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Coalition Connection Newsletter

Working *together*
to improve the **SAFETY** & **QUALITY**
of **LIFE** in **OUR** *community*



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SPF - STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

Description: SPF is a 5-year federal grant that focuses on reducing underage drinking and substance abuse. We implement the All-Stars curriculum with middle school students, which is an evidence-based curriculum that is designed to change qualities that research shows accounts for why adolescents engage in risky behaviors. The various All Stars programs address the following qualities: normative beliefs, personal commitment to not use, positive relationships attentiveness, beliefs about consequences, idealism, positive character, goal with peers and important adults, parent/adult setting skills, decision making skills and resistance skills.

(Prevention in Motion) – 300,000.00/yr

Joana Wells / Tiffany Shirley / Esther Hernandez / Hannah Ornelas

This month our Coalition team focused on two separate areas of raising the awareness of substance use in our youth community. Within our All Stars Plus curriculum, we taught 3 lessons for PR Leyva 8th graders. The lessons consisted of setting good habits in place, sharing goals and ambitions for their future and what kind of ideal future they want. We also listed the risks are associated with different substances and how those negatively affect their future. Our team has also been planning how to get the word out and partner with the school districts for Red Ribbon week, which takes place October 23rd – 31st. Red Ribbon Week is a national drug and drug trafficking awareness week. We are excited to roll out our campaign for the month of October.



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KNOW THE FACTS

DRIVING HIGH
IS ILLEGAL
& CONSIDERED A DUI

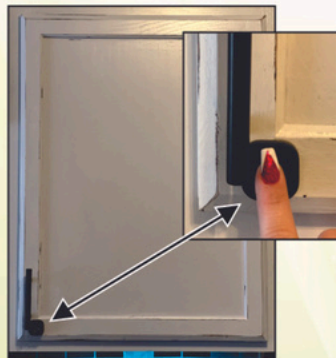


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HOW DO YOU DE-STRESS?

**STOP THE CYCLE
OF ADDICTION!**

Stressed people are more prone to give in to impulses like smoking, overeating, drinking and drug abuse to cope with daily stress. Help end the cycle of addiction by finding healthy ways to de-stress!

What are your favorite ways to de-stress?





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OSAH – OFFICE OF SCHOOL AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH

Description: OSAH is a 4-year mental health grant. We will be implementing evidence-based suicide prevention programming with high school students, as well as early detection training for educators. Our staff will be trained in QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer) and Youth Mental Health First Aid, as well as creating marketing and awareness campaigns for our community.

\$60,000.00/yr

Joana Wells / Julie Fuentes

Tiffany Shirley / Hannah Ornelas

We were excited to return to the school campus this month with the Sources of Strength (S.O.S.) program. Peer leaders met and focused on creating a campaign for Get the Word Out. P.R. Leyva and Alta Vista created posters to highlight S.O.S. return to campus. Early College created social media posts, posters and welcomed students to campus every day for a week. CHS also created posters and an SOS Instagram to distribute information to students.



YOU can REDUCE
the risk of **SUICIDE!**

LOCK UP GUNS & AMMO
to minimize lethal means
inside your home.

Scan the QR code below
for more suicide
prevention resources.



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OSAP - OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

Description: OSAP preventionists are committed to the implementation of evidence-based prevention programs and infrastructure development activities. OSAP delivers effective prevention services aimed at reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse, which includes reducing underage drinking, binge drinking and DWI, reducing prescription painkiller misuse and abuse, reducing adult binge drinking and DWI and reducing prescription painkiller abuse. We work toward these goals by partnering with local law enforcement, schools and many other community members/organizations to reduce overdose related deaths.

\$124,149.50.00/yr

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This month the 8th graders at Alta Vista worked on Lessons 1-3 of the All Stars curriculum. The teens have been learning about other students goals in life, ideals and how good and bad habits can affect their daily lives. They were able to come up with how their ideal classroom would look, sound and feel. This sets our basis on how we can better engage with the students. They also came up with two habits that they will work on over the next two weeks and record whether or not they followed through with their plan. Some of the focus habits were turning in all assignments on time, drinking more water, and going to bed earlier to get more rest. The students shared their proposed habits and will record everyday how they followed through with their plan. There were several students that were discussing how they were going to keep their friends accountable.

**Parents —
who Host
Lose
the Most**

**DON'T BE A PARTY TO
TEENAGE DRINKING!**

It's a 4th Degree Felony!

SCAN ME!

