



# GGAPP- GAB

## INFORMATION AND UPDATES FOR THOSE SUPPORTING

*A Drug Free Community Future*

*September 4, 2007*

### Meetings

Friday September 7, 2007 9 a.m. Lights on Activities / Youth Team

Bipartisan Café – 79<sup>th</sup> & Stark

Thursday September 13, 2007 4-5 p.m. – Peer Court / Lead team

Rockwood Community Office 18709 SE Stark 4-5 pm

Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 11:30 a.m. – Presentations / Faith Team

### OUTREACH - MISSION INCLUDE ALL

Marketing and advertising are key components for every community effort. The GGAPP logos are done and the website is up. Local articles have appeared in the Outlook and Oregonian. It's time to grow our efforts and expand our voice! New materials need to be designed about GGAPP; we need billboards and community television spots.

### YOU CAN HELP:

1. Creative, computer savvy and ready to take on a fun project? We need a campaign slogan and billboard for 08.
2. Can you sing? Do you write, act or paint? GGAPP needs creativity and energy for a short video production working with youth.
3. We have a presentation – do you have a group that needs a speaker? Call us and we'll come and talk to you! Book clubs, Mom's clubs, and Dad's clubs – we are ready to grow!!

### YOUTH / SCHOOLS

GGAPP to support Lights on After School, held October 18<sup>th</sup>, the events are part of the national effort to show youth and parents the value of supervised and supported 'out of school' time.

At PAL Youth Center we would like to show support for kids and families with a Family Photo - *together a family can weather hardship and hold strong against substance abuse*. Information booths, give-away items and drug prevention messages will be a part of local efforts.

SUN Schools and GGAPP will partner in the coming months to provide FREE skill development, parenting /leadership workshops. Open to parents who want to be leaders at home and in their community. Guiding Good Choices and/or Make Parenting a Pleasure slated for Alder, Davis, Dexter, Clear Creek, Lynch View and Harold Oliver Intermediate.

### YOU CAN HELP:

1. Parents take the trainings; assist with local Positive Parent Teams for GGAPP linking to local schools and community agencies.
2. Photographer is needed to share talents to provide families with family photos. Some funding available to cover costs.
3. Parents needed to manage information booths at Back to School and Lights Out events.

### FAITH TEAM

This dynamic non-denominational faith based group is sharing their values not religion. They are planning a presentation for local faith communities and groups. The ten minute presentation will outline how faith communities can be a pro-active part of the larger GGAPP coalition; promote healthy family activities, provide resources and link to community efforts. This team is spreading their message – FAITH is a key prevention strategy!!

### **YOU CAN HELP**

1. Contact the team to have a presentation at your Bible study, men's group or alter guild.
2. Join the team to assist with presentations; pass out information, manage sign-ups and other tasks.
3. Come to the faith team meeting and be a part of planning the presentations and next efforts.

### **DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

WorkDrugFreeOregon is the Oregon state-wide business plan initiative that is a program of the Oregon Nurses foundation, designed to implement Drug Free Workforce policies in partnership with local business. Their efforts link to GGAPP via the initiative's fourth goal to *Elevate Importance of Student Job Readiness*. GGAPP will be working to provide education programs from employers in the local schools about drug free work place issues because;

1. 80% of binge and heavy alcohol users are employed.
2. 60% of Oregon employers identify substance abuse as a concern
3. One in 20 job applicants fail a drug screen.
4. Student use remains high but few schools address impact of drugs on jobs/careers

### **YOU CAN HELP**

1. If you know a small or even large business owner who would like to be a part of this new team let us know.
2. If you would like to have a presentation at your local school contact GGAPP.
3. Join the team to assist with presentations; pass out information, manage sign-ups and other tasks.

### **COMMUNITY PEER COURT**

A very small team has formed to work with local law enforcement and district attorney's office to develop a peer court program for East Multnomah County. Peer courts provide adjudication to non-violent local crime issues such as graffiti, vandalism, and alcohol and marijuana possession. Statistics show that youth who participate in a peer court are less likely to re-offend. The team plans visits to a regional peer court to observe the process. Federal funding is available to local municipalities; schools and social services need to be involved. It is anticipated that this team will work 2-3 months on project design, planning, local presentations and then begin to seek funding early in 2008.

### **YOU CAN HELP**

1. If you know an attorney who would like to assist with the court's design and implementation.
2. Gather information for a data base on agencies that would be willing to supervise youth as they complete their community services such as lawn maintenance, painting and other activities.
3. Assist in gathering technical information with the team; local youth crime data, information on regional peer courts for presentations, youth programs that could link to and support a peer court system.

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