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“Work for something because it is good, not just because it stands a chance to succeed”.

-Vaclav Havel

New Resource Available for Coalitions Preventing Crime and Drug Use

CADCA, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice’s Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO), has developed a new online publication to help coalitions and Weed and Seed Communities craft better and more sustainable prevention and intervention strategies to improve the conditions in their communities.

Strategizer 51: The Weed and Seed Toolbox was primarily designed for community organizations that are part of CCDO’s Weed and Seed Initiative, a comprehensive multi-agency approach to improving law enforcement, crime prevention and neighborhood restoration. However, any organization attempting to prevent or reduce drug abuse and its related problems will benefit from this publication.

In addition to updated Weed and Seed guidelines, *Strategizer 51* includes information on evidence-based strategies, evaluation strategies, effective sustainability plans, helpful resources on where to find additional funding, and examples of how communities have addressed hard-to-tackle issues such as gun violence, methamphetamine abuse and prisoner reentry.

Visit

<http://cadca.org/shopcart/default2.asp> to download a PDF of this free online resource from CADCA.

NEWS

New State Laws Focus on Underage Drinking

The National Conference of State Legislatures reports that states have taken a variety of approaches to prevent underage drinking, including passing laws that punish adults who provide alcohol to teens, universal ID requirements, and establishing underage-drinking hotlines.

USA Today reported July 18 that states have passed a total of 129 bills related to underage drinking so far in 2006; last year, 166 such bills were passed.

For example, Tennessee recently became the first state to require all beer buyers, regardless of age, to produce ID. Louisiana is monitoring online social-networking sites in hopes of intervening in planned parties involving underage drinkers.

The New Jersey State police are targeting underage drinking at concerts, while South Carolina has increased fines for adults who supply alcohol to minors.

How Does Florida Measure Up?

Alcohol-Related Stats	
Total young drivers involved in fatal crashes	570
Rate of fatal crashes per 100,000 licensed drivers	90.2
Cost per youth in the state*	2732
State rank of cost per youth*	7
Total funds available to combat underage drinking	121 million
Total underage drinking sales	657 million
Total alcohol industry profits from underage drinking	322 million
Total underage drinking costs	3.8 billion
State rating on DUI/DWI	good
Laws	
Graduated drivers licensing	Yes
Type of graduated license	Moderately restrictive
Happy hour law	No
Keg registration law	No
Ban on Sunday sales	No
Social host law	Yes

For more information see www.jointogether.org/keyissues/laws/florida

MORE NEWS

Immediate License Suspension for DWI Saves 800 Lives Each Year

EurekaAlert.org

July 24, 2007

State laws that require immediate suspension of the driver's license for failing an alcohol breath test have had a deterrent effect on drunk driving and saved 800 lives from fatal crashes each year, new research shows. However, laws that suspend licenses or impose fines or jail sentences after conviction have little noticeable deterrent effect, according to one of the most comprehensive studies on the impact of drunk driving laws in the United States.

"The threat of immediate suspension of the driver's license is a larger deterrent than the threat of more severe penalties that may occur at a later date. It has reduced fatalities from car crashes involving light, moderate and heavy drinkers," according to study lead author Alexander C. Wagenaar, Ph.D., a professor of epidemiology at the University of Florida, College of Medicine.

REMINDER! Training Opportunity at the 2007 FADAA Annual Conference

Syndemics

Dennis D. Embry, Ph.D

PAXIS Institute

Johns Hopkins Center on Prevention and Early Intervention

Syndemics, Evidence-Based Kernels and Community
Dashboards:

Low-Cost, Powerful Strategies for Community Level Prevention
and Treatment

- Learning to conceptualize mental health and substance abuse problems as syndemics (multiple related afflictions);
- Learning to select and apply evidence-based "kernels" at population level to prevent or treat many substance abuse and mental health problems; and
- Developing "community dashboards" to mobilize and "time-series" designs monitor community action and policies.
- Thinking about BIG change . . .
Changing our immediate setting . . . home, school, work.
Changing a whole political jurisdiction – cities, states.
Breaking out of silos. Using small, powerful and sustainable strategies. Mobilizing all hands, minds and hearts with a community scoreboard.

Breakout:

August 21, 2007

9:00 am – 5:00 pm – Full day workshop for prevention and treatment providers and coalitions on the Syndemics model developed by Dr. Embry.

August 22, 2007

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm – Implementation of Syndemics for Prevention

3:45 pm to 5:15 pm – Implementation of Syndemics for Treatment

HOT PLACE!

Protecting You/Protecting Me (PY/PM)

is an alcohol use prevention curriculum for children in grades 1-5. It has been designated a Model Program by SAMHSA. **PY/PM** helps reach children before they have fully shaped their attitudes and opinions about alcohol use by youth. **PY/PM** provides a series of science and health based lessons that teach children how to protect themselves and make informed decisions. The lessons reinforce the fact that the brain of children and adolescents are still maturing and respond to alcohol dramatically differently than those of adults, putting children at a much higher risk. In addition, the lessons also cover a variety of life skills including media awareness, communication and vehicle safety.

This curriculum is available through Hazelden at <http://www.hazelden.org/web/go/pypm>

COOL SPOT!

Alcohol and Alcohol Problems Science Database

<http://etoh.niaaa.nih.gov>

Produced by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, this searchable literature bank of more than 110,000 records has summaries and bibliographic references to journal articles, books, dissertations, conference papers, reports, studies and chapters in edited books covering a wide range of disciplines within the alcohol research field (medicine, psychology, epidemiology, prevention, legislation, criminal justice, public policy and more). This resource is commonly referred to as ETOH.

Calendar of Events

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition General Membership Luncheon Notice-August 6, West Palm Beach, FL
FADAA's Annual Conference-August 22-24, Hyatt Grand Cypress, Orlando, FL

For additional information call Cindy Grant at the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association at 850-878-2196 or email:cgrant@fadaa.org.