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“Volunteerism is the manifestation of an attitude that breathes selfless activity into certain lives.”

-Mary Lawrence

Hot Place!

National Social Norms Resource Center (NSNRC)

The NSNRC is an independent center that supports, promotes, and provides technical assistance in the application of the social norms approach to a broad range of health and safety and social justice issues, including alcohol-related risk reduction and the prevention of tobacco abuse.

On this site, you will find guide books, FAQ's, as well as case studies. Visit <http://www.socialnorms.org/index.php> to find out more about what the Social Norms Resource Center has to offer.

Cool Spot!

Council on Prevention and Education: Substances, Inc. (COPEs)

Creating Lasting Family Connections

COPEs, Inc. provides consultation, education and training services on youth and family strengthening programs that have demonstrated strong research results of increasing protective factors and personal and family behaviors. Visit www.copes.org for more information.

News!

Sheriff Warns Council of Growing Danger of Meth Labs

Daytona Beach News-Journal (FL)

September 8, 2006

by Patricio G. Balona

DELAND -- It smells like fingernail polish remover or cat urine.

Narcotics investigators learned only recently to tread carefully when they detect those odors in apartments, mobile homes, motel rooms or houses.

They are telltale signs of a hidden, fully operational methamphetamine laboratory, Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson said Thursday in a presentation to the County Council.

Authorities have discovered 10 labs in Volusia County so far this year, Johnson said. They found and destroyed 25 last year. That's up from just one lab in the entire state of Florida in 1997, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

The labs are easy to set up but hard to find and investigators only learn about them through tips or unrelated investigations, such as domestic disturbances, Johnson said.

Bill Janes, director of the Florida Office of Drug Control, said there are about 150 methods of making meth, but key ingredients are ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, which are substances found in many cold medicines.

Johnson called meth one of the "biggest problems we have today" -- perhaps more serious than crack cocaine.

To read the entire article, visit

<http://www.policyimpact.com/news/index.php?article=2082>

PROSPER Program

University Park -- A multi-level alcohol and drug-prevention program that brings together representatives from Penn State Cooperative Extension, local school districts and community service agencies with parents, youth and other community members has been cited as a Program of Distinction by the National 4-H Headquarters.

The PROSPER (Promoting School-Community-University Partnerships to Enhance Resilience) program is a collaborative, community-based initiative.

"The PROSPER project underscores the potential of the community-university partnership model," says Daniel Perkins, Penn State professor of agricultural and extension education and PROSPER co-investigator, who says PROSPER's status as a Program of Distinction also demonstrates the value of the work of Pennsylvania program teams.

The program uses the partnership model to reduce rates of youth substance use and other problem behaviors, as well as to foster positive youth development, according to Perkins. These goals are accomplished through teaching skills that foster improved family life and parent-child communication, along with providing students with skills for planning, problem-solving and peer resistance against problem behaviors.

PROSPER is funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institutes of Health and is being conducted in collaboration with Iowa State University. For more information, visit the PROSPER project Web site (<http://www.prosper.ppsi.iastate.edu>).

IT'S FINALLY HERE!!!!

Check out the new Center for Prevention Workforce Development web site at:

<http://www.preventionworkforce.org>

We hope this site will help all of you to meet your workforce needs.

Drug-Free Charlotte County Website

The new and improved Charlotte County website is up and running! Let Amity know what you think!

(Amity.Chandler@ccps.k12.fl.us).

Check out their new logo and new site (if you get an 'under construction message' be sure to hold down shift and click your refresh button on your browser).

www.drugfreecharlottecounty.org

2005 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

As part of National Recovery Month, SAMHSA's Office of Applied Studies (OAS) released SAMHSA's 2005 National Survey on Drug Use & Health (NSDUH). As you know, SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use & Health provides the latest data on prevalence and correlates of substance use, serious psychological distress, depression, related problems, and treatment in the civilian population aged 12 or older in the U.S. You can access it at: <https://nsduhweb.rti.org/> by clicking on Latest Survey Results.

Save the Date!

2006 Florida Suicide Prevention Symposium
Building Resiliency and Promoting Mental Wellness
December 5-6, 2006
Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort

Calendar - send us your 2006 events for this Florida Prevention Calendar. We will include your web-link so people can read your flyer, register for the event and/or get directions. Visit <http://www.fadaa.org/fcc/calendar/index.htm> for additional information on the following events!

September

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Mothers Against Meth-September 8, Bartow, FL

4th Annual 5K "Walk for Life"-September 16, Palmetto, FL

2006 Statewide Prevention Conference-September 20-22, Orlando, FL

2006 Family Day-September 25, Tallahassee, FL

Zero Exposure-September 28, Orlando, FL

October

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Zero Exposure-October 19, Miami, FL
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 Zero Exposure-October 27, Sarasota, FL
 National Marijuana Initiative- October 31-November 1, San Diego, CA

November

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2006 Florida Suicide Prevention Symposium-December 5-6, Clearwater (see attached flyer)

For additional information call Joan Helms at the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association at 850-878-2196 or email:flsapac@fadaa.org.