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Coalition Connection Newsletter

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



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**SATURDAY**

**May 11th, 2024**

**8:00AM-2:00PM**

**BEACH PARKING LOT**



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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 we have focused on planning our Community Round Table on underage drinking. We will be inviting community members from different sectors of the community to help brainstorm ways to battle the underage drinking problems in our community.

This month we are also on the last lesson for our All Stars Plus program at Alta Vista and PR Leyva in the Health classes. With the help of Mrs. Duarte and Mr. Pittman we have taught 12 lessons about setting goals, ideals, habits, clear communication, effective ways to say no, and how to be assertive over the past 4 months. We will be hosting a Hollywood All Stars Celebration in May to honor all the students for their hard work over the last few months. We will have snacks, drinks, some fun games and raffle drawings.

**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.

Scan for Resources

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# OSAH – OFFICE OF SCHOOL AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH

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**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**

This month youth leaders focused on Mental Health and Physical Health. CHS created a campaign wall highlighting fun healthy activities. Alta Vista and P.R. Leyva created a poster campaign. The programs at all campuses (both Middle Schools, the High School & Early College High School) held end of the year celebrations and reflected on their learning and accomplishments for this school year,







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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 our focus was on the New Mexico Community Survey and the Strategies for Success Survey. We have worked with businesses all over Carlsbad and Loving to distribute flyers and posters for the New Mexico Community Survey. The responses from the surveys help the Coalition and other community organizations to collect data that can be utilized for providing resources and programs for our community. This year, the Coalition's goal was 400 responses. We are currently at 205. If you are a Eddy County resident that is over 18 year of age, we encourage you to take the survey. The link to the NMCS is on our homepage. There are opportunities for the participants to be entered into weekly drawings to win anywhere between \$100-\$500.

This month all Carlsbad Schools students in grades 6th through 12th have taken the Strategies for Success (SFS) Survey. This survey asks students about alcohol and drug use, mental health and attitudes. The SFS data is used to identify current trends among our youth and help inform parents and schools; demonstrate the effectiveness of prevention work; provide data quickly enough so we can adapt or change strategies; and attract more resources to the school(s) and community by showing ability to collect and use data for planning and evaluation. All students who took the survey were entered into a drawing for Amazon gift cards. Thank you to Alta Vista, PR Leyva, Carlsbad High School and Carlsbad Early College High School for your help with the surveys this year.

**2024 NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY SURVEY**

# FOR A HEALTHY NEW MEXICO



**Take an anonymous survey  
and enter for chances to win  
\$100 or \$500**

**<http://tinyurl.com/NMCS2024>**

**Giving away \$100 to 3 people every week.  
Must be 18 or older and live in New Mexico.  
Ends April 28th**

**Sponsored by: Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation  
and the NM Office of Substance Abuse Prevention**



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# STOP - SOBER TRUTH ON PREVENTING UNDERAGE DRINKING

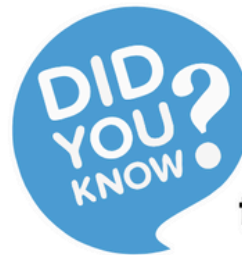
**\$48,509.00/yr**

**Joana Wells / Julie Fuentes / Hannah Ornelas**

This month 6th graders at Alta Vista and P.R. Leyva completed AllStars. An All Stars Celebration will be held in May for all participants.

We are currently in the process of planning an Underage Drinking Round Table to be held in May to discuss local concerns and brainstorm solutions to keep our teens safe.

**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.



**PROVIDING  
ALCOHOL  
to a MINOR  
(under 21) is a**

**4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE  
FELONY!**



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





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# TOP - TEEN OUTREACH PROGRAM

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**\$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 completed 4 lessons and 4 hours of CSL in iApril. They focused on creating a vision board, practicing interviewing, planning for thier future and learning how to manage stress. The youth participants completed Teacher Appreciation candy boxes and also held a Postitivity Sticker Campaign. The TOP youth took a field trip to Department of Health where they were given a tour of the facility and were able to ask questions. Thank you to Susan Molina who assisted with the visit.






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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're looking for Teen Attorney volunteers! Come learn how the criminal justice system works and be mentored by professionals in the field! If you know a teen [or are one] that may be interested, contact Esther or Hannah for more information!



### 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**

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**Hannah Ornelas**



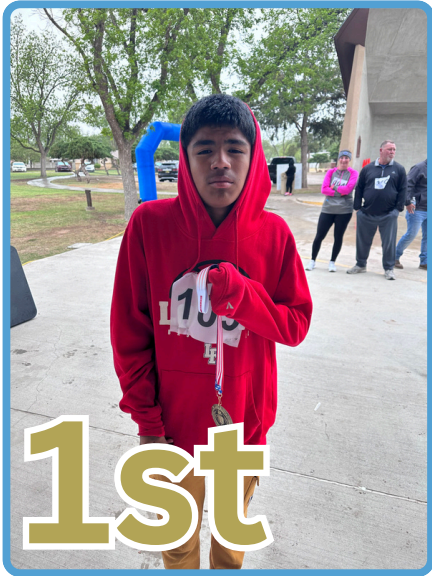
Our Teens in Action Youth Council put on a phenomenal community event on April 20th. It was our very first 5k Fun Run, held at the Carlsbad Beach Bandshell. For youth 17 and under, registration was free and for adults 18+, they paid a \$10 registration fee. All of the proceeds went back into the Teens in Action program to provide free youth events throughout the year for Eddy County, including activities, refreshments and giveaways at those events. We had 40-50 people participate in the race. Each participant at the end was given raffle tickets based on the number of stickers they collected along the route. The stickers were earned at activity stations hosted by several partner organizations. Thank you to Eddy County DWI, Boys & Girls Club, United Way, and Affirming Hearts for your participation. We held 10 drawings after the race concluded, including a \$50 and \$100 Visa gift-card and several prize baskets.

Thank you to "Curbside Cravings" and "So Good Snocones." for participating as food vendors and Southeast New Mexico College, Carlsbad Literacy Program and SIMCO for coming to be a part of our event.

This is an event we see happening again for years to come. Our goal is to provide a fun and safe event for the whole family and community to enjoy. We thank everyone who was involved and the youth who helped the day of the event. Be on the lookout for our next Teens in Action events for summer!

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Join  
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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