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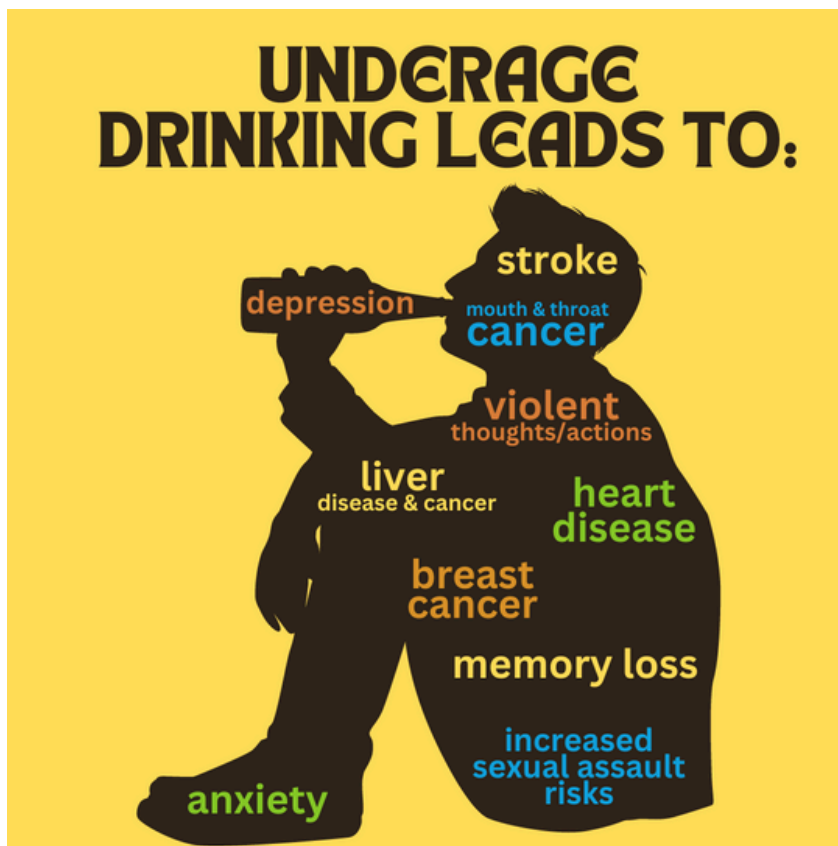
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STOP - SOBER TRUTH ON PREVENTING UNDERAGE DRINKING

Description: The Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP) program's goal is to expand evidence-based prevention initiatives to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth ages 12-20. A youth council will lead community education and media messages for their peers as well as parents and other adults in the community. We use an evidence-based curriculum, All Stars, with middle school students to establish positive norms and personal commitments to avoid risky behaviors (including substance use), promote bonding to the school and peer groups, and build positive parent/adult connections.

\$48,509.00/yr

Joana Wells / Julie Fuentes / Hannah Ornelas



The Coalition has been working with Alta Vista and P.R. Leyva to promote resiliency and alcohol education. Both schools will be distributing sports balls with "Safe. Sober. Fun" and "True Blue" messaging at the next pep rally. To highlight True Blue award recipients, the Coalition will be creating 3 gift baskets for a drawing at the end of every 9 weeks. All Stars youth completed three lessons this month. The lessons focused on learning about ideal futures and goal setting.



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TOP - TEEN OUTREACH PROGRAM

\$50,150.00/yr

Julie Fuentes

Hannah Ornelas

Description: Curriculum that promotes the positive development of adolescents through Wyman's Teen Outreach Program® (TOP®), which combines a youth-guided curriculum, interactive group discussions; positive adult guidance and support; and community service-learning projects. This program is funded through the New Mexico Department of Health/Family Planning Program. TOP is designed to meet the developmental needs of middle and high school teens and is focused on key topics related to adolescent health and development, including building social, emotional, and life skills; developing a positive sense of self; and connecting with others. The TOP Club meets for 9 months throughout the school year and requires 80% attendance and 25 service-learning hours in order to receive a graduation stipend of \$200.

TOP Club met eight times this month. Youth completed lessons focused on values, empathy and leadership. Youth also discussed their vision for the future and created a vision board (pictured below). Four hours of community service learning (CSL) was completed this month. Good Luck cards with candy attached were created for the football and volleyball teams. The cards were then placed in the locker room. This year TOP will participate in a statewide CSL project. TOP Clubs around the state will paint rocks and add #TOPNM to them. The rocks will then be exchanged at the next Contractors Conference and distributed in the communities around the state.






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TEEN COURT

\$38,400.00/yr
Esther Hernandez
Hannah Ornelas

Description: Teen Court is an alternative approach to juvenile sentencing. We receive misdemeanor cases from around Carlsbad, including Municipal Court, JPO, and Magistrate Court. Juveniles either plead guilty or no contest and are referred to Teen Court for their sentencing hearing. Sentencing is determined through a jury of their peers, which includes previous Teen Court defendants. The juvenile defendants are assigned volunteer youth attorneys as a defense team and are also prosecuted during a trial by another team of volunteer youth attorneys. Local attorneys and judges from Carlsbad volunteer their time, sitting in as Judge, for Teen Court trials. Teen Court is hosted by the City of Carlsbad's Municipal Court House and is funded in part by the United Way of Carlsbad and the City of Carlsbad.

