



## CASS COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION

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- Introductions; Joe Brewer is the new Logan's Landing director and business sector representative, Lisa Hollering is a community coordinator with YSA, Carol Smithley is with a new women's recovery home she's trying to open in Logansport, Autumn Crowe is with ASPIN, Marc Williamson is the business official with the DFC grant with YSA, Austina Read is our local evaluator with YSA and the DFC grant, Karli is with United Way, Rick with YSA and DFC Director, Macie Lee is with Bowen Center, Debbie Grimes is with the health department, Jane Horner with Purdue Extension, Jennifer Lombard with IYI, Nikki Malott DFC and LCC coordinator, and Paul Novak is with SCAN.
- Marc reported out that the Data team spoke to Chuck Newton about the youth summit they do in Tippecanoe County, they discussed what they do and how they do it to see if to would be something feasible for Cass County to duplicate. They will have further conversations to determine whether this is possible here. Also; the data collection team is working to create a sort of "data-hub" for prevention data and statistics. If we have those available on the website we can make decisions that are data driven so we can maximize our impact.
- YSA considered writing for the STOP Grant. Didn't find out about it until late May and it was due June 21<sup>st</sup>. The did put effort into completing the grant, but last minute decided they need more time and decided not to submit it. However, it is a grant that is considered favorable for those communities with DFC grants and we would have a good chance at getting it. It is a \$50,000 grant, but it comes out yearly so we may be ready next year.
- Data team needs coalition feedback on the prevention hub idea. If you have feedback send to Nikki or get with Marc or Austina.

- Data releases need finalized. There are two different kinds of data options, there is the release and there is a data sharing agreement. We need to figure out which one we want to do for the coalition to access INYS data when it is released to the schools.
- Austina wanted to send a thank you to the schools and counselors. She was excited to work with them and appreciate that they understand why it's important to know risk and protective factors for the purpose of substance use prevention efforts. Learning more about the different risk and protective factors is key to learning why youth may be more likely to use substances (family history, relationships, history, etc.)
- Tom Keller is also working with the data collection team on their efforts and sharing the information he is collecting for YSAs ECHO grant.
- Tom is focusing on overdoses, he works closely with the coroner. He is working on Opiate related overdoses. He has a history in law enforcement and pre-hospital. His focus is Cass County only. Data from EMS and other organizations is key to his data collection. He doesn't need any identifying data at all for what he is doing. So far he has found that there have been deaths from teens all the way to 99 in Cass. He is also tracking those overdoses not resulting in death. He plans to work with Allen County to discuss their overdose fatality review team. He plans to figure out what next step is to creating something similar here They interview survivors, friends, and family.
- Jennifer spoke for our Training and Public Engagement team. Since last meeting we have held a number of trainings. We had a mental health "mini conference" which had 3 different trainers on 3 different subjects, those were recorded and we are waiting for Rick to get them edited (that being said if anyone has any interns that may want to help with technology work send them to us). We had the ACEs training which could not be recorded. It was very informative and the organization that came in is available to help train other organizations if needed. We had an ITVAP training in July, not very many people came to the training, which was a disappointment. It was very informative and eye opening. That recording is uploaded onto the website already. We had our Healthy Kids Day event, that was a huge success. A ton of participation. It was fun and educational, had the carousel and mini golf, it was fun and we have had great feedback.
- More trainings coming up, IYI is partnering to do some of these trainings. In October during Red Ribbon Week we will be hosting a panel event. We will have people from different sectors addressing how substances affect them in their sector. We need to highlight how substance use can impact everybody in the community in some way. We are working out details for this training. More information to come. We have also discussed doing a Youth Panel in the Spring time.
- We need ideas for panelists. If you have any ideas on how you want this event to look or who you think should be a part of this, get with us. We want all of our trainings to be community focused, useful, something the community wants/needs. We will be recording most of these trainings and posting them on the website, but need participation from as many people as possible for the live events. Please spread the word when trainings are being provided.
- Someone mentioned Kathy Blume being a good connection. They enjoyed her training.
- Youth Recruitment report out by Rick and Nikki- youth coalition is starting to come together. The group has been discussing with potential groups/organizations. At the

social we had 54 volunteers, we are struggling to find volunteers for Healthy Kids Day this year. We will have to learn from these experiences, need the ability to recruit youth for summer activities. DFC is co-sponsoring HKD with the YMCA.

- If you have any youth you think would want to be involved please send them our way. We would love to get them involved with efforts.
- During Healthy Kids Day we will have a trailer called Not in My Room, it is like the Hidden in Plain Sight trailers. It will provide information to adults on where kids are hiding certain substances, things to watch for, etc.
- An idea about having sports equipment to giveaway was mentioned. Joe mentioned that he has a contact for a possible grant he could request from a foundation that was founded in Chad Lamberts honor. It could be used to buy sports equipment.
- Karli talked about Live United Day. There are activities all over Cass County that day. Can send out forms to volunteers. Need forms by August 26<sup>th</sup>. Chef Brooke from Woodbridge is going to be doing lunch again. 8-830 is registration. 830 is kickoff.
- We are looking at a November coalition meeting next. Please invite others, connect partners.
- Jennifer mentioned Kids Count Conference on November 1 & 2. Please connect for more information.