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:

Deaths from Prescription Drugs Decreasing in Pasco County!

The District Six Medical Examiner's Office newly released data affirm that Pasco County has decreased the number of drug related deaths related to prescription pill abuse. From 2010 to 2013 Pasco County's drug related deaths went from 153 to 63, an overall 58.8% decrease.

On July 1st, 2011, the State of Florida Department of Health declared prescription drug overdoses to be a public health epidemic, noting that prescription drug overdoses result in 7 deaths per day throughout the state. The declaration cited that in 2006 physicians in Florida purchased 85% of Oxycodone and more than 93% of Methadone purchased by all practitioners in the United States. One of the key factors in decreasing doctor shopping and overprescribing practices was the implementation of the Prescription Drug Database later that year.

Since that time, the ASAP coalition collaborated with partners to secure funding specifically addressing prescription drug abuse locally. The 2012 project entitled **Pasco be SMART** was designed to assist Pasco County in obtaining the necessary balance between prevention, enforcement and treatment to collectively utilize collaborative strengths and make Pasco County a safer and drug free community. As ASAP focused on prevention, the funds were able to expand efforts in education, building awareness to the dangers of sharing prescriptions, not taking pills as prescribed, unsecured medications in the home, and of having unused and expired pills. The coalition also worked to build skills related to screening for substance abuse and refering to treatment in medical and behavioral health settings, recognizing practices utilizing the Prescription Drug Monitoring System, and supporting treatment programs in the community.

The ASAP continues the work **Pasco be SMARxT** launched in combating prescription drug misuse and abuse on the local level. Chrissie Parris stated, "The coalition uses data to evaluate our effectiveness. The significant decrease in deaths related to prescription pills validates the priorities set and initiatives implemented. There is still much work to be done, but it's good to note that we're on the right track."

To get involved with the upcoming DEA Take Back day and other prevention initiatives please contact Chrissie Parris cparris@pascoasap.com or 727-597-2284

COMMUNITY CORNER

5th Annual Cyclone Rally

The Centennial Middle School SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and Pasco County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Invite you to the….

5th Annual Cyclone Rally

Against Underage Drinking and Medication Abuse

Youth, Parents, Teachers, Officials, and Community Members are invited! Guest Speakers Judge Pat Siracusa, Fire and Rescue Chief Andy Fossa, Sharon Hall from MADD, and SADD Club President Steven DeRolf.

Where: Centennial Middle School
38505 Centennial Road, Dade City, FL 33525
When: Thursday, May 1, 2014- 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Cost: FREE!!

Join us for food, door prizes, and chances to win gift certificates!
For More information contact: Cpl Scott Raymer 352 524 9700

Do you know…

How underage drinking and medication abuse affect the body?
Current consequences and laws regarding underage drinking and medication abuse?
Strategies to reduce underage access to alcohol and medications in the home?
How you can implement changes in our community?

Sponsored by:

Food Sponsored By:

Little Caesars

Prescription Pill Drop Off

Do you have unused or expired medications in your home?

Bring them for safe disposal to Pasco County's **Pill Drop**
Saturday April 26, 2014 from 10 am – 2 pm

At the following locations:

Gulf View Square Mall	**Crews Lake Park**	**The Shops at WireGrass**
9409 Us Highway 19	1679 Crews Lake Drive	28211 Paseo Drive
Port Richey, FL 34668	Spring Hill, FL 34610	Wesley Chapel, FL 33543
*Overflow parking	*Earth Day Event	*Parking Garage Ground Level

Please contact Chrissie Parris 727-597-2284 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.

Together We Stand and Community Summit

The District School Board of Pasco County will host the second annual Together We Stand Youth and Community Summit at **River Ridge High School on June 10, 2014, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.** The event includes students, staff, and community partners engaging in dialogue that will help build safer, more inclusive schools and communities.

- Date: June 10, 2014
- Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for students and district staff, 12:00-1:30 PM for community partners to host information booths/poster sessions during networking lunch
- Location: River Ridge High School

Community partners are invited to host information booths/poster sessions during the networking lunch (noon to 1:30 p.m.). All community partners must register, and presentations/materials will be subject to review and approval by the District.

Registration Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZJXHRPC
The registration deadline is Saturday, May 10, 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Molly Blair, mblair@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Compliance Checks

Recently the Pasco Sheriff's Office conducted compliance checks, underage alcohol stings, in Pasco County. 25 local stores were checked. Out of the 23 stores checks, 22 stores did the right thing and did not sell alcohol to underage youth. That is a compliant rate of 87%. Thank you to all of stores that did the right thing!!

