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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

A lot of new media has been in the works during the month of June. Be on the lookout for media campaigns concerning marijuana potency and encouraging adults to lock up alcohol and other substances. Our new advertisement media will be shown at our local Allen Theater. Keep a look out when you drive by Kaleidoscoops, as our new billboard is up, promoting our summer campaign, "Safe. Sober. Fun."

This month, one of the SPF contractors received their certificate of completion for an Ethics Course, providing ethical standards within the grant and programs.





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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

Planning and preparing for Sources of Strength has been the focus this month. Our team has been brainstorming ideas for campaigns and proposals for programming schedules for the 2024-2025 school year..

We had to opportunity to offer gun locks to be given away to winners of the Southern Eddy County Youth Group Gun Raffle. Six fingerprint gun safe boxes were given away during the raffle. Thank You to Courtesy Pawn Shop for supporting the Coalition efforts and donating additional trigger and gun locks.

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 month's focus was to begin preparing All Stars Plus lesson materials and planning media campaigns for the upcoming Fall Semester. Our team has added new icebreakers and games to our existing programming and have working on proposed schedules for the new school year..

The summer check-in with the local dispensaries in town was completed on June 26 and we were able to distribute 10 cabinet locks. Check-ins are used to make sure that the "Lock it up" flyer is displayed, which encourages adults to be safe and lock up their substances. If you are interested in a cabinet lock, please contact the Coalition at 575-256-0565.

KNOW THE FACTS

DRIVING HIGH IS ILLEGAL & CONSIDERED A DUI

MARIJUANA IS ONLY LEGAL 21+ IF YOU'RE 21+ (OR HAVE A PRESCRIPTION)

MARIJUANA HINDERS BRAIN DEVELOPMENT IN ADOLESCENTS

LOCK-IT UP

FOR FREE CABINET LOCK INFO:
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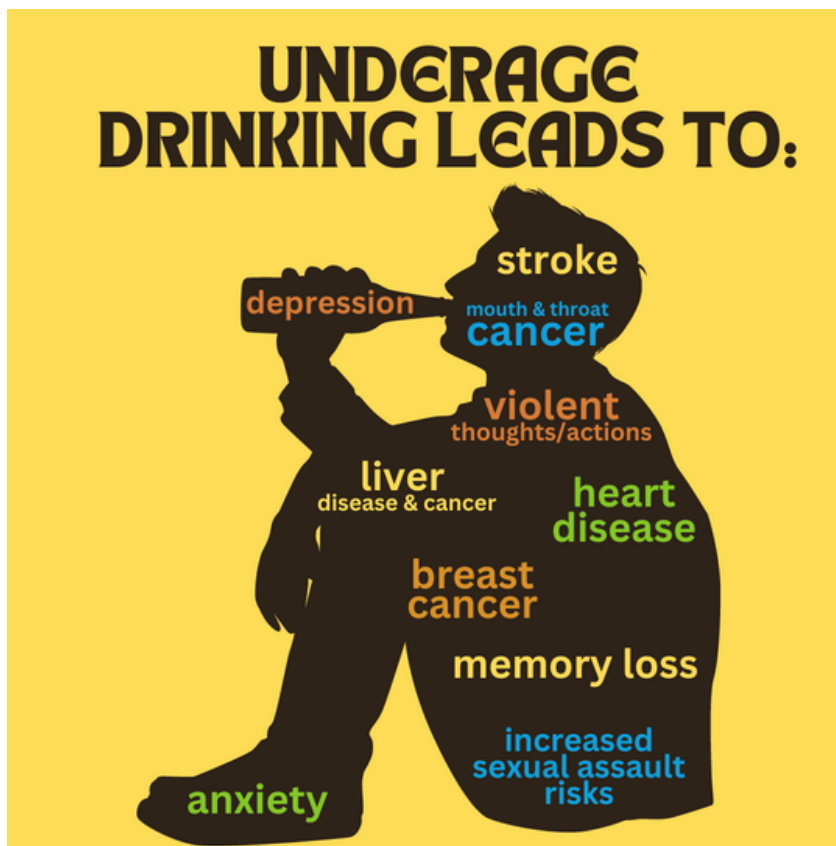
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STOP - SOBER TRUTH ON PREVENTING UNDERAGE DRINKING

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



This month's focus has been on our summer campaign: "Safe. Sober. Fun." for social media. A TikTok video was posted reminding graduates to make memories, not regrets. Planning and preparing for All Stars also began this month, which includes reviewing curriculum, researching icebreakers, and discussing program scheduling to prepare for the upcoming school 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.

