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INFORMATION AND UPDATES FOR THOSE SUPPORTING

A Drug Free Community Future

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KEEPING GGAPP GOING & GROWING

The GGAPP Drug Free Communities funding is from federal grant money. **Uncle Sam wants to make sure that we are using taxpayer money wisely** and that our community is really benefiting from the previous three years of coalition efforts. In an effort to build sustainability and continue the work in the community there will be some key changes to GGAPP in the coming year, a few of the highlights:

- 1) All committees and work teams must have community members as chairs or leaders. The coalition project manager is required to have a volunteer willing to undertake this small but important job on each team.
- 2) The coalition must have a volunteer / team review financial records and grant expenditures to ensure transparency; funds are spent wisely, equitably and for stated purposes.
- 3) Evaluation and tracking of co-occurring efforts; prevention in the community happens in schools, in Police Departments and in social services agencies. How the GGAPP program is utilized and leveraged around the community must be monitored and reported on.

Some of these efforts are underway or have been developing over the previous year and some have not begun. If you are interested in a role or a volunteer task with GGAPP teams be sure to let us know!

East County Parents Team Task Force

Ad hoc team of community services providers and school counselors began meeting in January 2009 to solve a key problem for students and families;

Issue is: There are not currently adequate interventions for families who have teens in trouble (truancy, drug and alcohol issues, suspensions), that compliment or support school disciplinary actions. Families and kids are cycling through and there is not significant change. The group agreed that all program efforts are to have a **school retention focus:** keep youth in school, reduce truancy and increase graduation. These are key protective factors to reduce *drug and alcohol use among teens*.

Family Empowerment classes would be based upon a referral from a principal or counselor and would be designed to assist families in identifying resources and ways to support teens in school. The two hour program would be open for use by all high schools. This will ensure enough families attend for the best use of resources.

Phase I: Youth in trouble/ parent / family is referred to program as part of process for returning to school. Community counselor/service providers have agreed to assist with the delivery of these programs. Classes would rotate school locations and days to provide parents with options.

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Phase II: Parent Self –Help. [The Stand Up Parenting](#) and other community program options are held weekly in east county locations. Self-perpetuating, led by parents, multi-lingual and entirely optional. These low cost efforts provide support, behavior change and the tools that families need to support youth.

[FAITH TEAM](#)

The GGAPP Faith Team is doing the preliminary work to host a training for faith leaders on the science of addiction and the hope of recovery working in partnership with the RUSH Center on the last Friday (all day) and Saturday (morning) in September. Beginning with a key note inspirational speaker at 8:00 a.m. – the training will follow and go through the afternoon. A Saturday wrap up networking session and final presentation would be from 9:00 a.m. to noon at a local Gresham church facility.

We can only strengthen the public health movement of prevention in our communities with faith practices. We know that faith practices keep people living longer healthier lives. Prevention of substance abuse can begin in church, can be strengthened through faith messages and exemplified through activities at church that support a substance free life! The science of addiction has come a long way. But we know that recovery doesn't happen without faith; it is as simple and as profound as that.



We need people to Pre- Register by contacting the offices of the Police Activities League / GGAPP at 503-823-0250 and leave their name, address and phone. Deadline #1 is JULY 10TH 2009 at 5:00 p.m. This will give us an idea of who is interested and allow us to schedule the event with sufficient numbers. Those who call will be mailed or Faxed a registration form with further details and information by August 1, 2009 in time to meet Deadline # 2 on AUGUST 28th at 5:00 p.m. the cost for the training is \$75.00 (includes breakfasts / lunch) for one, or \$100 for two or more persons

YOUTH / SCHOOLS



The GGAPP program provided support to the very successful **Every Fifteen Minutes** program held at the Gresham, Barlow and Centennial schools this spring. Reaching high school seniors in time for graduation the program provides a profound look at what happens when teens drink and drive. The role play, music and readings are a dramatic opportunity to help teens stop and think before they drink and party during senior graduation celebrations.

