



**Pasco County**  
**Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention**

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**ASAP Mission:**

*"To develop, motivate, and encourage strategic relationships that reduce county risk factors and decrease substance abuse rates among youth and adults."*

**HEADLINES:**

**ASAP Awarded a New Drug Free Communities Grant and a Goodbye Message to our Coalition Coordinator!**

It is with mixed emotions that I let you know I have tendered my resignation as ASAP Coordinator. I have accepted a leadership position at BayCare Behavioral Health overseeing prevention programming and will continue to work closely with wellness and prevention efforts in Pasco County.

I cannot adequately put into words the amount of gratitude I have for the opportunity to lead ASAP and serve Pasco County over the last five years. You challenged me and built my confidence in unimaginable ways. Because of you, I have confidence that ASAP will successfully manage this transition without losing engagement and motivation.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the Pasco County community was awarded another 5 years of Drug Free Communities support funding! The official announcement can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/Drug-Free-Communities-Support-Program>. I am excited for the opportunity Pasco County has to continue the work of the coalition. As you know, we've made great strides yet still have many challenges to address in keeping our youth drug free.

Thank you again, for your continued support and vision as we continue to move forward as community to build prevention efforts!

Sincerely,

*Chrissie Parris*

Coalition Coordinator

ASAP - Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Pasco County

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### Prescription Drug Drop Off Day

Do you have unused or expired medications in your home?

Bring them for safe disposal to Pasco County's  
Pill Drop

Saturday September 27, 2014 from 10 am – 2 pm

At the following locations:

Gulf View Square Mall  
9409 US Highway 19  
Port Richey, FL 34668

The Shops at WireGrass  
28211 Paseo Drive  
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

What to Bring to the Medication Disposal Program:

- Expired or unwanted prescriptions and medications
  - Vitamins and Herbals
  - Veterinary medications
- Over the counter medications

Please contact Chrissie Parris 727-597-2284 [cparris@pascoasap.com](mailto:cparris@pascoasap.com) if you need more information or would like to get involved.

The Pasco Sheriff's Office and Pasco County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) are participating in a national pharmaceutical take-back initiative led by the DEA where community members can drop off unused or expired prescription medications for safe disposal.



### **Don't Roll Up, Roll Out: Florida's Youth Keeping it Real about Marijuana POSTER CONTEST!- DEADLINE EXTENDED**

The student-led group, *Don't Roll Up, Roll Out* is extending its poster contest that is open to students in the SunCoast region of Florida that will demonstrate and share information about the dangers of marijuana. Students will be asked to create artwork with the theme "Florida Youth Keeping it Real About Marijuana" to depict how to live a drug-free life and illustrate the truth about the dangers of marijuana use. The new deadline is OCTOBER 10, 2014.

For more information about *Don't Roll Up, Roll Out*, visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DontRollUpRollOut/timeline>. For more information about the student

poster contest, visit <http://dfaf.org/Poster%20Contest%20Rules.pdf>.

## RESEARCH

### Res 2013 Pasco County Alcohol and Policy Prescription Drug Use Survey Results

309 participants, both youth and adults, participated in the 2013 survey, Survey completed by ASAP

#### Concerns about Alcohol and Prescription Drug Problems

How strongly would you favor or oppose the following alcohol and prescription drug policies:	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Somewhat Favor	Strongly Favor	Not Sure
At public events, having family zones where alcohol is not allowed	5%	7%	23%	64%	1%
Additional DUI law enforcement operations	3%	4%	24%	63%	6%
Retail compliance checks (checks of alcohol retailers insuring compliance with alcohol laws)	4%	3%	19%	69%	5%
Party patrol operations (social hosting)	9%	13%	24%	50%	4%
Additional law enforcement operations (excluding DUI enforcement)	5%	7%	30%	53%	5%
Moratorium (delay or suspension) on new pain clinics	6%	6%	27%	50%	10%
Additional pain clinic regulations	4%	5%	29%	56%	6%
Stricter penalties for possession of narcotic medications without a prescription	5%	7%	19%	66%	3%
Family physicians talking about your alcohol use at each visit	4%	9%	32%	50%	5%

#### Local Impact of Alcohol and/or Prescription Drugs

How much do alcohol and/or prescription drug abuse contribute the following in Pasco County:	Not at All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Not Sure
Negative reputation or image of the community	2%	5%	27%	62%	4%
Vandalism or property damage	2%	2%	28%	65%	3%
Fights	2%	3%	23%	68%	4%
Family violence	1%	4%	21%	70%	4%
Traffic crashes	1%	3%	23%	69%	4%
Unemployment rates	3%	8%	23%	59%	7%

