

HC DrugFree

Empowering the Community

Annual Review 2014 – 2015

HC DrugFree Presented 21 Educational Programs in Fiscal Year 2014 -2015

More than 3,400 people attended HC DrugFree's programs in 2014-2015. During the October program at Howard High School, students and staff learned about opiate abuse and the dangers of these drugs. At the November **Parent2Parent** program at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, parents shared their stories of family members' struggles with addiction. HC DrugFree partnered with Centennial High School's PTSA in January to present **Who are Molly and Her Friends?**, a program for parents to learn about current drugs available in Howard County, including concert drugs such as Molly. At a **Teen2Teen** program at Atholton High School, teens and parents heard young people tell their stories of addiction and recovery.



More than 350 parents and teens attended the two annual **Senior Week: Staying Safe in Ocean City** programs in the spring at River Hill and Mt. Hebron High Schools in partnership with their PTSAs. Pictured are Ocean City Police Department Cpl. Howard Caplan, HC DrugFree's Joan Webb Scornaienchi, and Ocean City Beach Patrol Sgt. James McVey.

In the April **Pre-Prom Assembly**, juniors and seniors at River Hill learned about the dangers of drinking and driving, and in May, Atholton's Pre-Prom Assembly featured a parent who lost her son to a drunk driver.

HC DrugFree supported all 12 Howard County Public School PTSA-sponsored **After Proms** by donating \$25 gift cards to each. 104 parents entered HC DrugFree's annual drawing to win a \$100 gift card to support parents who chose to send their child to After Prom instead of private parties where alcohol and other drugs may have been present. The 2015 winner was Amy Schroeder whose son attended the Howard High School After Prom.

Advocated for Our Youth



The County Executive and the Howard County Council jointly declared March as **HC DrugFree's Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Awareness Month** in Howard County. Pictured left is Joan receiving the Proclamation from the County Council.

Joan attended the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Forum again this year where she heard the former **US Drug Czars** come together for a panel discussion on drug use in the United States.



Teen Advisory Council

40 teens from across the County participated in HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council during the 2014-2015 school year. The youth participated in the fall and spring Drug Take Back Day events, the Adopt-A-Road summer cleanup, created a Public Service Announcement entitled *Homecoming Doesn't Mean Coming Home Intoxicated*, and provided valuable input on HC DrugFree's *Be a Parent, Not a Friend* media campaign.

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Homecoming Doesn't Mean Coming Home Intoxicated!

Don't suffer these consequences!

Arriving at Homecoming intoxicated: The embarrassment of being sent home, missing memorable moments, getting kicked off the team, and school suspension



Driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs *ta/rom* Homecoming: up to 1 year in jail and/or \$1,000 fine with court costs of \$57.50



Possessing alcohol: \$500 fine with court costs of \$57.50
Possessing drugs: up to \$1,000 fine with court costs of \$57.50



Having fun with friends at Homecoming without alcohol or other drugs: *Priceless!*

HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council (TAC) reminds all teens not to drain their college funds by \$10,000 in fines, court costs and legal fees! TAC is open to all Howard County high school students. For more information and an application, please visit www.hcdrugfree.org. Stay safe and enjoy Homecoming!



HC DrugFree Category of HoCo FilmFest



For the fourth consecutive year, HC DrugFree partnered with the HoCo FilmFest and sponsored its own category. Students were invited to create a Public Service Announcement about "Keeping Youth Safe at Concerts". The 2015 1st place film was "The Kids Aren't Alright" by Rachel Lin of Howard High School. Her video can be seen by visiting our website, www.hcdrugfree.org/hoco-filmfest/.

