Pasco County
Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

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www.PascoASAP.com

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@ASAP_Pasco

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

HEADLINES:

MADD Power of Parents and Candlelight Vigil



Pasco County Invites you to
Power of Parents & Candlelight Vigil
Thursday May 22, 2014
7:00pm – 8:30pm
Rasmussen College
8661 Citizens Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34653

MADD's *Power of Parents: It's Your Influence®*
7:00pm
Join in the conversation to prevent underage drinking by attending this program! Supported by a research-based parent handbook, this program equips parents and other caring adults with the tools & strategies to effectively talk to teens about alcohol.

Candlelight Vigil
7:30 pm
The 2nd Annual Pasco County MADD candlelight vigil provides a voice for the victims and families impacted by drunk/impaired driving. Victims and survivors of impaired driving crashes light a candle and recite the name of the person they pay tribute to. **Speakers will discuss the various issues related to substance abuse and impaired driving.**

Youth and teen activities will be held during the Power of Parents Presentation.
Visit us at www.madd.org
Light refreshments will be served following the vigil

For more information contact:

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COMMUNITY CORNER

STAND Appreciation Picnic

Friday 6, 2014
11:00am to 1:30am
Wesley Chapel District Park Pavilion
7727 Boyette Road
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544



For more information, contact:

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SWAT Leaders Summit!

SAVE THE DATE!
06/14/2013
YMCA
8411 Photonics Dr.
Trinity, Florida 34655

For more information or to RSVP,
contact Monica Rousseau:
(727) 863—9734 ext. 276 Monica.Rousseau@flhealth.gov

Rock Wall!
BBQ!
Zip Line!
Rope Course!

NAMI Pasco Needs Volunteers for Living in Recovery

All classes and trainings are offered free

Call the NAMI Pasco Information & Referral line to register or to get more information: (727) 992-9653

Requirements for NAMI Pasco Volunteers Living in Recovery, Volunteers must be:

- 18 years or older
- Be in recovery for at least one year with brain disorders including:
  - Major depression
  - Bipolar disorder
  - Schizophrenia
  - Schizoaffective disorder
  - Post traumatic stress disorder
  - Borderline personality disorder
  - Panic disorder
  - Generalized Anxiety Disorder
  - Obsessive compulsive disorders
  - Addiction/co-occurring disorders/dual diagnosis
- Attend at least two currently-running Connection classes followed by a two-day training course as a prerequisite to facilitate Connection
- Attend a 10-week training course as a prerequisite for Peer to Peer facilitation
- Make at least a one-year commitment to NAMI Pasco to facilitate Peer to Peer and Connection groups

Connection Recovery Support Group - A necessary prerequisite to become a Connection co-facilitator. *Date to be set as soon as we have a minimum of four volunteers for co-facilitation*	**Connection** is a free, weekly, 90-minute recovery support group for people living with a mental illness where people learn from one another's experiences, sharing coping strategies and offer mutual encouragement and understanding. The groups provide an ongoing opportunity to discuss the challenges of living with mental illness and the techniques for maintaining wellness. All groups are facilitated by peers living in recovery.
Connection Recovery Support Group - A necessary prerequisite to become a Connection co-facilitator for veterans.	**Veterans**, if you have experienced mental and/or physical trauma during your military service and received help enabling you to recover, your experience could be invaluable to those vets still suffering. Please consider being a facilitator for our new ***Veterans Support Group***. To register or obtain more information contact **Gloria Strother at (727) 992-9653 or via email at gloriastrother@verizon.net.**
Peer-to-Peer Education Class - A necessary prerequisite to become a Peer-to-Peer mentor. *Date to be set later in the year*	**Peer-to-Peer** is a free, 10-week, peer-led, recovery education course open to any person with a serious mental illness. Peer-to-Peer emphasizes recovery from mental illness as a feasible, supportable goal and challenges the stigma often wrongly associated with mental illness.

