



May 2014  
**Newsletter**

**UPDATES:**

The Step Out of the Darkness planning committee has begun diligently seeking donations for the march and rally planned for September 6, 2014. Rib Crib graciously did a give back night on May 7th, with 10% of the proceeds going towards funding the event.

The PCDFC Assessment Committee met on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed who would be the best candidates to interview in order to get an accurate gauge of readiness in the community. DFC staff, WMPN staff and STOP grant staff have completed all the needed key informant interviews. The next step is to compile the information and determine what strategies to implement based on the knowledge and readiness of Pontotoc County.

DFC staff participated in a conference call with the training coordinators of the National Coalition Academy on May 21<sup>st</sup>. It was an open discussion to talk about our grant progress and concerns, as well as a forecast of what to expect in week 2 of training.

*AshLee Griffen*  
 DFC Coordinator



At the beginning of May the youth spent the weekend at Cross Point Camp doing team building activities. They had the opportunity to do the low and high ropes course as well as the power pole. It was the perfect opportunity to get to know the youth and talk with them about the issues surrounding them in their schools.

On May 12<sup>th</sup> three of the STAND members attended the County Commissioner's meeting with the STOP grant staff.

STAND members also participated in World No Tobacco Day activities at the Court House Plaza on May 28. They handed out informational brochures on the dangers of tobacco use.

To stay up to date with the STAND activities and projects visit:  
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StudentsTakingANewDirection>  
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**PCDFC & DFC ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- STAND Youth Retreat at Cross Point Camp 5-2-14 to 5-4-14
- STAND meeting 5-5-14
- PCDFC monthly meeting on 5-6-14
- FATE partnered with DFC to present Life of an Athlete to Ada High School 5-7-14
- PCDFC Step Out of the Darkness Rib Crib give-back night 5-7-14
- DFC Assessment meeting 5-8-14
- PCDFC Step Out of the Darkness meeting 5-14-14
- PCDFC Assessment meeting 5-14-14
- DFC Staff created Sustainability Assessment Report 5-16-14
- FATE partnered with DFC to present Life of an Athlete to Byng Jr High 5-19-14
- Community Readiness Interview 5-20-14, 5-21-14, 5-23-14, 5-27, 14, 5-28-14, 5-29-14 and 5-30-14
- National Coalition Academy phone call 5-21-14
- World No Tobacco Day 5-28-14
- STAND member recorded PSA 5-30-14
- PCDFC continued Media Advocacy Efforts with Ada News, ECU Journal, SCORE, & Social Media.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2: STAND meeting at Ada Public Library at 5:30pm.
- June 3: PCDFC meeting, 11:30am at the Pontotoc County Health Department
  - June 3: Step Out of the Darkness planning meeting at 1:00pm.
    - June 9-13: National Coalition Academy Week 2.
  - June 17: STAND meeting at Ada Public Library at 5:30pm.
  - June 24: Turning Point Coalition meeting at 11:30am.
- June 24: RBSS training at the Ada Public Library at 2:00pm.
  - June 30: RBSS training at Rib Crib at 8:00am.

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