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Coalition Connection Newsletter

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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 Stars has finally kicked off in both Alta Vista and PR Leyva on August 26. All 8th grades students will get to be a part of the All Stars program being done in their Health classes. They will learn skills about setting goals, ideals, communication and learning how to effectively say no to peer pressure. This week students did their pre-surveys and played a Dicebreaker game to get to know their classmates and teacher.

We have also kicked off our Pies for Prevention fundraiser. The raised money will go to the Teens in Action Youth Council for future event for youth 6th to 12th grade. Make sure you go place a vote on who you would like to see get pied!



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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

**CONTESTANT WHO HAS RAISED THE MOST MONEY
WILL BE PIED AT THE FARMERS MARKET ON OCTOBER 5TH!**
DONATE TODAY @CARLSBADCOALITION.COM
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT DRUG/ALCOHOL PREVENTION
ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS & ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE



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 started at Alta Vista, P.R. Leyva, Carlsbad High School, and Early College. We held meetings with all Adult Leaders to discuss expectations for the new year. SOS Youth Leaders have been contacted and some SOS have held their first meetings.



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

\$124,149.50.00/yr

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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.

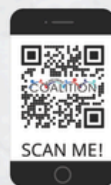
This year Coach Finch for the Loving Falcon High School Football team asked the Coalition to give a presentation to the team over how substances affect them. The team put together a Jeopardy game along with a PowerPoint presentation to coincide with the game on the harmful effects that alcohol, marijuana and e-cigs effect the athlete's bodies and minds. The team also did an activity with the Drunk Goggles having the youth throw footballs into the football net while wearing the goggles. The team with the highest score won a Superbowl Ring (ring pop). Pizza Inn donated 15 pizzas to the team as well for a pizza party at their choosing. Thank you, Ruben at Pizza Inn, for always supporting the Coalitions efforts and the community!

Parents —
who Host
Lose
the Most



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

It's a 4th Degree Felony!





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The OSAP team attended the OSAP Recipient Meeting in Bernalillo this month. This is the first year the Coalition has been asked to present at the meeting. Joana, Hannah and Esther did a presentation over the Prom Potty Campaign that was done in April of 2023. They were able to share how they organized and collaborated with CPD to have everything go smoothly. The team also handed out squeezable stress potty's to everyone at the meeting. It was a great talking point, and the presentation was a hit. We also were able to announce our next fundraiser and received a \$100 donation from Michael Milligan from the Santa Fe County Fire Department just a few moments after the presentation!





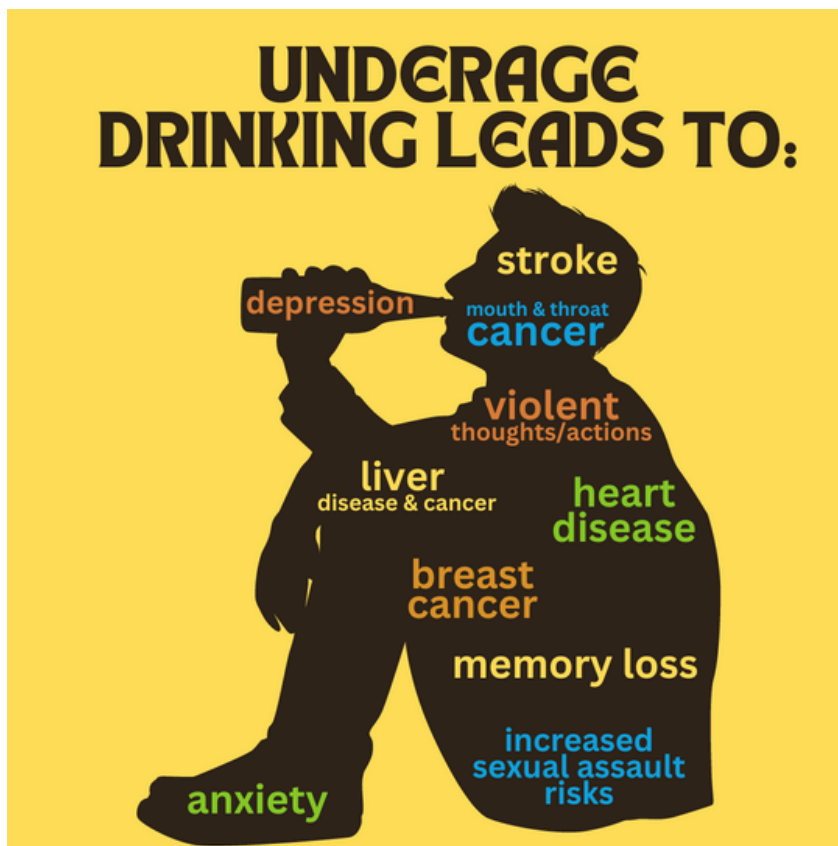
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STOP - SOBER TRUTH ON PREVENTING UNDERAGE DRINKING

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 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.

\$48,509.00/yr

Joana Wells / Julie Fuentes / Hannah Ornelas



We are excited to start All Stars this month. Some changes were made this year to the programming. We will be facilitating All Stars Plus at P.R. Leyva with 8th grade youth. All Stars Plus will be held in Mrs. Diana Durans 5th hour class every Monday. Orientation was held on August 22nd. Twenty five students are scheduled to participate in All Stars Plus this year.



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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.

TOP Club has started at Loving High School. There are 22 youth participating this year. Youth have been through Orientation and have started planning Community Service Learning projects. They will be meeting for TOP Club on Tuesday and Thursday every week. Parent Orientation and Teachable Moments was held for parents of participating youth on August 22nd. Five parents attended the meeting. A drawing was held, and two parents won a \$50 gift card to Walmart. TOP Club has completed four lessons which focused on building community, volunteering, and getting to learn about each other.





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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 did some recruitment doing the back to school nights at PR Leyva and Alta Vista. We had a total of 11 kids sign up with interest and are continuing to meet with each applicant. We will have a training day scheduled for late September.



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

The Teens in Action Youth council held a meeting on August 15th to discuss the remaining of the 2024 calendar and plans, including events and giving opportunities during the holiday season. We then ended our meeting by heading over downtown together for the weekly Farmer's Market to celebrate "Paint the Town Blue." The students who showed up in our group wore their blue and handed out flyers to community members about joining Teens in Action and our free youth event, which took place on Friday August 30th at Top Nock Archery. That evening we had 71 teens attend our event where we provided free pizza, drinks, and snacks and promoted our SAFE.SOBER.FUN. Campaign.



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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