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DIRECTORS CORNER

Hello Safe Communities members and friends,

I hope everyone has been enjoying these long, hot, wonderful summer days. If you have children, I hope you are able to spend some time off with them. Summer is my most favorite time, mainly because the only child we have left at home is a Labrador, Duke, who is very insistent that he be taken for frequent long runs in the great outdoors. Summer runs are much more preferable to the ones when the snow is flying as far as I am concerned.



Last month I talked about submitting a grant application to the Department of Education for a planning grant designed to help strengthen the work already underway between our local school districts and "the community." That application was submitted, and we are waiting to hear whether our community will be selected for funding. We should know sometime in September.

The grant helps plan to complete our work in the southern Farmington neighborhoods and move out onto Crouch Mesa, working hand in glove with Bluffview, McCormick, and Esperanza elementary schools, as well as Mesa View Middle School. My many thanks go out to Superintendent Janel Ryan, Assistant Superintendent, Robert Emerson, Student Assistance Coordinator, Rebecca Jasper and all their staff for helping write the grant. We will be planning for a new community and family resource center, complete some Bridges out of Poverty projects, make early childhood development activities more accessible to the neighborhoods, create a network of afterschool programming sites, address the truancy and dropout issue, create a community mentoring network, for all the age groups, including those in the "high risk" category, and work on improving our community's access to meaningful data designed to track the health of our community over time. Please go to our web site at www.sjsoci.org for more information concerning our community improvement plans and to see the maps of our current service neighborhoods.

As a part of the preparation of this grant application, we completed an analysis of the information we have been tracking to see how effective our efforts in the south Farmington neighborhoods were. The results were very impressive, and I wanted to share them briefly with you. The entire analysis has been posted on our web site. I want to thank the City of Farmington Information Technology Director, Rich Friedman, and many folks at the San Juan County Sheriff's Office for helping me compile the data.

We used 2005 as a baseline, and tracked 5 major categories of crimes through 2009. The results showed that Violent Crimes are down 31.8%; Juvenile Offenses are down 54.2%;

Property Crimes were lowered by 18.1%; Drug Crimes were smashed by 64.6% and Alcohol Crimes were down 31.6%. Overall, a decrease in the reported crimes were down 30.8% over the past 5 years. These are incredible statistics in light of the fact that the south Farmington neighborhoods have held a very steady population over that period of time.

I will be presenting much more on this analysis at our quarterly membership meeting on Thursday, July 8th, at 9am at the Downtown Centre, 100 W. Broadway, 2nd Floor training room, but I believe the results show a direct correlation between focused resource allocation and actual crimes committed in a neighborhood. My hat is off to the Sycamore Park Community Center which is the crown jewel at the heart of our efforts, and all the folks who have had a part in bringing programming into a very resource-poor collection of neighborhoods. I also want to tout all the hard work by the Farmington Community Policing division, our multi-jurisdictional gang unit, the FBI, and our Region II Narcotics unit for all their focused efforts which contributed greatly to the reduction in crime in this part of town.

I think this fairly well sums up what we have been doing, but if you have questions or comments about anything, please call our office at 505-599-1492 or by sending an email to info@sjsci.org. I am hoping everyone can attend our next Quarterly Membership meeting on Thursday, July 8th at our offices in the Downtown Center. Please have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July, celebrating the birth of our great nation, so until next month, take care. Dan D.

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Safe Communities Spotlight

"You Matter" (UmattR.com) Trading Card Program

[Download the Sponsorship Form](#)

By investing in the "You Matter" (UmattR.com) Program you will:

- Be building youth leadership skills and peer mentoring for the community.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For All Community Events, Visit:

[San Juan Safe Communities Calendar](#)

[National Non-Profit Calendar of Capacity Building Training & Events](#)

**Every Monday and Thursday
(Starting Aug. 16, 2010)**

6:30-8:30pm

ECHO Financial Education

Sycamore Park Community Center, 1051

Sycamore Street, Farmington, NM

To register call 505-325-7466

The class is free

Every Saturday

2-3pm

Parent/Caregiver Support Group

Farmington Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington,

Farmington NM 87401

505-860-5038

June 1-July 29, 2010

Boys and Girls Club Summer Program

July 5, 2010

6-7pm

Parent, Child, Family Information

- Be promoting a drug free message in the schools and in San Juan County communities.

- Gain exposure for your business through your logo / message on the trading cards, posters, flyers, PSA's websites, newsletters, paper, radio, banners, and community events.

- Be supporting the idea of creating a safer community, one child at a time. This starts by helping kids learn to make good choices at an early age.

Sponsorship Opportunities For The 2010/2011 School Year

Platinum Sponsors - \$1,000/Student (24 available) - A business may sponsor multiple students.

Gold Sponsor - \$500/Student (24 available)

Silver Sponsor -\$250

Bronze Sponsor -\$100

Monetary donations are accepted

You can find additional information about the "You Matter" Program at www.umattr.com or www.sjsoci.org

Local "Drill Down" Efforts

To look at our updated Community Engagement Framework model [click here](#).
(Our "Drill Down" Strategy is the last one on the right)

How important is Early Childhood Development?

Well, in the next few issues, we will be presenting some facts our community should know if we are to answer that question...

Children learn more during their early years than at any other time in their lives. As our brains grow the most during the first three years of life.

