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United to reduce substance abuse.

Drug Free Communities Grant

Updates

Greetings PCDFC members! This is the third quarter DFC newsletter and I hope it finds you enjoying the sunshine. Even through the monsoon known as spring 2015, DFC staff continued the efforts in prevention. We are excited to say Able Ada Elk's Lodge signed an memorandum of understanding to request responsible beverage sales and service training for all future employees. We are grateful they see the importance of educating their servers and also for their support of the Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition efforts. Another policy accomplishment belongs to the Ada Police Department. Chief Miller signed an MOU committing to continue conducting alcohol compliance checks in collaboration with PCDFC. Do we have the best community partners or what?

Speaking of responsible beverage sales and service training, PCDFC members got to attend a class in June. The purpose was so members can experience first hand what the training has to offer and equip them to be promotional advocates in the community. PCDFC members gathered in March and participated in the monthly workshop relating to media. With the help of electronics, we were able to record our responses to questions about the coalition and explain coalition efforts.

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Updates Continued

Members also created "elevator speeches." If you have only a few seconds between floors on an elevator ride to tell others about the coalition, what would you say? There were some very thoughtful responses and excellent talking points brought about from this activity. Great job to those of you that attended!

Step Out of the Darkness

Come join Pontotoc County on Saturday, September 19th from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for a day of prevention & recovery from addiction!

10:30 a.m. - Pontotoc County Prayer March

- 9:30-10:00 a.m. - Park near the Bill S. Cole University Center at ECU - Buses will transport walkers to the Pontotoc County Courthouse (last bus leaves at 10 am)
- 10:30 a.m. - Walkers will depart from Pontotoc County Courthouse and march down Main Street toward ECU's Centennial Plaza. Stops will be made along the way for times of prayer
- Hosted by the Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition emphasizing the importance of communities being united in spirit for prevention & recovery

****We ask that no motorized vehicles be used in the march (other than necessary wheelchairs or scooters). This is requested due to noise levels during times of prayer. Thank you!****

11:30 a.m. - Prevention & Recovery Rally

- Location - ECU's Bill S. Cole University Center (entrance located on Francis Avenue between 12th & 13th street) to hear our great guest speakers
- Show your support, promote awareness of prevention & recovery and be part of a community stand admitting we are all affected by addiction.

12:00 p.m. - Food, Fun & Facts

- Location- ECU's Bill S. Cole University Center
- Food, games & events for family fun; plus information booths providing facts about substance abuse, prevention, treatment and recovery
- Entertainment - Various singers, dancers and others will keep you entertained
- Make sure and register for giveaways at various booths!
- Sponsored by Escalade, Whitten Institute for Addiction & Recovery at ECU. Food will be provided by Citicorp Bank of Ada and local churches.

1:30 p.m. - Grand Prize Drawing!

Remember only those who participate in the march are eligible for the Grand Prize Cash Giveaway. So make sure to register at the Courthouse Plaza and you could win a fabulous cash prize!

If special accommodations are needed, please contact BWT at (202) 339-3813 at least 2 weeks prior to event. Thank you!!!
Hosted by:



We also want to remind all of you that the Step Out of The Darkness march and rally is coming up on September 19, 2015. Please keep up to date with coalition happenings by attending the monthly meeting held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Health Department from 11:30-1:00. We need your voice at the table!

- DFC Staff

Prescription Drug Forum

WMPN & PCDFC

The Wichita Mountains Prevention Network and the Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition partnered in April to host a Prescription Drug Forum for the community. We had a tremendous turnout! With coalition members, healthcare professionals, law enforcement officers and community members every seat was full. We had a knowledgeable group of presenters as well as diverse perspectives for the panel discussion. The personal testimony given took courage and strength. It was an emotional and heartfelt account of the struggles of addiction. Knowledge and resources were gleaned by participating in the forum.

Thank you

Partners who made the forum possible!

Wichita Mountains Prevention Network

Pig Skins BBQ

Mercy Hospital

Mike O'Grady

Oklahoma Department of Health

Pontotoc Technology Center

Trae Graham

Dr. Ahmed

Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics

PCDFC Community Education Committee

STAND Youth Coalition

PCDFC Youth Committee

This quarter STAND members were able to tour the CLEET Center and the Pontotoc County Justice Center. We are grateful to these partners who allowed us to come and visit.

DFC staff is asking for PCDFC member help by volunteering to participate in STAND activities on certain months. This means you are volunteering to attend the two meeting for that month and get to know our youth! We still need a volunteers for January 2016 and May 2015. Please let us know if you are able to help!

Volunteers by Month

July 2015 - Kandice Wallis

August 2015 – Debra Cox

September 2015 – Rachel Smith

October 2015 – TBD

November 2015 – Cheryl Yott

December 2015 – Deanna Carpitchie

January 2016 – TBD

February 2016 – James Jackson

March 2016 – Calvin Prince

April 2016 – Vickie Orsburn

May 2016 - TBD

STAND Youth Coalition

PCDFC Youth Committee

The youth committee and the STAND coalition are planning the "1st Annual STAND Conference" for all Pontotoc County seventh graders! The conference will be on two different dates in order to accommodate such a large group of youth. Latta, Byng, Roff and Stonewall seventh graders will attend on Wednesday, October 7th. Ada, Vanoss and Allen will attend on Wednesday, October 21st. There will be more details to come as we near October, but until then please see to help with immediate items/donations needed.

Cash Donations:
Food, Drawings and Conference Materials

Hollywood Themed Decorations

Items Donations for Prizes

PCDFC

Upcoming Dates

JULY 2015

PCDFC Meeting July 7th
11:30-1:00 Health Department
STAND Meeting July 7th
5:30 East Central University
Step Out of The Darkness Meeting July 7th
10:30-11:30 Health Department
STAND Movie Night July 9th
6:00 ECU Estep Center July 21st
STAND Meeting
5:30 East Central University

AUGUST 2015

PCDFC Meeting August 4th
11:30-1:00 Health Department
STAND Meeting August 4th
5:30 Ada Public Library
Mid-Year CADCA Training August 2nd-6th
Indianapolis, IN
STAND Meeting August 18th
5:30 Ada Public Library August 26th
PCDFC Workshop
3:30-5:00 Health Department

SEPTEMBER 2015

PCDFC Meeting September 1st
11:30-1:00 Health Department
STAND Meeting September 1st
5:30 Ada Public Library
Step Out of The Darkness March September 19th
10:30-1:30 East Central University
STAND Meeting September 15th
5:30 Ada Public Library



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