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Pasco County
Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

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ASAP Mission:

"To develop, motivate, and encourage strategic relationships that reduce countywide risk factors, preventing and decreasing the use and abuse of drugs in a comprehensive and long-term manner, with a primary focus on youth in the community ."

Call for Stories

If you have a story you'd like to share in the ASAP newsletter, please make sure to send it to Monica Rousseau at MRousseau@PascoASAP.com by the 10th of the month.

Contact Information:

Contact Monica Rousseau for more information on the ASAP Coalition:

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- MRousseau@pascoasap.com
- 727-597-2284

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HEADLINES

Next ASAP Meeting

Please join us for our next scheduled ASAP meeting from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the Land O' Lakes Community Center- 5401 Land O'Lakes Blvd. (US 41). Our guest speaker is from the University of South Florida and will present important local data.

CADCA Leadership Forum

Monica Rousseau attended the CADCA Leadership Forum in Maryland and Washington DC in early February. Monica joined over 2,600 coalition members from multiple states and nations to hear from national experts, including leadership from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the National Institute of Health, and more. The forum also provided the opportunity for many CADCA members to spend a day on Capitol Hill educating senators and representatives about the important drug prevention coalitions conduct.

If you are interested in future leadership opportunities, like attending the forum, please email Monica at Mrousseau@PascoASAP.com. To read more information about the forum search #CADCAForum on social media. *(Cont. on page 2)*



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CADCA Leadership Forum





Thanks to the CADCA Leadership Forum, coalition members from around the globe were able to listen to and speak with leadership from the White House ONCP about "Connecting Communities with Drug Policy Reform". According to ONDCP director, Michael Botticelli, "We need a balanced approach between public health and public safety".

COMMUNITY CORNER

New Initiatives to Reduce Drugged Driving

Based on recent data from Pasco County's Last Drink Survey, members of the ASAP Alcohol Initiatives Subcommittee (AIS) recently began a new initiative to prevent drugged driving. According to the survey data, many participants from Pasco's DUI School self-reported overdrinking at the same 10 venues before getting behind the wheel.

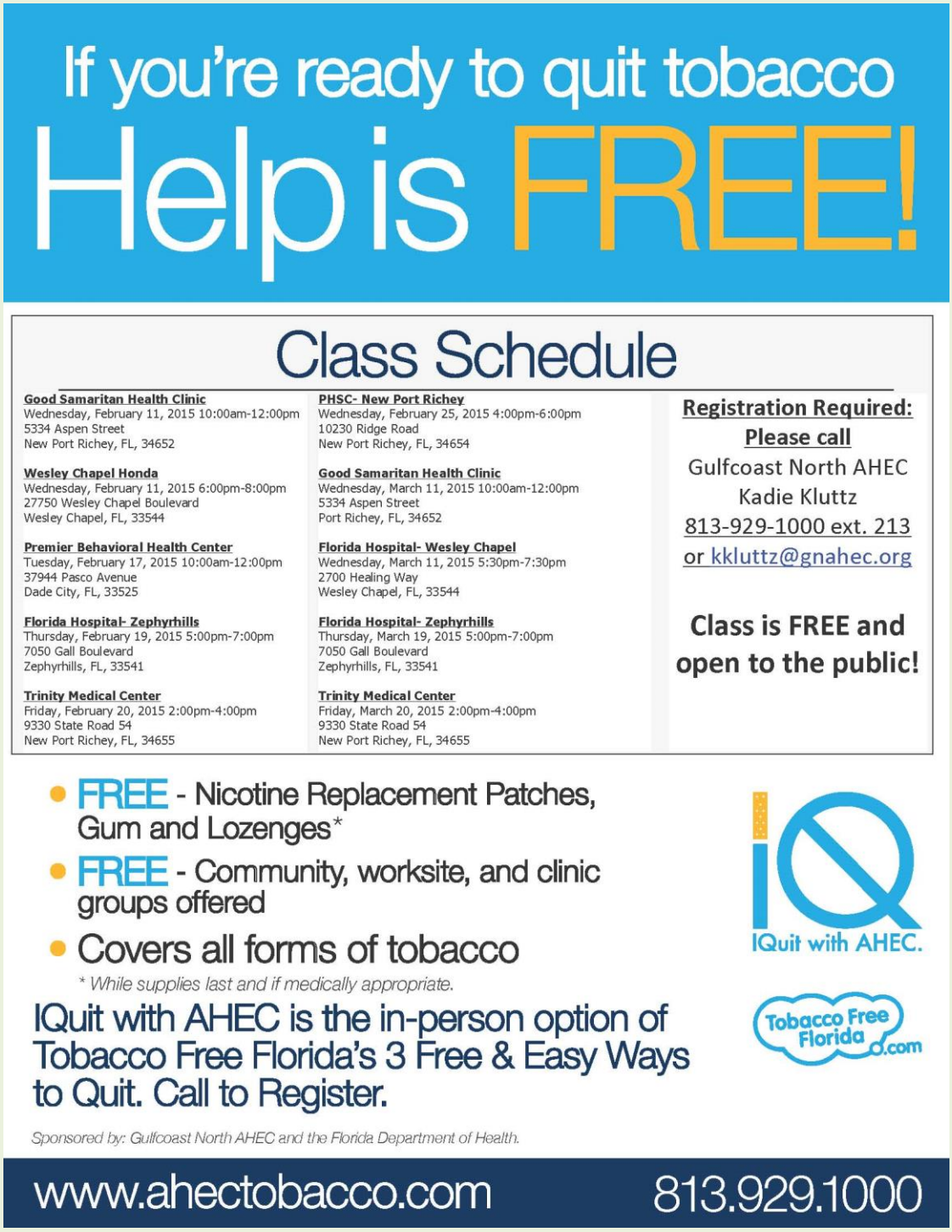
In honor of the Super Bowl, members of the AIS distributed AAA's Tow-to-Go information to the bars and restaurants that were most often referenced in the survey. On certain days of the year, adults in need of a ride can call (855) 286-9246; AAA will dispatch a tow truck and will take both the driver and vehicle home, free of charge. The service is available to both AAA members and non-members. Since 1998, Tow to Go has safely removed more than 23,000 impaired drivers from the roads. The service is designed to be used as a last resort for adults in need of a safe, free ride home.

