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Pasco County
Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

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www.PascoASAP.com

Check us out on Facebook at:
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pasco-County-Alliance-for-Substance-Abuse-Prevention-ASAP/108740345811062

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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:

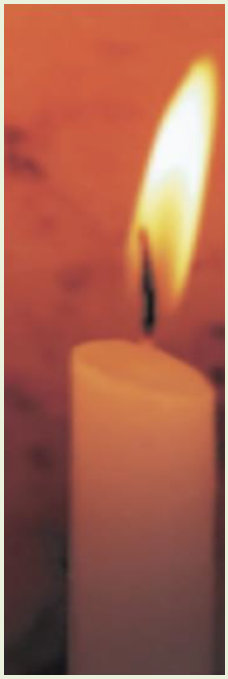
2014 NOPE Candlelight Vigil

October 23, 2014
7:00 pm – 8:30pm at
Verizon Event Center

The 5th annual Narcotics Overdose Prevention & Education Task Force candlelight vigil is to remember the hundreds who have died from substance related incidents in Pasco County and to show support for families and friends. This community event also recognizes the thousands in our community who are suffering from the disease of addiction.

Photos of those lost to alcohol or drugs may be placed on the memorial wall on the night of the vigil.
Speakers will discuss the various issues of substance abuse facing Pasco County and how you can get involved.

For more information, contact Heather O'Dell at Heather.O'Dell@baycare.org or Liana Dean at Liana.Dean@baycare.org



COMMUNITY CORNER

Community Awareness: A Focus on Teen Marijuana Use

Community meeting to share important information about the impact of youth marijuana use on Pasco County.

Open to the Public!
Tuesday, October 21, 2014
6:30 - 8:00pm
6825 Trouble Creek Road
New Port Richey, FL 34652
at the Calvary Chapel Worship Center

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Hosted by the Pasco Youth Initiative ...putting solutions in place for youth and families

Guest Panelists:

- Pasco County Schools, Molly Blair
- Pasco Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Mike Mielke
- Trinity Pain Center, Chris Wittmann

Questions About This Event?
http://tbyi.weebly.com or https://www.facebook.com/pascoyouthinitiative

Child Welfare Community Forum

Please Join Us!
WHAT: Child Welfare Community Forum ~ Hosted by: Eckerd Community Alternatives
WHEN: Tuesday, October 27, 2014 6:OO PM-8:00 PM
WHERE: Calvary Chapel Worship Center 6825 Trouble Creek Rd, New Port Richey, FL
WHY: Eckerd, the child welfare lead agency in Pinellas and Pasco counties, invites you to join us in finding solutions for current issues that impact our local foster care system to include parental substance abuse, domestic violence, youth aging out of foster care, and the need for foster parents and adoptive homes. If you care about children and families and about giving them the much-needed second chances they deserve–you should attend!

- Public Invited to Attend—share with your staff, co-workers, church, friends….
- Complimentary Refreshments Served
- For more information contact Laurallyn Segur, 727-456-0600 x. 2002 , or lsegur@eckerd-eca.org

The first name in second chances.SM

PACE Center for Girls is Moving!

Dear Community Partner:

PACE Center for Girls in Pasco is excited to announce that we will be relocating effective Thursday, October 30, 2014. This decision has come with careful thought and planning so we may continue to grow and support the needs of our girls, families, and the community.

Our new center address will be, 7545 Little Road, New Port Richey FL, 34654. This building is located on the West side of Little Road in the Counsel Square complex and is directly across the street from the Pasco County Government Center. This new location will allow us to offer our current and future PACE girls' additional classrooms, a spacious computer lab and group room, more visitor and guest rooms, and safer access to the Pasco County Public Transportation system while maintaining all of the other resources we currently have. It is more central to the West side of Pasco County facilitating greater access to those residing in the North and the South side of West Pasco. It is also located near many other resources and partners in our community.

