

Resources and Ideas from SCA Prevention Networking Session

8/10/22

Outlined below are the updates, activities, ideas and resources shared.

Successes/Activities Planned

- Created bags with agency name/logo/phone number that contain naloxone, Deterra bags, and agency information. Bags were given out at summer event where engaged with law enforcement in positive and youth friendly way. Bags were popular and plan to give out at future events.
- Holding new alternative activity painting event for parents and their children called Painting for the Cause of Prevention. Art teacher is leading the painting. Will be doing trivia activities while painting on substance use, drug trends, and PAYS data. Available space at event filled up within three days of advertising, so hoping to offer event again.
- Reaching out to existing partners to review what they do and how currently partnering. In one meeting learned 4 new ways could collaborate further (e.g. providing Deterra bags for distributing through food bank).
- Added booster sessions to curriculum by having youth do research and then create podcasts, "In Your Voices." Youth brainstormed podcast topics based on info from the curriculum. Also did podcast where youth talked about what they learned from the experience. Was successful and other schools are interested, so hoping to expand.
- Held youth slip 'n slide kickball event in July for middle school students. Students were given above the influence t-shirts. Parents were given drawstring bags that say above the influence and inside includes info on how to talk with your kids about peer pressure, handling emotions, and substances, Deterra bags and info on importance of disposing of medications.
- Partnering with Giant Eagle to have DisposeRx packets given out with all opioid prescriptions.
- For extended school year and summer success program with a school district provided lessons on handling emotions, making decisions, etc. and other fun activities. Work with the teachers to identify student needs to guide what lesson topics are needed. Well received by kids and teachers.
- Interrupted program is Indicated or early intervention program for youth experimenting with substances or who have other introduction to substances. Has been in-person program, but now working to create an online application for the program where youth can logon at school or home and complete lessons, homework assignments and surveys. Working with production company and graphic designer to build.
- Organizing the final details of 3rd Overdose Awareness Day Memorial Drive.
- Women receiving medical marijuana may not get any information about dangers of using during pregnancy. Dispensary does not have to provide information on contraindications to use. Working on education for pregnant women and women of childbearing age on this topic.

Questions

- Has anyone purchased or used the new Staked Deck curriculum updated in May?
 - One has purchased but has not looked at it yet to see what changes are.
- Is anyone addressing young children accidentally ingesting marijuana, medications, other drugs? Is anyone promoting lock boxes for locking up medical marijuana?

- Could PA require that medical marijuana packaging include warning to lock up or keep out of reach of children or put Mr. Yuk sticker on packaging?
- Doing education for older adults on medication storage, but may need to target parents with similar message.
- Are prevention reports in WITS slow to load for everyone?
 - Yes, DDAP is working on possible solutions, but likely to be long process. To get the reports to load, it's important to make sure your WITS session does not time out before the report loads. Some reports take up to 15 minutes to load, so while waiting need to check in every few minutes to keep clicking to keep WITS session active.

CPA Updates

- International Overdose Awareness Day (8/31) – free social media resources (as well as digital media assets and posters): <https://pastop.org/prevention-professionals/international-overdose-awareness-day-2022/>

DDAP Updates

- SCAs should ensure all prevention services funded during SFY 21/22 have been entered into WITS and any data entry errors corrected by 8/15.
- SOR proposal updates – Anticipating award of SOR III grant. SCAs should submit updates to SOR proposal per instructions emailed on 8/10 by September 30th.
- Onsite Training Requests – SCAs can make onsite training requests for required prevention trainings (SCAs can collaborate with neighboring SCAs to identify the minimum of 10 people to request onsite training). Providers should make SCA aware of any required prevention training staff need but have been unable to access.