The AIS received positive feedback from the venues that were approached. The subcommittee plans to continue marketing and distributing safe ride information to popular drinking venues during future holidays. To learn more about the AIS and their initiatives, please email the AIS chairperson, Melissa Giles at mgiles@yfainc.org

Through with Chew Week

February 16- 21 marks Through with Chew Week, a national public awareness campaign designed to educate about smokeless tobacco products, and encourage people to quit.

According to Tobacco Free Florida, at least 28 carcinogens have been identified in smokeless tobacco. Users have higher chances of oral, esophageal and pancreatic cancer along with other problems such as gum disease and tooth loss. To help promote the week on social media, use the hashtag #QuittheDip. To learn more information about smokeless tobacco, visit TobaccoFreeFlorida.com



Upcoming Events



Registration is open!
3rd Annual Tampa Drug Summit

Feb. 23-24, 2015

8:30am-5pm

T'Pepin's Hospitality Centre located at 4121 N. 50th Street Tampa, Florida 33610

National experts will present on the impacts of marijuana & Rx drug abuse. Join us for updates, resources and next steps.

Day One: Marijuana
FL Policy and Grassroots Campaign Update
Impacts of Marijuana Legalization in
Marijuana Policy: International
Cannabinoid Based Medicine and Research
Marijuana Policy Questions and Answers
Following Big Tobacco's Playbook
Community Organization Strategies:
Understanding Marijuana Proponent Behavior
Emerging Trends
Next Steps, Action Items

Day Two: Rx Drugs
Current Opiate Overdose Trends
Increases in Heroin Use & Overdose Prevention
Adderall Abuse Among Student Populations
Preventing the Misuse of Rx Medications
Among College Students
Medical Diversion of Prescription Drugs
Over the Counter Medication Abuse
Prescription Drug Abuse Addiction
Trends in Opioid Treatment & Recovery
Prescription for Prevention: A Comprehensive
Community Approach

$25 per day

Click the link for online registration

http://dfaf.org/registration-for-the-3rd-annual-tampa-drug-summit.html

Breakfast and lunch will be provided on both days and CEUs will be offered.
Questions, contact Amy Ronshausen at aronshausen@dfaf.org

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Saturday 2/28/15

Time: 8 AM-12 PM

$5

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*Gift Cards For The First 50 Participants

*Limit 1 Gift Card Per Vehicle

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*** Gas / Propane Cylinders $3 charge**
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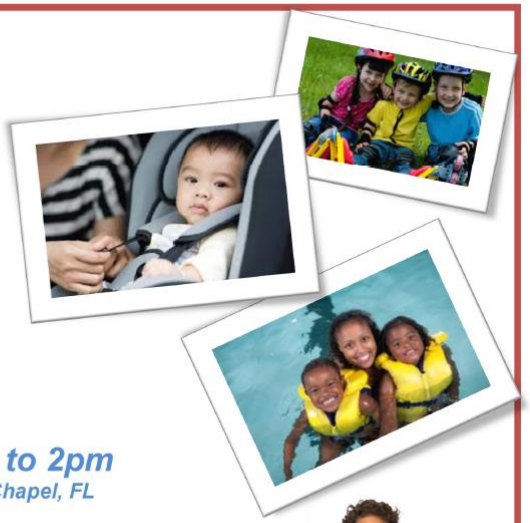
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Explosives • Ammunition • Fireworks
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Sharps • Pharmaceuticals
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Drums of any size



For more information, call 352-521-4274 ext. 8041 or Visit our website http://www.pascocountyutilities.com

2nd Annual

SAFE KIDS DAY



Saturday April 11th, 2015 10am to 2pm

The Shops at Wiregrass 28211 Paseo Dr. Wesley Chapel, FL

Featuring the fire clowns, bike rodeo, music, prizes and fun!

