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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

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**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**

Mrs. Duarte's 8th grade classes at PR Leyva completed 2 of the All Stars Plus lessons leaving only 1 lesson until the final celebration and end of semester! The Coalition Staff also attended the SPF COHOT meeting to receive updates on reporting and programming.

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# KNOW THE FACTS

DRIVING HIGH  
**IS ILLEGAL**  
& CONSIDERED A DUI

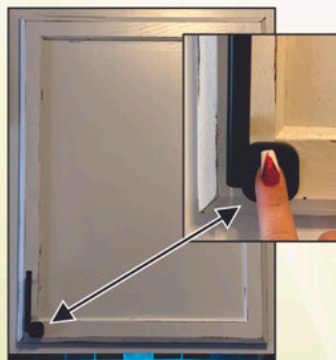


MARIJUANA IS ONLY  
**LEGAL 21+**  
IF YOU'RE  
[OR HAVE A PRESCRIPTION]

MARIJUANA  
**HINDERS BRAIN  
DEVELOPMENT**  
IN ADOLESCENTS



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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**

Sources of Strength focused on the Gratitude section of the wheel this month.

P.R. Leyva SOS youth created holiday card for Lakeview Christian Home residents. They also had a donation drive for teens in foster care.

Alta Vista SOS youth created a tree and wrote things to be thankful for on the leaves of the tree.

CHS SOS youth put up posters about the different food drives in town and then created a giant turkey with different ways to be generous on the feathers.





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**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**

**Joana Wells / Esther Hernandez / Tiffany Shirley / Hannah Ornelas**

This month we completed two lessons of All Stars Plus for Mr. Pittman's class at Alta Vista. Students did a review of the all stars lessons combined and a jeopardy game over marijuana, alcohol and vaping facts. The Coalition also hosted this month's Community Impact Council at the Eddy Training Center with a guest speaker to give the other organizations feedback on establishing connections in the community as a non-profit.

**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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# STOP - SOBER TRUTH ON PREVENTING UNDERAGE DRINKING

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**\$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 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.

All Stars met twice this month. Youth completed two lessons focusing on practicing decision making and communication.

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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 6 times this month. Youth completed three lessons and 3 hours of CSL. Youth made a Gratitude Wall in the cafeteria. They created cards with "I am grateful for" on them and asked students to fill them out at lunch. They then hung them up on the Gratitude wall. They also made Thanksgiving cards and also volunteered to eat lunch with Loving Elementary students for Thanksgiving.





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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.



### 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.



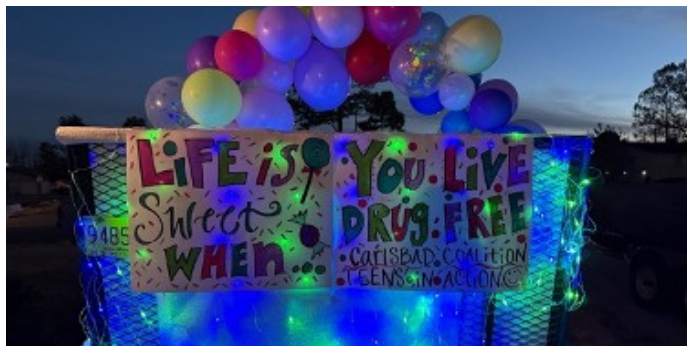
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**TEENS IN  
ACTION**



**Hannah Ornelas**

Our Teens in Action youth council ran a public food drive from November 1st – 19th, by the end of it filling up a large box with goods. We dropped it off in time for one of Oasis’ food distribution days for the community. We met at the Carlsbad Library to plan out details for our Christmas events, like the Light parade and our 2nd annual Christmas party. Our teens worked hard to decorate a float for Carlsbad Main Street’s Light parade, the theme was “Candy Land” and we had a blast putting everything together. There were several community members in attendance for the parade on November 30th. We have some exciting things coming up in December to end 2024 on a great note, so stay tuned!



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us!





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



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