This month has been busy. We have had 19 cases this month. We had 13 complete the Teen Court program. We have had several kids interested in becoming a volunteer for Teen Court. We will be having a Youth Attorney Training on October 14th from 1-3:30, followed by the new volunteers sitting in during the court cases for the evening. Training will be held at the Coalition office. If you know someone who would be interested in being a youth attorney, please reach out to Esther at 575-256-0565 ext 1.



About Teen Court

- Teen Court is a program for individuals 12-18 who are charged with traffic violation, shoplifting (\$250 or less), possession of alcohol or drug, disorderly conduct and other misdemeanor offense.
- Referring agencies: Municipal Court, Magistrate Court, Juvenile Probation and Parole Office, Carlsbad Municipal Schools and Loving Schools.

Teen Attorneys

- Be mentored by local judges and experienced attorneys on how to prosecute and defend cases.
- Be mentored by local law enforcement agencies on laws and statutes.
- Improve your public speaking skills.
- Open doors for opportunity on college applications and community efforts.

Teen Defendants Must

- Admit to charges.
- Appear at sentencing hearing with a parent, guardian, or custodian.
- Complete sentence within the allotted time frame.
- Follow the Teen Court Rules Of Conduct.
- Not commit any other offenses while serving their sentence in Teen Court.

Volunteer Judges

- Facilitate courtroom proceedings as they are in District Court.
- Provide guidance and support for Teen Attorneys.
- Expand your community partnerships.



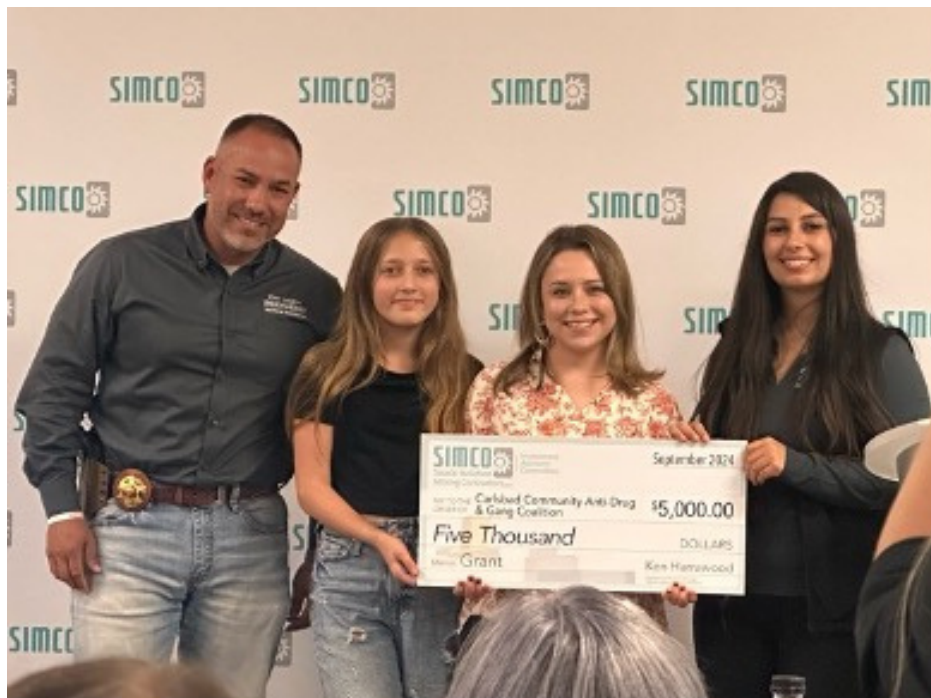
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**TEENS IN
ACTION**



Hannah Ornelas

This month the Teens in Action Youth Council met on September 12th to plan for a busy month ahead in October. We had 3 new members join us in this meeting. We worked on ideas for the Pies for Prevention booth that we will have at the Main Street Farmer's Market on Saturday October 5th. We also planned the messaging we want to put out at the Tailgate Party which will take place Friday, October 11th in the Carlsbad High School parking lot. Finally, we want to say THANK YOU to SIMCO for rewarding our youth council with a \$5,000 grant. This grant gives us the opportunity to host more free events for the 6th-12th graders in our community. On September 24th, we attended the SIMCO grant reception along with many other great non-profit organizations.



Join us!



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PIES for PREVENTION

Who do you want to see
PIED in the face?!



DEREK CLARK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
CIS - PR LEYVA



MATT HUTCHINSON
UNDERSHERIFF &
COALITION BOARD
PRESIDENT



CPL ISAAC FLOREZ
SCHOOL RESOURCE
OFFICER @CHS



YVONNE BRANCH
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
CIS - ALTA VISTA



JOANA WELLS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CARLSBAD COALITION



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