To make a donation please contact Amy Schultz at: pascocps@aol.com

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RESEARCH

Florida Youth Tobacco Survey Results

Data from the 2014 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was recently released. FYTS is administered in middle schools and high schools across the state and measures students' attitudes and behaviors towards tobacco products. Although Pasco middle school students largely reported on par with state averages, Pasco high school students reported that they are more likely to use tobacco products, less likely to receive tobacco education in school, and are exposed to second hand smoke more often than students in other counties.

Indicator	High School				Comparison of Two Rates		
	County %	95% CI	State %	95% CI	County Higher Than State	State Higher Than County	No Difference
Students who were taught about tobacco use in any classes this year	**23.3**	(18.7-27.8)	**29.6**	(28.4-30.7)		+	
Used electronic cigarettes on one or more of the past 30 days	**12.9**	(9.9-16.0)	**10.8**	(10.3-11.4)			+
Used hookah on one or more of the past 30 days	**14.8**	(11.9-17.7)	**11.6**	(11.0-12.1)			+
Used any form of tobacco on one or more of the past 30 days*	**15.5**	(12.2-18.8)	**14.8**	(14.2-15.5)			+
Used any form of tobacco (excluding cigarettes) on one or more of the past 30 days	**26.2**	(22.2-30.1)	**22.6**	(21.8-23.3)			+
Using electronic cigarettes is less harmful than smoking cigarettes	**77.9**	(72.5-83.3)	**71.1**	(69.9-72.3)	+		
Using hookah is less harmful than smoking cigarettes	**59.0**	(52.9-65.1)	**57.3**	(56.0-58.6)			+
Exposed to secondhand smoke during the past 7 days (in a room or car)	**46.7**	(42.5-51.0)	**39.7**	(38.8-40.6)	+		

Tobacco use remains to be the single leading cause of preventable death in the United States. To help the Tobacco Free Partnership of Pasco County impact this trend and reduce youth use, please contact Georgia Briek (Georgia.Brieck@flhealth.gov) or Gabby Flores (gflores@healthystartcoalitionpasco.org).

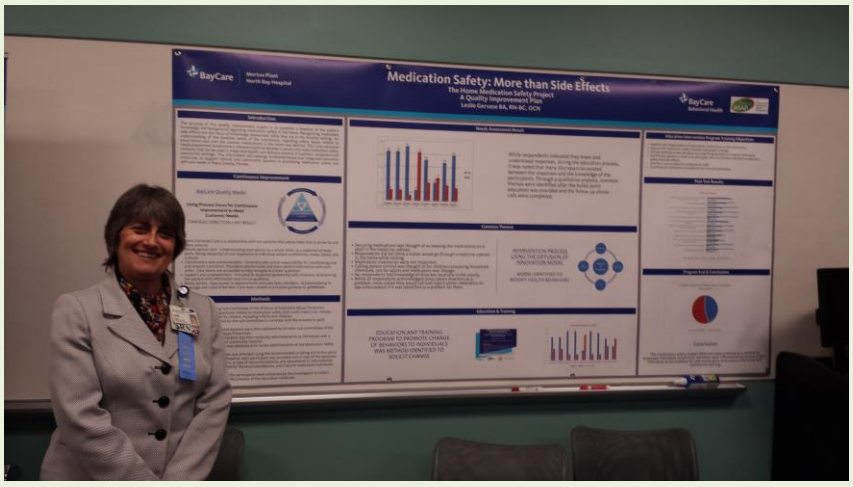
SPOTLIGHT

Volunteer of the Month



Congratulations to Melissa Giles for being recognized as the volunteer of the month! In addition to regularly attending ASAP committee meetings, Melissa consistently offers support to ASAP by providing ASAP information at community events. She also recently volunteered to chair the Alcohol Initiatives Subcommittee and has helped guide the creation of the Events committee. Thanks Melissa for all of your help!

Leslie Presents Medication Safety- Again!



Leslie Gervase presented the Medication Safety research project to the BayCare Inaugural Nursing Research conference on January 29. Thank you Leslie and the Prescription Drug subcommittee on all of your work to bring this important information to the community.

Leslie is still currently looking for groups and venues to present the Medication Safety Project. If you know of any professional groups, civic organizations, or parent groups that would be interested in learning more about medication safety please email Leslie Gervase at Leslie.Gervase@baycare.org