## SPOTLIGHT

### CVS Health Announces End to Tobacco Sales!

In terrific news for public health and tobacco control, CVS announced today that it has ended tobacco sales at its 7,700 retail pharmacies, nearly a month ahead of its target date of October 1. CVS also announced that it is launching a smoking cessation campaign to help Americans quit smoking. In addition, CVS Caremark Corporation announced that it is changing its corporate name to CVS Health to reflect its broader health care commitment and expertise.



**My #OneGoodReason  
to live tobacco free:**

CVS has also launched a social media campaign – #OneGoodReason – in which they are inviting everyone to share their personal stories of how smoking and tobacco use has affected their lives and why they live tobacco-free. You can support CVS by participating in the campaign and stating your #OneGoodReason on social media channels.

Here are 5 ways you can get involved in the #OneGoodReason campaign:

1. Using the template attached to this email, create your #OneGoodReason to live tobacco-free, and share on your social channels.
2. Take your own photo of your #OneGoodReason to live tobacco-free, and share on your social channels.
3. Create a video with your #OneGoodReason to live tobacco-free and upload to CVS's online hub here: [www.cvs.com/quit-smoking/one-good-reason.html](http://www.cvs.com/quit-smoking/one-good-reason.html)
4. Share CVS's social posts, and include your #OneGoodReason (via @CVSinAction and @CVS\_Extra on Twitter and [www.facebook.com/cvs](http://www.facebook.com/cvs) on Facebook).
5. Encourage your community to share their #OneGoodReason. Example Posts:
  - a. **Facebook:** Whether you quit smoking, never started or helped someone quit – whatever your reason, we're sure it's a good one! Stand with us and CVS Health and tell us your #OneGoodReason to live tobacco-free [www.cvs.com/quit-smoking/one-good-reason.html](http://www.cvs.com/quit-smoking/one-good-reason.html)
  - b. **Twitter:** Stand with us and CVS Health and share your #OneGoodReason to live tobacco-free. <http://bit.ly/1q8DsLS>.

### ***Tobacco Kills: Intervention and Policy Solutions in Addiction Treatment***

The Smoking Cessation Leadership Center and the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America are pleased to invite you to a free webinar, “*Tobacco Kills: Intervention and Policy Solutions in Addiction Treatment*,” on September 23, 2014 from 2:00 – 3:30pm Eastern Time. The webinar will:

- Discuss the very high prevalence of smoking among persons in addiction treatment, and some of the reasons underlying this high prevalence.
- Explain the role of smoking in excess mortality as well as premature mortality among persons who receive addiction treatment.
- Describe program and policy approaches to better addressing smoking in addiction treatment populations.
- Identify the rate of quit attempts for persons in addiction treatment, and strategies for increasing quit attempts.
  - Click [HERE](#) to register.

### ***TRUTH- A Youth and Young Adult Tobacco Prevention Campaign***

American Legacy Foundation just released a new youth prevention campaign. Below you will find more information. There are specific ways for both youth and adults to become involved. To learn more about the campaign, you may visit <http://www.legacyforhealth.org/what-we-do/truth-r-youth-and-young-adult-tobacco-prevention>.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities to volunteer with ASAP! To get involved in an upcoming event, contact Chrissie Parris [cparris@pascoasap.com](mailto:cparris@pascoasap.com) or 727-597-2284.

Event Date	Event Name	Time and Location
Tuesday, October 7	National Night Out	Trinity 6-9pm
Tuesday, October 21	PYI Community Awareness Meeting	Calvary Chapel, Evening Time TBD
Thursday, October 23	NOPE Vigil	Verizon Event Center 7:00-8:30pm
Friday October, 24	Stand Down	Unity Church 2-6pm

## 2014 ASAP Meeting Dates

Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month from 10am to 12pm at: Land O'Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O'Lake Boulevard (US 41), Land O'Lakes, FL 34638

September 23, 2014

October 21, 2014

Annual Luncheon TBD

## 2014 ASAP Executive Committee



Debbie Antioco, Tracey Kaly, Art Rowand, Paula Green, Phil Cohen, Chrissie Parris (Not Pictured: Chris Wittmann and Leslie Gervase)

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