

# E-Xchange

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*“Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly.”*

**-Langston Hughes**

## **Celebrating Families!**

*Celebrating Families!* is an evidence-based, cognitive, behavioral, support group model designed for families when one or both parents have a serious problem with alcohol or other drugs. It is an intergenerational, family skills building curriculum that supports and maintains recovery, improving the health and well-being of children and family members, and increasing family reunification.

The curriculum engages family members, from three years old to adult, and fosters the development of healthy and addiction-free individuals and families by increasing resiliency factors and decreasing risk factors.

Every session addresses addiction recovery concepts with healthy family-living skills, specifically targeting children of alcoholics and addicts and parents in early recovery.

This highly interactive, fully scripted curriculum was originally developed by Rosemary Tisch and Linda Sibley for families involved with Santa Clara County, CA Family Treatment Drug Court.

It has now been successfully replicated in multiple sites throughout California as well as Idaho, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Georgia and Maryland.

<http://www.celebratingfamilies.net/>

## **NEWS**

### **Coalition eNewsletter Update!**

For the past 5 years the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA) in conjunction with the Florida Office of Drug Control’s Drug-Free Communities Program, has had the pleasure of bringing you this weekly E-Xchange Newsletter. However, funding for this project has ended. FADAA is committed to continuing to bring timely and relevant information to the substance abuse prevention community.

As a service to our FADAA members and the prevention community we will continue to produce the E-Xchange. The new and expanded Newsletter will now be delivered to your inbox monthly and will continue to include news, funding and training opportunities and all of the other products and information with which you have become familiar. Included in the expanded newsletter will be periodic information on advocacy, public policy and governmental issues.

We are interested in receiving feedback on features you would like to see as we begin to format the new E-Xchange Newsletter. Please email your thoughts, comments and suggestions to [fadaa@fadaa.org](mailto:fadaa@fadaa.org)

### **SAMHSA Uses New Technology to Provide Abuse Prevention Information to Consumers of Certain Highly Abused Prescription Drugs**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is announcing the launch of a first-of-its-kind pilot program for providing point-of-sale substance abuse prevention information sheets to the consumers of highly abused prescription drugs. These sheets highlight the need for preventing the abuse of these medications and provide practical advice on how to properly store medication and dispose of unused amounts. This effort aims to combat the growing abuse of prescription drugs -- particularly among teens and young adults.

SAMHSA is using the services of the prescription drug marketing firm Catalina Marketing Corporation to deliver prescription drug abuse prevention messages to consumers of highly abused prescription drugs, such as hydrocodone, select sleep aids and oxycontin (generic and brand name). Using new technology that automatically selects the appropriate abuse prevention information sheet according to the prescription being purchased, a consumer will get one of three abuse prevention information sheets when they have their prescription for one of these drugs filled at a pharmacy participating in this program.

This effort is a 26 week pilot project involving among 6, 300 pharmacies throughout the country. The agency will measure the program’s effectiveness by monitoring web-based feedback from the public and determining how widely and effectively the program has reached out to consumers with these abuse prevention messages. Based on these assessments, SAMHSA will determine whether to terminate, continue, modify and/or expand this effort.

To read the entire press release, go to <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0710230319.aspx>

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## Calendar of Events

### November

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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**Preventing Suicide, Treating Depression, Increasing Your Awareness and the Isermann Symposium-November 3, Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, FL**

**2007 Florida Suicide Prevention Symposium-November 6-7, Embassy Suites-USF, Tampa, FL**

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