Senior Projects: Special thanks to the twelve seniors from Barlow and Gresham High Schools who worked with GGAPP this past year to complete their senior projects. Several students provided key support to the Peer Court program as attorneys, jurors, bailiffs and clerks. A T-Shirt design got rave reviews; a parent brochure and a youth presentation are a few of the projects undertaken to assist GGAPP efforts and as part of completing graduation requirements. A WIN – WIN!

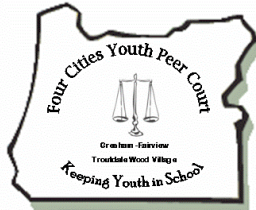
Special thanks to Centennial Harold Oliver Intermediate, Reynolds Middle, HB Lee and all of Gresham Barlow's **Sixth Grade** classes for completing the four core measure **surveys** as part of the GGAPP evaluation process. Preliminary results are GREAT – it looks like our students are making great choices and understand that substance abuse is not for them!

OVER & ABOVE Hispanic and community youth are invited to explore the boundaries through MURAL ART – Do something for your community – GRAFITTI WIPE OUT – Learn what high risk behaviors jeopardize your future SAFE STARS. Monday's & Fridays June 29th to August 14 (No class July 3) 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., PAL Youth Center 424 NE 172nd in Gresham 97030 right off MAX Cost is \$5.00 and requires membership to PAL. LATINA DANCING June

22, to August 14th – 19100 E Burnside St, Gresham OR 97233 \$5.00 for registration \$5.00 fee per Student/week.

WORK DRUG FREE GRESHAM

The Gresham Chamber of Commerce agreed to have a Drug Free Workplace Committee! The group is meeting regularly to strategize on how to encourage local business to develop Drug Free Work Place Policies. Recent surveys of local business found that local addiction resources and information on Medical Marijuana were key needs for local companies. For additional info contact Mimi Bushman at (503)313-1733



PEER COURT 2009

The Peer Court provided a short presentation to the Multnomah County Commission on **June 11** at the commission meeting. Special thanks to all who could attend and to Commissioner Diane Mc Keel for her support of the court project. On **June 12** the program received a Community Partnership award from Portland State University's Hatfield School of Government for providing internship opportunities for the undergraduates of the school's Criminal Justice program. The court has been provided over twenty interns and in excess of **8000 hours of service** from the partnership. Thank you to all the great interns that have served the court! This year the court has heard over fifty cases and provided the community with 100 hours of services through accountability. Our new manual is complete in time for the appreciation picnic lunch event for Volunteers of the Court Tuesday June 30, 2009. In hiatus for the summer court hearings are set to resume in late August in time for school to begin!

GGAPP OUTREACH

April 1, 2009 Teens live and work Drug Free newspaper insert was included in over 50,000 editions of the Outlook Community newspaper. Special thanks to Anne Endicott and Cheryl Swart for their hard work and for allowing GGAPP to provide content and information on how the community can fight substance abuse among teens. Note that on the front cover; Troutdale Chief Scott Johnson, Gresham Chief Craig Junginger and Clackamas County Sheriff Craig Roberts were featured but not named while PAL youth leadership team members. PAL Team members were listed and everyone looked great!

Campaign 2009-2010 – We will again be looking at a community campaign for the coming year. We undertook the Four Dialogs to culminate with the Community of Choice Video. 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

UPCOMING MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR GGAPP

Date	Time	Location	Purpose
July 13, 2009	noon	Rockwood Offices	E. County Family Task
August 4, 2009	7 pm	TBA	National Night Out
August 18 th , 2009	10:30 am	Rockwood Offices	Faith Team
September 3, 2009	3-7 pm	PAL Youth Center	Back to School Fair
September 4, 2009	7 am	Gresham Ford	Chamber am- WDF

September 15 th	10:30 am	Rockwood Offices	Faith Team
September 16th	11:30 am	TBA	Leadership
September 22, 2009	11:30 am	Rockwood Offices	Peer Court Steering