7-Eleven- US-19/New York Ave
Hicks Discount- Beverage Hicks/Shady
ABC Liquor- 14248 US 19
Hudson Beach Mini Mart- Muriel Av/Clark St
Kangaroo Mart- 13705 US 19
CVS- 3511 US 19
Walgreens- 2480 US 19
J&J Discount Beverage- 13311 US 19
Jasmine Food and Fuel - Jasmine Blvd/US 19
7-Eleven- US-19/Fox Hollow
Kangaroo Xpress- Embassy/Jarman
Spice of India-3315 US 19
Seven 11- 3437 US 19
CVS- 2513 US 19
Darlington Food Store- 2505 Darlington
PKs- 38141 Trilby
Sunoco- 16135 US 301
Seven 11- 7320 SR 54
D/D Foods- 20400 US 98 Lacoochee
Chevron- SR 52 San Antonio

RESEARCH

School Performance by Substance Abuse Level for Pasco County Students

	Middle School				High School			
	Never Drank Alcohol	*Drank, But Not in Past Month*	*Drank in Past Month, Not Binge*	*Binge Drank in Past 2 Weeks*	*Never Drank Alcohol*	*Drank, But Not in Past Month*	*Drank in Past Month, Not Binge*	*Binge Drank in Past 2 Weeks*
Sample Frequency [1]	722	120	70	41	268	222	138	88
Sample Percentage [2]	71.1	11.8	6.9	4.1	35.4	29.5	18.3	11.7
Population Projection [3]	11060	1877	1102	657	6958	5817	3656	2319
Grades Last Year [4]								
Mostly Ds and Fs	3.7	6.2	4.4	9.4	3.7	2.8	4.1	8.4
Mostly Cs	14.3	21.1	28.0	36.7	13.5	20.9	20.4	27.8
Mostly As and Bs	82.1	72.7	67.6	53.9	82.8	76.3	75.6	63.8
Days Skipped Last Year [4]								
None	84.1	77.4	62.9	41.1	81.5	73.8	61.1	52.8
At least one	15.9	22.6	37.1	58.9	18.5	26.2	38.9	47.2
Grades Better Than Others [4]								
No	31.2	35.3	43.9	55.6	29.5	32.3	39.1	48.0
Yes	68.8	64.7	56.1	44.4	70.5	67.7	60.9	52.0
How Often Enjoy School [4]								
Never or seldom	13.2	18.8	28.7	39.1	21.3	26.4	26.0	37.3
Sometimes	30.5	38.9	39.1	32.6	32.0	35.5	34.2	30.2
Often or almost always	56.3	42.3	32.1	28.3	46.7	38.2	39.9	32.5
How Often Hate School [4]								
Never or seldom	51.7	32.2	25.9	25.7	40.0	32.6	24.3	20.4
Sometimes	29.8	43.4	37.2	24.8	33.2	37.4	31.3	38.2
Often or almost always	18.4	24.4	36.9	49.5	26.8	29.9	44.4	41.4
How Often Do Best in School [4]								
Never or seldom	1.3	3.5	1.4	12.1	3.6	5.7	4.6	4.7
Sometimes	7.7	17.1	36.7	27.8	14.8	24.2	24.1	31.1
Often or almost always	91.0	79.4	61.9	60.1	81.6	70.1	71.3	64.3

Note: Binge drinking is defined as five or more drinks in a row on one or more occasions within the past two weeks.

Data was obtained by the 2012 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey.

- In Pasco County, 53.9% of youth who reported binge drinking reported they normally get A's and B's, compared to youth who have never drank alcohol who report that 82.1% of them normally get A's and B's.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Event Date	Event Name	Time and Location
Tuesday, April 22nd	DUI Awareness Event	5:30pm-7:30 pm Pasco Hernando State College Spring Hill Campus
Friday, April 25th - Sunday, April 27th	Cotee River Seafood & Blues Festival and Boat Show	4pm-10pm Sims Park in New Port Richey
Saturday, April 26th	National DEA Take Back Day	10am -2pm Shops at WireGrass
Saturday, April 26th	National DEA Take Back Day	10am -2pm Gulf View Square Mall
Saturday, April 26th	DEA Take Back Day and Earth Day	9am - 3pm Crews Lake Park
Thursday, May 1st	Cylcone Rally Against Underage Drinking	5pm - 7:30pm Centennial Middle School in Dade City
Saturday, May 3rd	Parent's Summer GRIT Growth, Resilience, Integrity and Tenacity	8:30am - 12pm Ridgewood High School
Friday, May 16 - Saturday May 17	Relay For Life of Trinity	6pm - noon
Saturday, June 14th	Community FUNdamentals Fair	10am - 1pm The West Pasco Boys and Girls Club on Youth Lane in Port Richey

SPOTLIGHT□□

Kick Butt's Day



In celebration of Kick Butt's Day, on March 19, 8 Pasco County SWAT members traveled to Tallahassee to meet with their state legislators. Their goal was to educate Rep. Murphy, Sen. Simpson, Sen. Legg, Rep. Corcoran, and the Office of Speaker Weatherford on their local achievements in tobacco prevention. Students discussed how they are obtaining community support to restrict the sale of candy flavored tobacco products. They also featured their work to create tobacco free schools in Pasco County.

The representatives and senators were all very impressed with the students' presentations.

Representative Corcoran even invited the students to write a comprehensive second hand smoke bill for his office to introduce during the next legislative session. Great job, SWAT!



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

April 22, 2014

May 27, 2014

June 24, 2014

July 22, 2014

August 26, 2014

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)

Tracey Kaly, Chair
Art Rowand, Vice Chair
Paula Green, Secretary
Debbie Antioco, Treasurer
Chrissie Parris, Coalition Staff
Phil Cohen, Board Member at Large
Chris Wittmann, Board Member at Large
Leslie Gervase, Board Member at Large