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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 PR Leyva and Alta Vista 8th graders completed All Star lessons 6-8. The students completed one of the ice breaker activities called "bucket filler" this month. This is a great start to spread positivity around the school and community by writing something nice on a bucket and giving it to someone. The students learned about their conscience and how it can help them with their decision making. Most of time your morals, values and even some promises will help your conscience tell you what might be the better option. This lesson carried on to logical and smart decisions and gave the students a few ways to help them make the better decision. All Stars will continue to use the SMART decision making for the rest of the program.

S -Stop and think

M- Make a list of alternatives

A- Ask your conscience

R-Review and research before you make a final decision

T-Try it out but change if you have made a mistake



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KNOW THE FACTS

DRIVING HIGH
IS ILLEGAL
& CONSIDERED A DUI

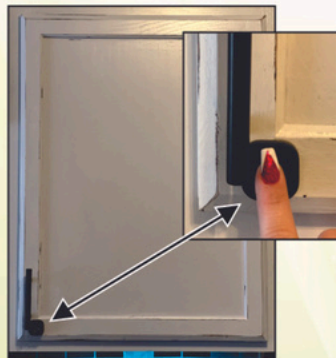


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HOW DO YOU DE-STRESS?

**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

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Tiffany Shirley / Hannah Ornelas

This month SOS focused on Positive Friends.

A.V. created PAW-sitive Friends campaign. They made posters with a PAW theme they named positive friends and listed how to be a positive friend.

P.R. Leyvas campaign gathered names of positive friends and did a shout out through announcements for a week.

CHS did a lunch campaign and handed out candy and asked students to do a shout-out to a friend for being positive. They also created seven Instagram posts highlighting Positive Friendships.



POSITIVE FRIENDS
WHAT CAN WE DO TO BE POSITIVE FRIENDS

BE A GOOD LISTENER:
ACTIVELY LISTEN TO WHAT YOUR FRIEND IS SAYING, ASK QUESTIONS, AND RESPOND IN A SUPPORTIVE WAY.

RESPECT BOUNDARIES:
BE MINDFUL OF ASKING TOO MUCH OF SOMEONE OR BEING OVERLY INVOLVED IN THEIR LIFE

BE TRUSTWORTHY:
BE SINCERE, HONEST, AND RELIABLE

CELEBRATE YOUR FRIENDS' ACHIEVEMENTS AND BE THERE FOR THEM WHEN THEY NEED YOU

SOURCES OF STRENGTH
Carlsbad High School



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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

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This month we focused on doing SYNAR in Eddy, Lea and Chavez county. This is the second year that the Coalition was invited to also cover Chavez County. SYNAR provides all tobacco merchants updated information of any new laws that have been changed as well as provides a new sign to remind others that tobacco is only able to be purchased by adults 21 years of age and older. This year we had 178 merchants to complete. This comes out to about a full week of traveling and delivering merchant packets.

Teen Court- This month we had a short month due to the extra holiday, but that didn't slow down Teen Court. We had 6 cases this month that were sentenced. We had 9 defendants complete our defensive driving class and 6 complete the drug prevention class.

**Parents —
who Host
Lose
the Most**

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

It's a 4th Degree Felony!

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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

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All Stars youth completed three lessons this month. Lessons focused on decision making skills.

Alta Vista and P.R. Leyva held the True Blue drawing and 6 youth received gift baskets. Gift baskets included Dominos pizza gift certificate and family game.





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TOP - TEEN OUTREACH PROGRAM

\$50,150.00/yr

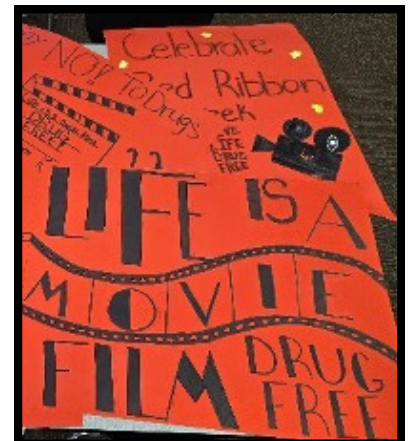
Julie Fuentes

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 completed four lessons this month. The lesson focused on peer pressure and decision making.

Youth had several opportunities for CSL this month. As a group they completed four hours of CSL. Youth worked on Red Ribbon Week this month. They read announcements, created posters, and set up a pledge table during lunch. Youth also hung banners on campus and distributed Red Ribbon week coloring pages, stickers, and bracelets to all three schools. Youth also created candy bags for Protective Services Foster Kids Trick-o-Treat event.





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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.

For the month of October, This month we had a short month due to the extra holiday, but that didn't slow down Teen Court. We had 6 cases this month that were sentenced. We had 9 defendants complete our defensive driving class and 6 complete the drug prevention class. If you know a teen who is in 6th-12th grade and interested in Law or wants to be more involved in the community, we will be holding a training soon for new youth attorneys! Our program provides wonderful opportunities for resumes, college applications, and we provide dinner for them every court night. Please reach out to Esther Hernandez for more information at coalition.hernandez@gmail.com or, call 575-256-0565 ext. 1

Teen Court
of Eddy County

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 our Youth Council met up to plan out the details for our November Food Drive, and December Christmas party. We discussed matters in our schools on students that may be dealing with mental or emotional health issues and how we can spread positivity to them. Our activity consisted of highlighting our areas of strength on the Sources of Strength wellness wheel. We were involved in our October events which were: Pies for Prevention Fundraiser at Main Street Farmer's Market, and the Community Impact CHS Tailgate party. Our Pies for Prevention Fundraiser raised \$4,489 from our community to go toward our Teens in Action free youth events. We want to say a big "Thank you," to all who contributed to our fundraiser!



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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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