The Teen Outreach Program is preparing for the Annual Contractor's Conference which will be held in Deming N.M. in July. Victoria Patton, Hannah Ornelas, and Julie Fuentes will be attending the conference. The conference will cover grant requirements and provided program updates. Victoria and Hannah are preparing to facilitate a lesson at the conference, which will complete the observation requirement for the upcoming grant year.



Helping Teens Thrive,
Not Just Survive



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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.

Teen Court hosted a Youth Attorney Training on June 18th, with 6 youth attorneys in attendance. Our training consisted of updating Youth Attorney materials and team bonding. Our Youth Attorneys also helped with some ideas for recruiting for the upcoming year. We have a goal to have 10 Youth Attorneys by the end of August. This month we held 2 court sessions with 9 cases scheduled. Teen Court received a total of 6 Teen Court referrals for the month of June.

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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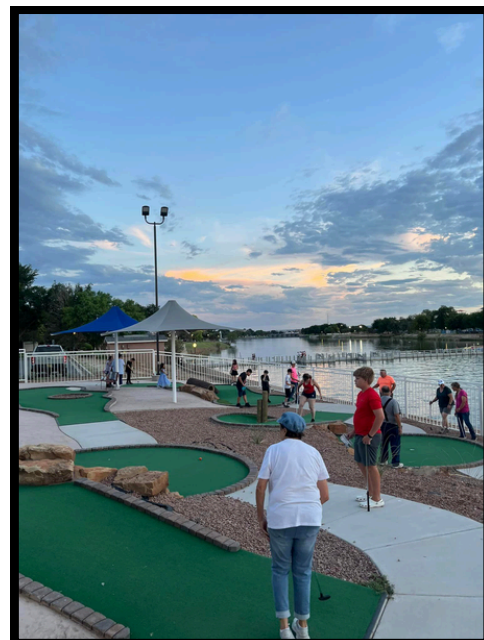
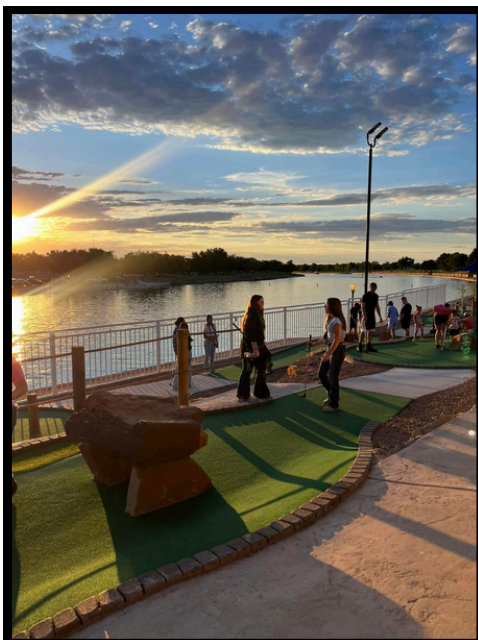
**TEENS IN
ACTION**



Hannah Ornelas

Teens in action began their Summer Challenge, which started on May 24th and ran until Friday, June 28th. The challenge encouraged all 6th-12th grade youth to participate in safe and fun summer activities. They had to post on social media with ‘#2024summerchallenge” and a picture of their activity to be entered into the drawing. This year’s prizes are \$50 and \$100 gift cards.

Teens in Action hosted a free Mini-Golf night for the youth on June 28th from 6:30-8:30 PM. All teens from 6th to 12th grade were offered pizza, drinks and an array of snacks and candy. We ended the event by giving the teens a final chance to enter the Summer Challenge and announced the 2 winners. The winners of the Summer Challenge were: Brentley & Ziegler. Thank you for all the participation this month in our events.





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