

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

Do You KNOW Drug Slang Words?

[Click here](#) to take a quiz about drug slang words, which some people use to hide their drug use.

Summer Life Skills Classes: Registration Now Open!

In July and August, HC DrugFree will be providing our next series of online Life Skills classes for youth in grades 6-8. Students will be taught and mentored by our team of high school and college students as well as adults.

While having fun in a safe environment, this highly interactive and skills-based program is designed to promote positive health and personal development. The integrated approach helps to develop personal, interpersonal, and drug resistance skills.

This middle school program uses developmentally appropriate, collaborative learning strategies to help students achieve competency in the skills that have been shown to help students resist substance use (tobacco, alcohol and other drugs), violence, and other high-risk behaviors.

This **FREE** training will be conducted online and held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from July 7 to August 6.

Space is limited. [Click here](#) for more information on class dates, times, and to register or click the purple box below.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Completed: Life Skills for Bonnie Branch Middle School Students

On June 16, HC DrugFree's team completed all 15 Life Skills Classes for Bonnie Branch Middle School students in an online format.

Again, HC DrugFree thanks the Bonnie Branch Middle School staff and PTA and the Howard County Health Department and others for funding this project. We thank the parents who registered their children and the students who attended these classes online. We greatly enjoyed interacting with the BBMS students!

A special thank you to HC DrugFree's spring 2020 team (pictured below) for

generously giving your time, wisdom and support to the middle school students. As one middle school student said, "You give good advice."



Pictured above left to right, top row: Teen Advisory Council member Craig Johnson, college student/staff Ashley Rothermel, and Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi

Left to right, bottom row: Teen Advisory Council member Julia Mamo, recent college graduate and HC DrugFree's newest board member Harsh Patel, and adult volunteer Cindy Coburn.

NEW! TAC Registration Form

Click [here](#) to complete the NEW 2020-21 school year Teen Advisory Council (TAC) registration form. TAC is open to all Howard County high school students, and signed registration forms are due each year.

Email a signed PDF (no photos of signed forms) to admin@hcdrugfree.org or mail a hard copy to HC DrugFree, 5305 Village Center Drive, Suite 206, Wilde Lake Village Center, Columbia, MD 21044. Be sure to include a school photo or selfie to help our team learn names.

Completed Parenting Classes

HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office partnered to complete another series of parenting classes open to parents of 9-14 year olds.

The first class was held in person at Oakland Mills Middle School and the final three classes were held online. Parents were provided with the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs or engage in risky behaviors. Funding provided by the Howard County Health Department.



Pictured above left to right, top row: HC DrugFree Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi, college student/staff Ashley Rothermel, and adult volunteer Cindy Coburn

Left to right, bottom row: State Attorney's Office staff Cindy Johnson and Meghan Skaggs

8 Summer Activities to Keep Kids Busy

Summer vacation often leads to boredom, which can cause kids to try drugs for the first time. [Click here](#) for 8 activities to keep your kids occupied during summer vacation.

Help HC DrugFree Continue Teaching Youth and Sharing Our Message

Donate to HC DrugFree today, so we can continue to educate youth and adults and serve our community. [Click here](#) to make your donation.



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