The last day at our current location will be Thursday, October 30, 2014. We will not be holding school Friday, October 31, 2014. Girls will return to school, at our new location, Monday, November 3, 2014. Additionally, we will have a make-up school day Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

It is our priority to work with PACE girls, families, and community partners to make this a smooth and successful transition. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the Executive Director, Gail Armstrong, at extension 1905 or the Social Service Manager, Brienne Gilbo, at extension 1909. We look forward to continuing to serve our girls, families, and the community!

Best Regards,

Gail Armstrong

Gail Armstrong
Executive Director
PACE Center for Girls, Inc. Pasco

1st Annual Summit for Youth and Families

Presented by the Pasco Youth Initiative and the Pasco Mental Health Foundation
Wednesday November 5, 2014
9:00am - 2:30pm
Salvation Army, 7745 Ridge Road, Port Richey, FL 34668

You are cordially invited to attend the 1st Annual PYI Summit for Youth & Families.
RSVP to dawneaster2@gmail.com as soon as possible – as there are only 200 seats available.

Our goal for the day is to host a forum for community education, discussion and action planning to remove barriers that Pasco youth and families face on their path to self-sufficiency. Plan to come early for the 9am networking session to meet new contacts from business, government, schools, nonprofits, civic and social organizations, parents, youth and others. Each PYI subcommittee will have 10 minutes to

share their accomplishments of the past year and provide you with an opportunity to help us create solutions and plan initiatives for next year in the areas of Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Mental Health, Family Empowerment, Substance Abuse Prevention and Mentoring. This will be an interactive, fun day and a way for you to make a difference in your community. CEU's are available for professionals.

Program Schedule

- 9:00am registration, Starbucks coffee, refreshments, open networking, resource tables
- 9:30am call to order, welcome from Dawn Easter, review of agenda, logistics, summit goals
- 9:35am Intro to PYI, Pasco knowledge quiz with snapshot in statistics
- 9:50am 10 minute presentations from each committee highlighting mission, results, ongoing challenges: *Family Empowerment, Mentoring, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention*
- 10:40am guests attach post-it note solutions to ongoing challenges boards
- 10:55am queen bee round robin networking event ***(bring lots of business cards)***
- 11:30am Tracy Echols, keynote speaker "Changing the Course of Our Future"
- 11:50am Jack Levine, guest speaker, "Votes are Counted, Where Do We Go From Here"
- 12:00pm lunch – catered by Pit Boss BBQ
- 12:30pm materials distributed for breakout sessions
- 12:40pm first break out session
- 1:15pm second break out session
- 1:50pm third break out session
- 2:20pm final re-gathering, surveys, door prizes
- 2:30pm end of summit

Breakout Session Topics

1) Modern Evidence-based Practices for Working with Disadvantaged Youth
2) Intergenerational Connections – 4G
3) Know the Law
4) Effects of Marijuana Use on Youth
5) Tampa Bay Time Bank
6) Domestic Violence & Its Impact
7) Motivational Interviewing
8) When it's not the Parent's Fault: Screening children for mental health disorders
9) Youth-Led Discussion
10) Constructive Relationships with At Risk Youth
11) The Mentoring Solution

