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INFORMATION AND UPDATES FOR THOSE SUPPORTING

A Drug Free Community Future

We would like to wish everyone,

GGAPP WELCOMES LEADERSHIP TEAM 2010

As a part of the Drug Free Communities funding agreement the GGAPP coalition is required to build sustainability for on-going efforts to reduce of drug and alcohol use in the community. Three community leaders have begun the process of defining and building the leadership team to undertake this effort.

- Troutdale Police Chief **Scott Anderson** whose career in Law Enforcement has taken him across the globe and around our region brings a wealth of knowledge about community based prevention and an unwavering dedication to youth.
- Pathfinders of Oregon Executive Director **Glenna Hayes** who has been engaged in empowering families and communities throughout her social services career shares a deep wisdom about the risks facing families and the effects of substance abuse on communities.
- Reynolds school district parent and business owner **Ted Voegelpohl** has been engaged in education through his role as a former Reynolds district board member and as a parent, keenly understands how education is crucial to supporting successful teens and for building a strong economy.

These leaders will be working in the upcoming year to recruit other community leaders to join their efforts, to review financial records and grant expenditures to ensure transparency, and to contact all our current committees and work teams to invite members to be a part of the team for more effective linkage to the GGAPP strategies:

Increased community livability through civic engagement and public safety efforts.

- Increasing **neighborhood leaders** to influence crime and drug demand reduction efforts through events and trainings.
- Providing information and education about substance abuse through **outreach publications** with local news providers.
- **Supporting business** through Drug Free Work Place, leadership training and business coalitions.
- Building sustainable services for **community policing** efforts in concert with cities and law enforcement agencies.
- **Increasing leadership** outreach to Spanish speaking families of the community by connecting to schools.

Supportive and positive community services for teens & families.

- Building community wide **out of school time programs** in every school partnering with PAL, SUN, 21st Century services.
- Executing the **Four Cities Peer Court** working with law Enforcement and Juvenile Services.
- Implementation of **Family Empowerment classes** in concert with high schools and services providers.
- Working toward more cohesive **policy alignment** in all districts for enhanced prevention planning and education.
- Developing a regional directory of **groups for parents and families of teens in recovery.**

The Greater Gresham Area Prevention Partnership's annual coalition awards luncheon was held on Wednesday **December 2, 2009** at the New Beginnings Conference Center in Gresham. Individuals across the community; parents, teens, business, social service agencies, law enforcement, faith leaders, government and schools are engaged in important drug and alcohol prevention efforts. The vitality and success of the coalition is due to the commitment and focus of all of these coalition members. In recognition of this effort the following individuals and organizations were recognized this year.

Troutdale Police Officer Ryan Rist, School Resource Officer at Reynolds High School, will be recognized for his work on the development and implementation of the Four Cities Peer Court, a youth diversion program operating under the direction of the Multnomah County Juvenile in partnership with the Fairview, Troutdale and Gresham Police Departments, local service providers and area youth. Officer Rist exemplifies the GGAPP commitment to reducing substance abuse among teens. Law Enforcement is one of our most crucial partners in implementing key strategies that change the broader scope of how the community views substance abuse. Ryan Rist is not only a terrific individual but a Law Enforcement Officer that works to get kids engaged, believes in the power of community and truly understands the key role Law Enforcement plays in our efforts. The success of the coalition is due to the commitment and focus of members like Ryan Rist of the Troutdale Police Department.

Gresham Barlow School District Assistant Superintendent Jim Schlacter was recognized for his continued dedication to students through implementing the best practices in prevention education in the district. Gresham Barlow, under Schlacter's leadership, is designing a comprehensive drug and alcohol prevention strategy for every grade level. Gresham and Barlow high schools have hosted parent nights, included GGAPP in out of school time planning and supported the Peer Court and Family Empowerment programs. By engaging staff throughout the district in coalition efforts, being open to new ideas and communicating directly with the coalition Jim Schlacter illustrates, through his work, how to not only implement comprehensive prevention education, but how to work in collaboration with the community to reduce substance abuse.

The Catholic Charities community services organization of El Programa Hispano was recognized for their unwavering commitment to reducing the risks for teens in the East Metro region. Through innovative programming El Programa Hispano has provided support for each and every child they serve. Through their efforts to engage parents and families and by working in collaboration with key partners throughout the community they embody the ideals of Drug Free Communities to include the entire community in prevention. They are helping youth to be strengthened and supported by their values of family; building the greatest protection we have against substance abuse. El Programa has been tireless in supporting youth through SUN programs, events at housing complexes and schools and working in collaboration with key partners throughout the community. They illustrate the ideals of a Drug Free Community to include everyone in substance abuse prevention through protection for all our children.

Special thanks to these individuals and all the community members who have supported GGAPP this past year. Your work, time and energy is valued and appreciated. The youth of our community will surely benefit from the drug free community future that you are building.