HC DrugFree's New Initiative



On behalf of the Howard County Alcohol Coalition, HC DrugFree launched a new initiative - *Be a Parent, Not a Friend...Don't make alcohol available to teens* - in an effort to educate parents and other adults about the risks and consequences of providing alcohol to underage youth, as well as the hazards of underage drinking. Pictured at the left are: Medical Director, Howard County Fire & Rescue Services - Dr. Kevin Seaman; Director of the Bureau of Behavioral Health, Howard County Health Department - Roe Rogers-Bonaccorsy; Executive Director, HC DrugFree - Joan Webb Scornaienchi; Howard County Health Officer, Howard County Health Department - Dr. Maura Rossman; Chair, Howard County Board of Education - Ellen Flynn Giles; Howard County Circuit Court Judge William V. Tucker; Howard County Police Chief Gary Gardner.

As part of this initiative, HC DrugFree released 6 videos and associated talking points for parents to use as discussion starters with their teens and other parents.

Drug Take Back Day

The Howard County Police and HC DrugFree partnered to promote Drug Take Back Days during which a total of 1,659 pounds of medications were collected in the Fall of 2014 and the Spring of 2015 for proper disposal. Prescription drugs are now the number one drug abused by 12 to 13 year olds. The number of teens reporting to have misused or abused a prescription drug at least one has risen by 33% in a five year period and now represents twice the population of Chicago. Safely storing or properly removing medications from homes is a simple but important step in ending prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse by youth.



Prescription and over-the-counter meds collected in Howard County:
September, 2014..... **821 pounds**
April, 2015.....**838 pounds**

Needles/Syringes/EpiPens Collected for Disposal



Thanks to the partnership with the Howard County General Hospital and the support of Masoomah Khamesian, HCGC's Director of Pharmacy, HC DrugFree's office served as a drop-off site for the collection of needles, syringes and EpiPens. Pictured is Masoomah Khamesian and Joan in the HCGH Pharmacy sorting the collected items.

Permanent Medication Disposal Boxes



HC DrugFree partnered with the Howard County Police Department to promote permanent medication disposal boxes around the County. Howard County residents can drop off unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications at these convenient locations where permanent disposal boxes have been installed:

Howard County Police Northern District Station, 3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City

Howard County Police Southern District Station, 11226 Scaggsville Road, Laurel

Gary Arthur Community Center, 2400 Route 97, Cooksville

HC DrugFree Executive Director Receives MLK Award



Joan received the 2015 *Living the Dream Award* at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission for her many personal and professional contributions to the community. Pictured are Judge William V. Tucker, Joan, and County Executive Allan Kittleman.

NIDA Drug Facts Chat Day

HC DrugFree partnered with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) for the annual Drug Facts Chat Day, where NIDA provided an online access code for Howard County teens to communicate with NIDA experts about drugs and drug abuse, how to help friends or family who are abusing drugs, and what causes addiction, and NIDA experts gave them the facts. More than 8,000 questions were submitted to NIDA, 869 of which were from Howard County teens.

Problem Gambling Prevention and Intervention Training



Joan Webb Scornaienchi attended Howard County Health Department's free Problem Gambling Prevention and Intervention Training. Pictured are Carl Robertson, gambling training presenter from the Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling, Mary Ann Warnke, Clinical Director of the Howard County Health Department, and Joan Webb Scornaienchi.

Overdose Response Training



HC DrugFree Outreach Assistant Lindsey Mazer and Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi joined Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Director of the Bureau of Behavioral Health at the Howard County Health Department, and Bethany DiPaula of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy for the Howard County Health Department's inaugural overdose response training course. Participants practiced rescue breathing with Rescue Randy, pictured to the left in his "My Mother and I Are Tobacco-Free" t-shirt, and learned how to administer naloxone, a prescription nasal spray that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose by restoring breathing capabilities.

HC DrugFree Executive Director

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HC DrugFree Partners

Howard County Health Department, Howard County Police Department, Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, Howard County Public School System, PTA Council of Howard County, and Howard County Library System

FY2014-15 Financial information

For the year ending June 30, 2015:

Total income: \$331,114

Functional Expenses

Program Services: \$319,942

Management and General: \$38,953

Development: \$14,778

Total: \$373,673

Net Asset: \$162,459