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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

All of the Strategies for Success (SFS) surveys have been completed in partnership with both Carlsbad Intermediate Schools, Carlsbad High School, Carlsbad Early College, and Loving High School. We are looking forward to this years data coming back soon and updating the community with those results.

We closed out our All-Stars programming for the semester and held a combined celebration with the All-Stars Core programs. Our team provided snacks, over 30 prizes, and a photo booth station.

In May we also held an Underage Drinking Roundtable Luncheon at Southeast New Mexico College with ten of our organization partners to discuss the concerns within our community. We received valuable feedback from this group regarding underage drinking in our community.

TALK IT UP
Having conversations regularly with your kids about drugs and alcohol will help to encourage them to avoid substance abuse all together.

LOCK IT UP
Secure, Monitor and Dispose of substances within your home so that youth do not have easy access to alcohol, tobacco, cannabis or prescription drugs.

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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

All Sources of Strength (SOS) programming has been completed for the year at both Middle Schools, the High School and the Early College. SOS at P.R. Leyva participated in a Pep Rally and highlighted the SOS color wheel by wearing their SOS shirts and talking about each section of the wheel. Volunteers from each grade participated in an SOS game and participants received a Sipps gift card.





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OSAP - OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

\$124,149.50.00/yr

Joana Wells / Esther Hernandez / Tiffany Shirley / Hannah Ornelas

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 opioid improving these goals by partnering with local law enforcement, school overdose related deaths. We work towards I administration, pharmacies, medical providers, parent trainings and many other community organizations.

This month we were able to close out our All-Stars program. We had a huge celebration in conjunction with the All-Stars core classes in the library. We had a celebration that included tons of snacks, over 30 prize giveaways, and a Photo Booth station.

DID YOU KNOW? PROVIDING ALCOHOL to a **MINOR** (under 21) is a

4TH DEGREE FELONY!

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DRINK RESPONSIBLY. LOCK IT UP. NEVER PROVIDE ALCOHOL TO MINORS.

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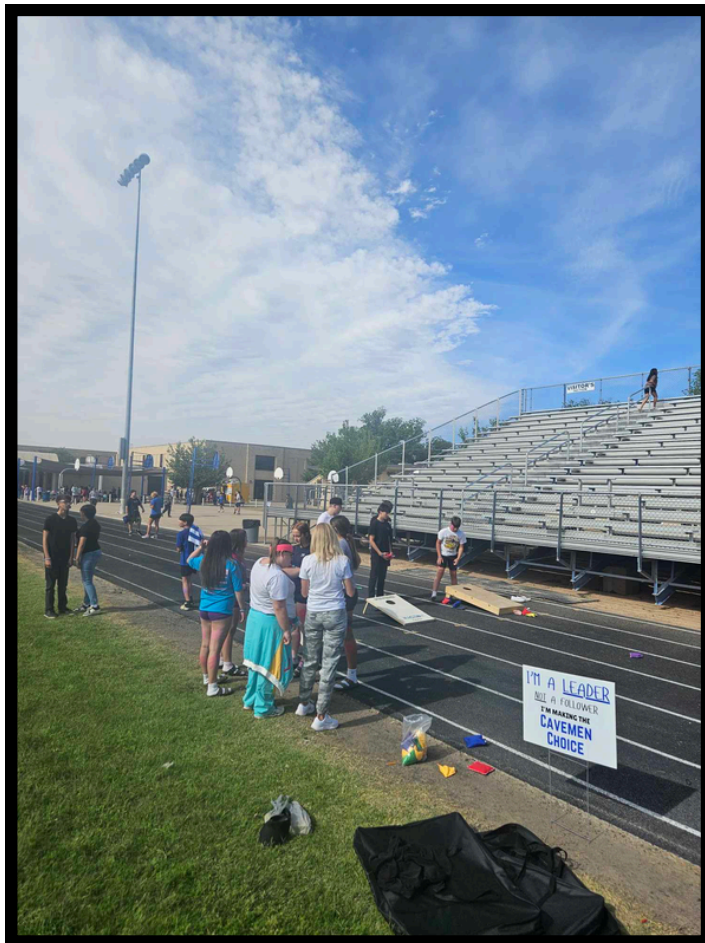
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STOP - SOBER TRUTH ON PREVENTING UNDERAGE DRINKING

\$48,509.00/yr

Joana Wells / Julie Fuentes / Hannah Ornelas

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 Star Core, with sixth grade students to establish positive norms and personal commitments to avoid risky behaviors (including substance use), promote bonding to the school and peer group, and build positive parent/adult connections.



All Stars celebrations were held this month. Youth were able to enter a raffle for prizes and celebrated with snacks and refreshments. Alta Vista and P.R. Leyva held Field Days where we provided positive messages to reduce substance abuse to post during the event. We also donated gift cards and corn hole sets to raffle off for each grade that encouraged making the "Cavemen Choice" to stay drug and alcohol free. The students also received Cavemen Choice bracelets.. P.R. Leyva hosted a corn hole tournament, Alta Vista held a basketball tournament and we were able to donate Sonic gift cards for prizes.



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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®) is a youth curriculum-guided, 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.

Twelve youth completed the TOP Club programming at Loving High School this school year. The youth celebrated with a party to close out the year with pizza and refreshments. Each participant received a \$100 Walmart gift card and a gift bag with snacks for their hard work and accomplishments. They also completed a final Community Service Learning project by creating air fresheners and appreciation cards for the teachers.




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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 every Tuesday. 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.

We are having a Teen Court Training for all current and new youth attorneys on June 18th from 2-6 pm at the Carlsbad Coalition office. If you are interested please reach out to Esther at 575-256-0565 ext 1 to sign up.



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 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.

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.

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

For the month of May, our Teens in Action Youth Council came together at our Coalition office to celebrate the end of the school year. We had pizza, drinks, and discussed ideas from the teens for youth events for the remainder of the year. We also planned out the Summer Challenge that will run the entire month of June. This will be our 2nd year running this challenge. The event encourages students to stay busy over the summer with healthy, safe and fun activities. It promotes staying safe and healthy while school is out by participating in outdoor activities. The challenge is running until June 28th and every entry is a chance to win a \$50 or \$100 gift card. The teens (or parents) must post a photo of the activity on social media, tag us and use the hashtag #2024SummerChallenge to be entered in the drawing. Our youth council came up with several great ideas to spread the word about the challenge, so be on the look out for our announcements on social media! Free youth events scheduled for this summer: Carlsbad Miniature Golf Night & Carlsbad Library's Movie in the Park!








CARLSBAD TEEN SUMMER CHALLENGE!

MAY 25th - JUNE 28th

**YOU COULD WIN A
\$50 or \$100
GIFTCARD!!**



- 1 POST PICS OF YOUR FAVORITE
OUTDOOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES!**
- 2 TAG US: @CARLSBADCOALITION**
  
- 3 USE: #2024SUMMERCHALLENGE**

ACTION
TEENS IN



MOVIE NIGHT

@ HALAGUENO ARTS PARK

FRIDAY JUNE 21st



**INDIANA JONES: RAIDERS
OF THE LOST ARK**

Join
us!





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COALITION
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
1ST WEDNESDAY 4-5PM
OF EVERY MONTH
UPSTAIRS PLANNING ROOM AT CITY HALL



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