle with parent turnout even with these incentives.
  - Could consider providing to parents of college students during new student orientation.
- For college level (similar to Power of Parents), [The Parent Alcohol Handbook](#) is also a resource. The [College Parents Matter website](#) provides additional resources such as communication tips.
- Plans for sharing 2023 PAYS data:
  - Creating reporting cards for schools. Also will hold a superintendent's breakfast.
  - Holding a PAYS Summit. Will go through the county PAYS report and then provide a networking session between schools and prevention provider agencies, so schools can link to prevention services to help them address needs noted in PAYS.

### Questions

- Any resources to help communicate with partners about utilization of scare tactics?
  - DDAP in collaboration with CPA will be putting out a new document in coming weeks called What Works in Prevention. This document will provide information about several prevention strategies to avoid, including scare tactics.
- Has anyone developed a quiz or other resources to help train new staff on using WITS?
  - Created a cheat sheet for staff.
  - Please share any resource like this with Laura Suits-Dolan, [lsuitsdola@pa.gov](mailto:lsuitsdola@pa.gov).

### CPA Updates

- CPA conference June 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg (with two virtual sessions on June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>). Scholarship application open through 4/19/24. See details on [CPA conference webpage](#).
- PA Prevention Award Winners have been selected. See [CPA Prevention Awards webpage](#) to RSVP for the Prevention Awards events taking place during Prevention Week.

- Youth Summit will be held 5/1 at the Capitol in Harrisburg. There are 75 youth and adults participating. Summit will include legislative visits and a meeting with Lieutenant Governor.
- Press conference held on March 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss marijuana legalization. Several PA legislators were in attendance. [HB 2210](#) addressing marijuana legalization was recently introduced.

### **DDAP Updates**

- SAMHSA has changed their reporting requirements regarding demographic categories to be collected for prevention services. This results in changes to the age and gender categories collected in WITS. The changes will be effective 7/1/24. See email sent to SCAs week of April 15<sup>th</sup> for more details.
- Upcoming webinars/trainings
  - Risk and Protective Factors Overview Webinar, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:00. Updated Zoom link to join will be sent to SCAs.
  - SPF Application for Prevention Success Training (SAPST), August 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Location TBD but will be in eastern region. Training will open for registration in July in DDAP's Training Management System.
- SCA WITS Plan Entry – SFY 24/25 plans to be entered by 6/1/24. Plan entry training webinar being held on 4/24 from 11-12 from those new to plan entry or in need of a refresher.
- Prevention Superstars – A new project in development at DDAP to recognize SCA and provider prevention staff. Will not overlap with Spring season of the PA Prevention Awards but will instead provide an opportunity to recognize prevention staff during other times of the year.