

Resources and Ideas from SCA Prevention Networking Session

12/4/2024

Successes/Activities Planned/Resources

- Red Ribbon Week activities
 - Held movie and bowling event. Youth provided with bags with Red Ribbon Week information. Events were well attended.
 - Offered all elementary schools the opportunity to plant tulips at school and also in their community. Was very successful. One principal took student council to plant tulips around trees on main street. Recovery groups also planted tulips in community. Put plant the promise signs up where planted tulips. Have schools send pictures of students planting and when flowers bloom to put on Facebook.
 - Distributed over 40,000 ribbons.
 - Held movie night with Hispanic Center and had over 100 students/families attend.
 - Brought Rapping about Prevention into 2 schools to do anti-vaping program.
- Held college game night – Were able to engage IT club who ran video game tournament.
- Holding events for veterans, active military and their families. Will have games and VFW is hosting and providing food. Santa/Mrs. Claus coming and have backdrops/props so families can take family photos.
- Implementing MD Smart Choices gambling prevention program and it has been going over very well.
- Berks SCA has Kids/Teens & Technology program for gambling prevention they have a lot of success with. Kids & Tech is for grades 3-5/6 (one time presentation). Teens & Tech for middle school and two session version for 9th grade. Updated program to include sports betting and internet gambling. Program covers internet safety/digital citizenship and gambling/gaming and addition. Other SCAs/providers are welcome to use the program (comes with manual and PPT):
<https://cocaberks.org/kids-teens-tech/>.
- Put out youth marijuana education campaign via social media (you have big hopes/dreams, marijuana won't get you there). Also giving schools posters to hang up with the same info. Campaign analytics have been very positive.
- Made quick 40 seconds videos for parents (prevention starts at home and it's so easy can do your pajamas) that went out via social media.
- Served 62 classrooms with Too Good for Drugs in fall.
- Served 105 classrooms with Too Good for Drugs in fall. Expanding to 1st and 2nd grade. Were able to get on PTA Facebook pages and were approved to do posts. Are letting parents know each week what the TGFDF lesson is and also using to share the homework. Getting a lot of views and responses.
- Vaping education – For winter sports, will have table at games/meets with information about vaping, pledge can sign, and bracelets that say “breathe”. Goal is to meet parents where they are at.
- County held Human Services Expo with over 500 participants. Had four speakers, including one on substance use prevention.
- Did vaping presentation for adult volunteers who work with Youth Aid Panel (had 40-50 attendees).
- Josh Ercole with the Council on Compulsive Gambling of Pennsylvania presented on gambling at National Family Week conference.

Questions

- What is available in other counties for disposal of sharps and vaping devices?
 - Advise people to put into a thick plastic container (such as detergent bottle) and write sharps on it.
 - FQHC gives out sharps containers for free and then can return them to FQHC to dispose of.
 - Sherriff's Department has a contract with Stericycle to pick up sharps. The police departments have sharps containers next to take back boxes and larger quantities of sharps can go directly to Sherriff's Department.
 - Partner with hospitals to collect sharps through grant funding.
 - SROs are collecting vapes at schools but unclear how the SROs dispose of them.
 - Collect vaping devices during take back days. Ask batteries be removed.
 - Received grant to buy individual and larger sharps boxes. SCA distributes them for free through office and individuals or agencies can request them.
 - Looking into possible vape buy back program on college campuses.
 - Some college/university safety officers take care of disposal of lab equipment, sharps, etc.
- How are others outreaching to Hispanic communities?
 - Work with Hispanic Integration Project. They have a community center that partner with to do after school programming, naloxone training, summer program, inspire you/future you, etc.
 - [Hispanic Center of Reading and Berks County, PA](#) – Have a community-based approach to listen to community to assess needs/make plans. Will be partnering with them to help conduct community conversations for SCA needs assessment.
 - Translate all materials into Spanish.
 - Working to provide tobacco cessation in Spanish. Freedom from Smoking program has workbook in Spanish. Department of Health Regional Primary Contractor may also have resources for cessation programs in Spanish.
 - Serve predominately Hispanic community and provide after school program as well as in-school services.
 - Have found among Dominican community that hookah use is very prevalent.

CPA Updates

- 2025 CPA Conference Speaker Proposals. Will you consider submitting a proposal?! We would love to highlight more programs, initiatives, and events happening in PA Communities:
<https://paprevention.org/conference/2025-conference-speaker-proposal/>
- 2024 CPA Conference Recap: <https://www.beautiful.ai/player/-ODHJJ2oTXUbW8bYhIkX>
- Two memos were submitted (one from house and one from senate) to introduce legislation in 2025 regarding legalization of recreational marijuana.

DDAP Updates

- Prevention Impact in Action Award:
 - Initiative aimed at recognizing and celebrating the great work prevention teams are doing across the state.
 - Congratulations to our round 1 award winners and nominees!
 - Winner: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Prevention Team
 - Winner: Compass Mark's Lancaster Team

- Nominees: Armstrong Indiana Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission Prevention Department; Charlotte Centonze and T aylor Stokes of Shalom, Inc.; Fayette County Drug & Alcohol Commission SAP Liaisons: Briann Cramer and Christina Stockton; Lebanon County Youth Substance Abuse Coalition; Pathway To Recovery Prevention Department
- Nominations are open for round 2 of the award.
 - **Who Can Be Nominated:** This initiative is limited to SCAs and their contracted prevention providers. Nominations should be made for teams (2 or more people), not individuals. A team can be the SCA, prevention provider, or coalition as a whole or teams of prevention staff within the SCA/provider/coalition (e.g. team of 3 staff who implemented a specific project).
 - **When:** Submit nominations by 12/31/24
 - **How:** Complete [Nomination Form](#)
- National Prevention Network Conference
 - When: August 11-13, 2025
 - Where: Washington, D.C. | Grand Hyatt Hotel
 - Go to <https://npnconference.org> to learn more.