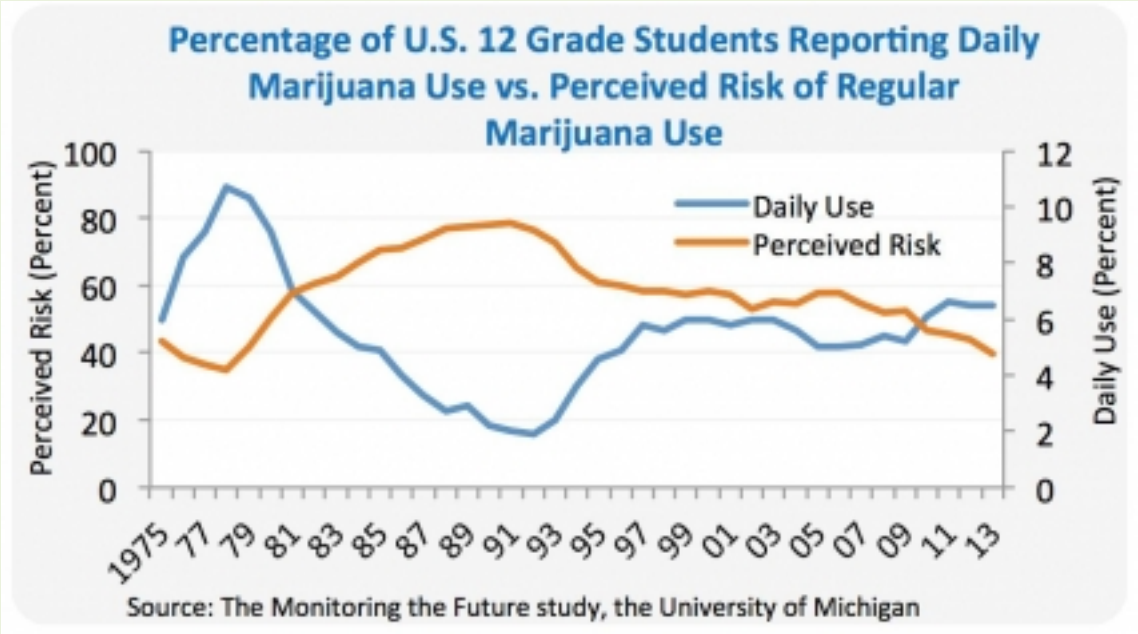




RESEARCH

Marijuana Use, Increased Availability and Your Perception of Harms- Floridians Get the Facts

According to the 2013 Monitoring the Future Survey findings, five-year trends show a significant increase in current marijuana use among 8th, 10th and 12th graders. For example, from 2008 to 2013, reported past-month use increased from 5.8% to 7.0% among 8th graders, from 13.8% to 18.0% among 10th graders, and from 19.4 % to 22.7% among 12th graders surveyed. Alarmingly, the survey noted that this trend coincides with a decrease in the perceived risk of harm of marijuana use among the same group of students.



In Colorado, where marijuana has been legal for medical purposes since 2000, the Colorado Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) 2013 report states that, as of 2011, the national average for youth 12 to 17 years old considered "current" marijuana users was 7.64 percent, the highest average since 1981. Colorado's average among the same age group was 10.72 percent- 3 percentage points higher.
Data obtained from Don't Let Florida Go to Pot

SPOTLIGHT

Get Smart About Drugs

The Drug Enforcement Administration announces the launch of the **all new** GetSmartAboutDrugs.com, a drug education website for parents, educators, and caregivers. First launched in 2008, the website has been totally redesigned for easier navigation and has updated drug information and resources. To learn about marijuana use and drugged driving; how to identify drug paraphernalia; why spice/K2 is a serious drug trend; how your school can be involved in Red Ribbon Week and more, please visit the website at www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com.

This website is an excellent resource for community coalitions to learn about:

- Marijuana use and drugged driving;
- How to identify drug paraphernalia;
- Why Spice/K2 is a serious drug trend;
- How your school can be involved in Red Ribbon Week; and
- National Prescription Take Back Day (September 27, 2014).

GET SMART ABOUT DRUGS
A DEA RESOURCE FOR PARENTS, EDUCATORS & CAREGIVERS
www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com

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
Thursday, October 23	NOPE Vigil	Verizon Event Center 7:00-8:30pm
Friday, October 24	Stand Down	Unity Church 2-6pm
Friday, October 24	J.W. Mitchell High Community Service and Club Fair	8:45a -2:30p Mitchell High School
Saturday, October 25	Stand Down	9am-6pm
Saturday, October 25	7th Annual Early Learning Conference	Bishop McLaughlin High School 13651 Hays Road Spring Hill
Friday, November 7th	Heritage Pines Pill Drop	Heritage Pines 11am-1pm
Friday, November 7th	Hispanic Expo	Cox Elementary School Dade City 6pm - 8:30pm
Saturday, November 15th	Premier Event	New Port Richey Library

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

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
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