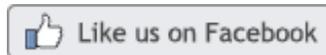


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## HC DrugFree is keeping Howard County *In the KNOW!!!*

### Is Drug Testing Impacting Careers and the Economy?

As HC DrugFree traveled across Maryland in recent years, we heard firsthand how employers were challenged to find workers. This was not because of lack of skills, but because qualified applicants were not able to pass drug screenings.

"It's not just a matter of labor participation; there is also a lot of collateral economic damage," said Alan B. Krueger, a Princeton economist who served as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Barack Obama. If not for the drug issue, workers trapped in low-wage jobs might be able to secure better-paying, skilled blue-collar positions and a toehold in the middle class.

"This hasn't gotten as much attention as the participation issue, but we could potentially match perhaps 10 percent of the population in better jobs," Krueger said. "That could have a positive, cascading effect on wages."

HC DrugFree reminds you: Talk with the youth (and adults) in your life about drug testing when you are discussing personal dreams and career goals.

[Click here](#) to read more of this New York Times, July 24, 2017 article.

### Teen Shares about Safe Storage and Proper Disposal of Medications

HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council (TAC) member, Ethan Simon from Glenelg High School, spoke with Howard County teens participating in Leadership U.

The annual event was held at the Florence Bain Senior Center in Columbia on July 27.

HC DrugFree thanks Ethan for generously giving up another summer day to represent TAC. Ethan has assisted in educating many Howard County teens and adults on the importance of safe storage and proper disposal of medications.



Pictured: Ethan Simon is holding one of the personal medication storage boxes being

distributed to the Howard County community by HC DrugFree.

TAC is open to all Howard County high school students and the 2017-18 registration forms are available at <http://www.hcdrugfree.org/teen-advisory-council-1/>.

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## **Will Howard County Residents be Treated Like Tiger Woods?**

Answer provided by Ross Albers, Esq., Law Office of Ross Albers

Tiger Woods has agreed to enter the first-time driving under the influence (DUI) offender diversion program in a plea deal. Woods's presence was not required in court. The program requires offenders to plead guilty to reckless driving, be placed on 12 months probation, complete DUI education classes, and abstain from alcohol and drugs.

Pretty sweet deal for Woods who was arrested on May 29 in Jupiter, Florida after police found him asleep behind the wheel of his car, which was pulled to the side of the road and had two flat tires and body damage. His speech was slurred and he showed no awareness of where he was.

So, if you're arrested in Maryland for DUI, can you avoid a drunk driving conviction, not appear in court, and enter a diversion program like Tiger Woods? The answer is: No.

Maryland does not offer a diversion program for first-time DUI offenders. In fact, if you enter into a guilty plea it will include a drunk driving offense. Like Florida, there will be a probation, education classes and abstinence from substances. But, the biggest difference is that your plea will most likely involve a conviction or probation before judgement (PBJ) to a DUI charge.

So, while some may think Tiger Woods' deal is because of his celebrity, it's actually a product of Florida and how the state handles DUI cases. Had this happened in Maryland, Woods likely would not be offered a similar deal because a diversion program does not exist. He'd also have to appear in court.

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## **Alcohol Myth #2: Drinking Isn't All That Dangerous**

Fact: Among college students, alcohol contributes to deaths from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, as well as assaults, sexual assaults or date rapes, and poor academic performance.

Alcohol myths are provided by of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Keep talking to the young people in your life. To read more, [click here](#).

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### **Next Week: National Conference Coming to Baltimore**



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HC DrugFree encourages you to connect and engage with national experts and resources at the *2017 National Conference on Addiction Disorders*.

[Click here](#) to access conference information and register.

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### **Medication Disposal and Safe Storage**

Contact HC DrugFree at [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) or 443-325-0040 if you have questions about safely storing or properly disposing of medications.

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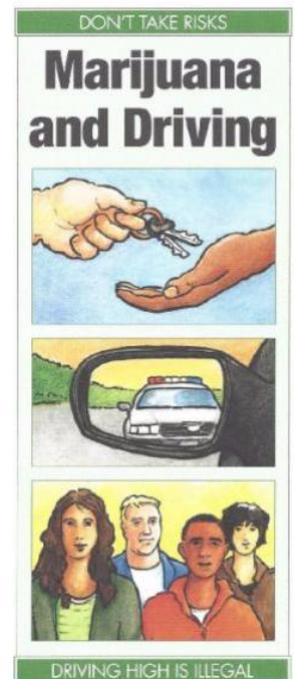
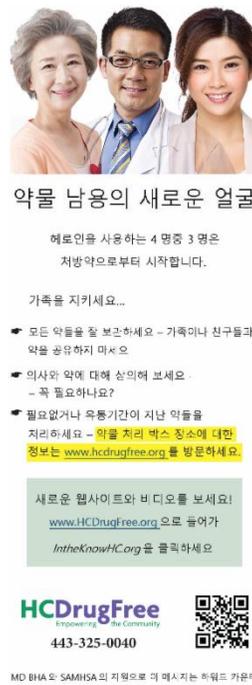
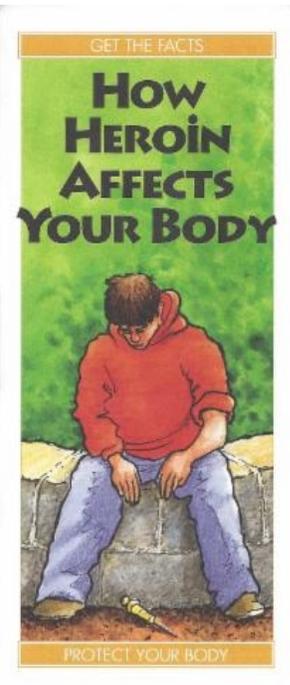
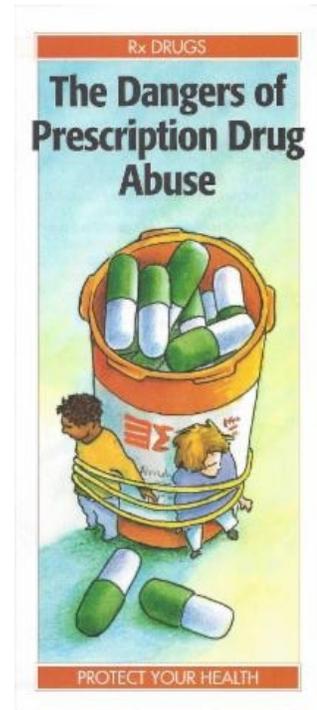
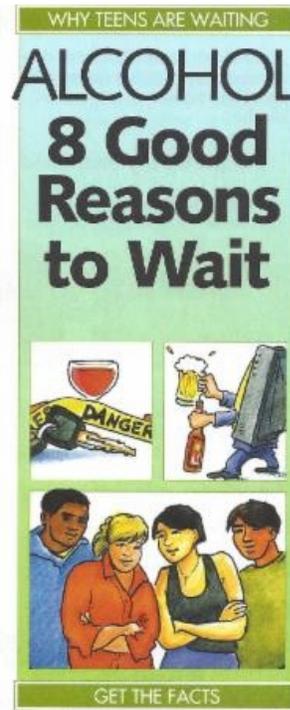
### **Opioid Overdose? *KNOW* How to Save a Life**

To watch a video to learn how to administer Naloxone, [click here](#).

If you are interested in attending free Naloxone training in Howard County and receive free Naloxone at the end of the training, please contact HC DrugFree for more

### Free Resources

To receive a copy of these brochures, send your request along with your name and mailing address to Admin@hcdrugfree.org.



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