STOP ACT Grant Aw

A DRUG FREE FUTURE

Sober Truth On Preventing underage drinking act is a federal funds dispersed to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth. Created to strengthen collaboration and enhance cooperation on the issue of alcohol use among youth and to serve as a catalyst for increased citizen participation among all sectors of a community. Thanks to this grant, existing GGAPP programs focusing on reducing alcohol use among youth, such as the **Four Cities Peer Court** and the **Family Empowerment Program**, will be enhanced by one part-time position that will manage these programs as well as other proven initiatives for the next four years.



We welcome Kim Harvey-Trigoso MA, MSW, CADCI to the GGAPP coalition as the Program Specialist for the STOP Act grant. A talented professional with tremendous skills, Kim has worked with the Multnomah Co. Juvenile Justice, Change Point and De Paul Treatment Centers in youth services. Her work will include:

Family Empowerment classes begin in January at local schools. This ongoing one-time two-hour class is an intervention geared towards students facing school discipline issues. The class includes science-based information on brain development in teens, alcohol drug prevention information, and family skills training to help families keep teens in school, a key protective factor to reduce *drug and alcohol use*. Classes will be free and will provide families with resource information for accessing family counseling and parenting education, as well as addiction treatment, recovery information, and self-help groups (**Stand Up Parenting Program**, faith groups, teen recovery groups). This school retention focus will keep youth in school; reduce truancy and increase graduation, key protective factors to reduce *drug and alcohol use among teens*.

PEER COURT 2010



- Increase volunteer power – recruit more licensed Oregon attorneys to volunteer as judges for the court and new teen peer attorneys
- Offer trainings to new teen attorneys in February.
- Presentations to classrooms at Barlow, Reynolds, and Centennial High Schools will be given to recruit students to attend the trainings.
- Expand court services by adding a Gresham location. Fairview City Hall will continue to be utilized for court.
- Parents and teens who participate in Peer Court will also be a part of the Family Empowerment Program

Volunteer for The Four Cities Peer Court Seeking licensed Oregon attorneys to volunteer as judges and teens to serve as peer Attorneys. Please email kharvey-trigoso@portlandpolice.org

WORK DRUG FREE GRESHAM and the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce will host **An Employer's Guide to Beating Drug Tests [or not]** a lunch forum for business owners and employers on **Thursday February 25, 2010 from noon to 1:30 p.m.** at the 4th Street Restaurant at 77 NE 4th in Gresham – the \$15 fee includes lunch. Presentation provided by Peace Health Laboratories. *For additional info contact Mimi Bushman at (503)313-1733*

GGAPP FAITH TEAM

The September Faith Ministries Training provided by the RUSH Center, provided leaders with information on how to build church ministry teams. With the help of this a technical small but powerful groups learn the science of addiction and build the hope of recovery via faith and community. The RUSH Center will return to provide the more specific two day **TEAM Training in March of 2010**. We know that faith practices keep people living longer healthier lives. Prevention of substance abuse is strengthened through faith messages and exemplified through activities that support a substance free life! We know that recovery doesn't happen without faith; it is as simple and as profound as that. GGAPP will be working on a directory of faith based services for treatment and addiction as well as outreach for this training. This directory of services will be provided to parents in the Family Empowerment programs and available to the community - For more information please contact us!

YOUTH / SCHOOLS



GGAPP grant funding provided resources for training support to the new **Reconnecting Youth** program that is being implemented as part of the SUN school program implemented this Fall at Gresham High School. An intensive support program that provides youth with all the tools they need for high school success - a key protective factor in keeping youth substance free!

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR 2009 Special Thanks to the Soroptamists and the Boeing Employees who donated funds and supplies to the annual event. Nearly 500 back packs were packed by the Step to Success students at MT Hood in preparation for the September 3rd event held at the PAL Youth Center. Center for Family Success, PAL, Metropolitan Family Services and GGAPP provided the partnership effort to host the fair. Students from area schools were linked to the fair via SUN program coordinators.

PAL says '**PEACE OUT TO DRUGS**' as part of a learning initiative PAL kids developed a slogan, determined future plans and constructed a mobile mural that will be available to display in the community. PAL youth are prepared to talk about what they learned. Call Britt at the Youth Center 503- 256-3479 for a fun presentation and watch for the mural on display.

A phenomenal prescription drug turn-in event by **Gresham Police Department** in November netted over ninety pounds of prescription drugs. Safe disposal protects landfills, watersheds AND our teens! GGAPP funds supported outreach to the event. Kudos to the City of Gresham and Mt Hood Medical Center pharmacy for a terrific event with **Special Thanks to every school district** for excellent outreach to parents and families!

GGAPP OUTREACH

Campaign 2009-2010 Reminder – We will again be looking at a community campaign for 2010. If you are interested in working with a team of youth to design a slogan and a key message – please contact us! It would make a terrific service learning or senior project

GGAPP WEBSITE at www.ggapp.org – Check out the changes to the GGAPP web site and take a survey! Saving trees and linking our community to resources is a key function of the website. Updates, new information and partner links are all a pieces of what we put on the site. Your input, suggestions and submissions are welcome. Just contact us!