



CASS COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION

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- Introductions of all participants
- Training report out- Jennifer Lombard (check email) Sunday, May 22nd, from 3-6 pm will be the Mental Health Mini-Conference. Nikki is creating flyers for everyone to share. (Bowen, YSA, ...). ITVAP training is looking to be in June/July (Ian), need date and location. ACEs training in June? (Michele contact) Cannot record this one though, I think it would still be beneficial. It is a 2-hour training session. Do we still want to? Jennifer Ogle training for community/youth trying to secure date, need location and date. August 6th will be one of our LARGE youth events! We will need volunteers for this and will have the Hidden in Plain Sight trailer (we cannot record this either). Recruit youth to help plan.
- Trying for a training/event a month to stay active in the community and keep up with the Action Plan goal of 8 trainings this year.
- Data report out- where is the data, what should we be looking at? Jennifer suggested the data book from IYI, they can do a county snapshot and post the information. We can also use data from the LCC report (CCP)
- Youth report out- asking the coalition to make those connections with youth. We need to let the youth have a seat at the table. If we want to serve youth, we need to include them.
- Chuck talked about a youth summit they do in Tippecanoe County. It's a way to hear the youth and collect data. 60-70 local high school students are usually involved. They are asked a series of questions. Cass needs to do a summit and send the data out to everyone. They have been doing this for 4-5 years in Tippecanoe County. Bring local people in to listen to the kids, don't preach or teach, but just listen.
- Ideally involve 10 from each high school. It takes quite a bit of volunteers to pull it off, but maybe think for fall time. Ask the schools to get involved as well so that their voices are heard.

- Jennifer stated that the Miami County youth coalition has only been around for about a year. They are teaching other kids and being mentors.
- Veronica heard of an idea of meeting during lunch time, they had a spinning wheel and had the kids interact and engage that way.
- Get Logansport High School involved and on board with doing this.
- We already have a great relationship with many of the clubs and think that we would have the ability to do something like this.
- Nikki shared the Feb 2022 progress report highlights (Sept 2021-Feb 2022). One of our biggest accomplishments was the planning and execution of the September Social. Held at Revolution. We had over 50 youth volunteers that day and even more adult volunteers that day. We partnered with local coordinating council to provide Red Ribbon Week Contest among the schools (all but one school corporation participated). Had a billboard contest to involve the high school students.
- Healthy Kids Day is our BIG event on August 6th, please come out and join us. This is one of the big events DFC is putting on for year 2. We are also looking for more youth volunteers if you have access to anyone who would be interested.
- Paul from SCAN requested more information and wants to be put down as the contact for HKD sponsorship.
- Marc- submitted continuation application in April per DFC requirements. Action plan for year 3 is done. Would like to hear more about the youth summit idea Chuck had and will reach out to him to discuss.
- Mental Health Awareness even is May 22nd. This will be recorded and posted to the website. This will cover 3 of the 8 required training opportunities for the year. Please share, and come.

Next meeting in 3 months.