Prevention Networking Session: Resources & Notes
10/15/2025

Successes/Activities Planned/Resources

- Red Ribbon Week (RRW)
  - Providing presentations K-8 (and some high school) with overview of why celebrate RRW and activity of "did you know" facts.
  - Local coalitions will be planting red tulips at variety of locations. Youth will be engaged in planting. Coalitions obtained funding from Rotary Clubs to support this.
  - Collaborated with Lion's Club to get pencils with RRW messages to give to students.
  - Giving out pencils, certificates, etc. to elementary school.
- Connected with pharmacist at hospital interested in hosting an event for take back day. Planning to do event for April take back day.

Questions

- Suggestions for facilitator training or TOT options for Too Good for Drugs or Catch My Breath
  - For Too Good, if have funding, can have Mendez provide training on site. Can also travel to attend Mendez open enrollment trainings (in 2026 locations are Atlanta, Chicago and Los Angeles). https://toogoodprograms.org/collections/training
  - PACDAA Prevention Committee has discussed potential collaboration among SCAs in future (after budget is passed) to schedule on-site training for Too Good or LifeSkills Training.
  - Montgomery SCA uses Devereux Center for Effective Schools to do training for providers and ongoing coaching, modeling and fidelity checks.
- Outside of EPIS supported programs, have challenge that many other programs don't come with data tracking tools to enter and analyze pre/post evaluation data. So individual universities, providers, etc. across country may develop their own tools. Could there be a central place where we could put links to tools we come across that others have developed?
  - Would need to look into the logistics of where we could house this type of information and how people could share things that would go on this type of list/website.
  - Montgomery SCA uses WestEd to manage process for pre/post test data collection/analysis. Collect over 30,000 pre/post tests annually. WestEd uses SurveyMonkey. Pre/post test includes a unique identifier (mix of initial and part of birth date) to do matched pre/post test analysis (each school has separate survey link). WestEd then does analysis of pre/post data collected. Have also developed data dashboards to look at data over time.
- Other evaluation challenges:
  - Concern about how to create unique identifiers and manage that data in a way that avoids collecting or sharing personally identifiable information.
  - Use MS Forms but limited to 400 surveys. Unable to create survey links for each provider for each program, so all providers use same link for same program. Creates issue when students don't correctly identify provider on pre/post.
  - DESSA Mini tool, suggested as measure for Second Step, is a challenge to use due to the cost. What free option could be identified or developed to measure improvement in SEL skills?

CPA Updates

- 2026 CPA Youth Summit
    - Application open through November 14
    - Creating Youth Prevention Alliance – Have 1-2 students from each participating coalition be part of Youth Prevention Alliance and receive more comprehensive training leading up to Summit at Capitol.
    - Wednesday, May 6: Summit at Capitol
    - Thursday, June 11, CPA Conference Youth Panel
- Collegiate Action Program – Two $3,000 mini-grants available for PA colleges/universities to enhance planned alcohol-related events.
- 2026 CPA Conference
    - June 10-12, 2026: Hilton-Harrisburg
    - Speaker Proposal Form now open
- Accepting applications for Board of Directors through November 8.

DDAP Updates

- EPIS holding informational webinar on a new Prevention Program Improvement Process being offered. This short-term technical assistance model is designed to help SCAs and their contracted providers strengthen the effectiveness and consistency of their programs and services.
    - **Date:** Tuesday, December 9, 2025
    - **Time:** 10-11 am
    - **Zoom:** https://psu.zoom.us/my/mfausey
- SCA Prevention Action Plan for SFY 26/27 due 1/30/26
- SCA Prevention Evaluation Report on SFY 25/26 due 1/29/27. See evaluation report instruction manual and report template on EPIS website: https://epis.psu.edu/index.php/ddap.