RESEARCH

Pasco County Youth and Marijuana Data from the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

2012 Pasco County FYSAS Data	Used Marijuana in the last 30 days		Never Used Marijuana	
Measure	Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School
Skipped at least one day of school in the last year	47.3%	54.6%	17.3%	20.9%
Does not get better grades than others	65.2%	48.7%	29.9%	28.1%
Often or Almost Always Hates School	46.6%	49%	20.2%	25.7%

2012 Pasco County FYSAS Data	Used Marijuana in the last 30 days		Never used Marijuana	
Measure	Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School
Attacked someone to hurt them in the last 12 mos.	49.6%	13.8%	5.3%	2.5%
Was suspended from school in the last 12 mos.	55.7%	16.8%	6.9%	4.1%
Was drunk or high at school	54.8%	59%	1.7%	2.4%
Sold illegal drugs	25.3%	26.6%	0.2%	0.5%

2012 Pasco County FYSAS Data	Middle School			High School		
	Never Used Marijuana	*Used, But Not in Past Month*	*Used in Past Month*	*Never Used Marijuana*	*Used, But Not in Past Month*	*Used in Past Month*
Grades Last Year						
Mostly Ds and Fs	3.7%	4.9%	10.3%	2.6%	3.5%	8.8%
Mostly Cs	14.0%	27.7%	44.5%	13.6%	27.5%	28.3%
Mostly As and Bs	82.3%	67.4%	45.2%	83.8%	69.0%	62.9%

Data indicates that youth who use marijuana are less likely to be successful at school and enjoy school in Pasco County.

SPOTLIGHT

Sheriffs Fight Against Legalized Pot

By Keith Morelli | Tribune Staff
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TAMPA — Florida law enforcement authorities are set to begin a public awareness campaign to fight the effort to legalize medicinal marijuana, a question that will be put to voters in November.

This winter, the Florida Sheriff's Association sent sheriffs across the state an email asking for their support of a resolution opposing the legalization of marijuana. A vast majority of the 67 sheriffs was in favor of fighting against any effort to legalize pot.

Steve Casey, executive director of the Florida Sheriff's Association said the board of directors approved the resolution language, which was emailed to each sheriff for review.

He then polled the sheriffs, he said.

"Of the 67 sheriffs, 63 cast their vote to support the resolution," he said, "and four abstained from voting on the issue." The association now is drawing in substance-abuse awareness and anti-drug groups around the state to participate in the "Don't Let Florida Go To Pot" campaign focused on defeating the referendum, said Nanette Schimpf, spokeswoman for the association.

Read the full article here: http://tbo.com/news/politics/sheriffs-fight-against-legalized-pot-20140427/

Visit these websites for more information on marijuana:

www.unmaskingmarijuana.org
www.dontletflgotopot.com
www.no2pot.org
http://learnaboutsam.com/

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

DEA Held Its Eighth Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday April 26, 2014

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DEA Public Affairs — The public has embraced the opportunity these Take-Back Day events provide to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs. Since DEA's first event in September 2010, the public has surrendered over 3.4 million pounds of pills.

Unused medications in homes create a public health and safety concern, because they are highly susceptible to accidental ingestion, theft, misuse, and abuse. Almost twice as many Americans (6.8 million) currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, heroin, and inhalants *combined*, according to the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. And more Americans died in 2010 from overdoses of prescription medications (22,134, including 16,651 from narcotic painkillers) than from motor vehicle accidents, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Surveys of users have found that the majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

To find a permanent drop box location near you, please visit our website at www.cfbhn.org.

SunCoast and Circuit 8 counties participating in the take back day and totals collected:

Collier: 1042	Hardee: 138	Hendry 210	Highlands: 890
Hillsborough: 273	**Pasco: 538.2**	Polk: 1059.88	Sarasota: 207.25

Total 4358.33 pounds!!





Thank you to all of the ASAP members who participated in the Take Back Day!

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
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
Friday, June 6th,	STAND Appreciation Picnic	11am -2:30pm Wesley Chapel District Park
Thursday, May 22,	MADD Power of Parents and Candlelight Vigil, and youth Know the Law presentation	6:30-8:30pm New Port Richey Rasmussen Campus

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

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
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Chrissie Parris, Coalition Staff
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Chris Wittmann, Board Member at Large
Leslie Gervase, Board Member at Large