Workshops
Sycamore Park Community Center

July 10, August 28, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, 2010

Homebuyer Education Class
9-5pm
Farmington Civic Center, Civic Center Board Room
To register call 505-325-7466
The class is free

July 15, 2010

9am-12pm
Dine' Ba Hozho Coalition / Drug Free Communities Meeting
Contact Raymond Keeswood at raykeeswood@yahoo.com

July 15, 2010

3:30-5pm
CHIC Meeting
Rehabilitation Hospital 525 South Schwartz Avenue Farmington, NM

Prevention

We are looking for anyone who might want to volunteer to sit on one of our various sub-committees to drill down and focus on specific issues in the following areas: Community Center Programming, Bridges Community Programming, Business Partnership Development, Data Utilization or the Epi Workgroup, Violence Prevention, Gang Prevention or Alcohol Program Development.

If you are interested in working on any of these areas, please email us at info@sjsoci.org or call our office at 505-599-1492, or contact the Prevention Committee Chair, Pamela Drake at drakep@sjcpartnership.org.

The Meth Project News...

Hawaii Meth Project Launches New Statewide Campaign: State Leaders Join Event to Unveil New Campaign and Release Statewide Data Showing Hawaii Teens and Young Adults Are More Aware of the Risks of Methamphetamine
Honolulu, Hawaii-June 8, 2010-The

Language and cognitive development are especially important between six months and three years of age. *Tiffany Burrows, eHow*

When children are raised in an early environment without proper cognitive stimulation and physical and emotional support, they experience behavioral and social delays. As a result, these children can have difficulty solving complex problems. *Tiffany Burrows, eHow*

A child who is held and nurtured in a time of stress is less likely to respond with violence later.

A child who is read to has a much better chance of reading at an appropriate level in school.

Community Center Programming

Natalie and her staff continue to support the activities requested by the residents surrounding the center at Sycamore Park, and to see some of the things that are happening at the center, click on our [Newsletter Archive](#) and select the edition you would like to see.

Gang Intervention System

If you are interested in getting involved with our street gang efforts, please let us know and we will put you to work on our subcommittee. It has been a long time coming, and we have high hopes and expectations that we will be able to address the street gang problem.

Humor

Hawaii Meth Project today announced the second wave of its public education campaign, unveiling a new series of television, radio, online, and outdoor advertisements that will launch statewide this week. The high impact campaign will reach Hawaii teens three to five times per week throughout 2010 with four television commercials, nine radio spots, and six print and online ads that graphically communicate the risks of using Meth.

2010 Hawaii Meth Use & Attitudes Survey Reveals Significant Shifts in Attitudes Toward Meth: Research Finds Hawaii Teens and Young Adults are Increasingly Aware of the Risks of Methamphetamine and Strongly Disapprove of Using the Drug

Honolulu, Hawaii-June 8, 2010-The Hawaii Meth Project today released the results of the 2010 Hawaii Meth Use & Attitudes Survey. The statewide survey found that compared to the 2009 benchmark survey-conducted before the launch of the Hawaii Meth Project's statewide Meth prevention campaign-Hawaii's young people are increasingly aware of the risks of using Meth, strongly disapprove of taking the drug even once or twice, and teens are more likely to discuss the subject with their parents. The data also shows that increasing numbers of teens and young adults say their friends would give them a hard time for using Meth.

According to the survey, 54% of Hawaii teens and 67% of young adults now see great risk in taking Meth once or twice, up 10 points for each group from one year ago. The survey also shows that since the launch of the Hawaii Meth Project there is increasing disapproval of Meth use, as 87% of young adults now report they strongly disapprove of trying Meth even once or twice, up 6 points from the 2009 benchmark. Hawaii teens and young adults are also now more likely to voice this disapproval-67% of teens (up 11 points) and 82% of young adults (up 7 points) say their friends would give them a hard time for using Meth. In addition, 54% of teens (up 6 points) say they have discussed the



Intervention/Treatment

We are looking for anyone who might want to volunteer to sit on one of our various sub-committees to drill down and focus on specific issues in the following Intervention/Treatment areas: Intervention Program Development, Treatment Program Development, Supportive Housing Initiative, or Street Gang Intervention System Development.

If you are interested in working in any of these areas, please email us at info@sjsci.org or call our office at 505-599-1492, or contact the Intervention Committee Chair, Rob Mitchell at rmitchell@sjcounty.net.

U.S. AG Holder Calls Drug Courts 'Top Priority': Drug courts should be more widely available to offenders, including juveniles, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said during an address at a [National Association of Drug Court Professionals](#) (NADCP) meeting last week in Boston.

subject of Meth with their parents in the past year.

SUCCESS STORIES

Success Stories - Life after Meth From drugfree.org



Jay Dagenhart
Philadelphia, PA
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What Made Me Try It

Something inside myself was drawn to chemical substances that elevated my energy level and took away my deep insecurity. I had enormous feelings of fear, anger and rebellion while coming to terms with being a gay teenager. I never could stay still long enough to understand my feelings. I was always running in circles because I didn't want to face myself. Using drugs and drinking kept my life on a very superficially numb existence for decades. In my late teens I began selling my soul for money and status and doing drugs and drinking kept me from feeling the pain from selling out and turning on myself.

Moments of Truth

The moment you realized you were addicted and had a problem is the moment of truth. I realized I was addicted and had a problem many years before the addiction started to take a toll. When I started losing jobs, friends, homes, cars and relationships I knew everyone including myself knew the truth about my addiction. I really knew I had a problem when the feeling from crystal felt better than anything or anybody and when my only happiness in life was the moment before I ingested my drugs. My life had completely changed. The biggest wake up call was trying to take my own life by

The Boston Globe reported June 4 that Holder said that drug courts have been proven effective in reducing recidivism and that expanding the programs as an alternative to incarceration is a "top priority" at the Justice Department. "I believe that we can put drug courts within reach of every person who needs them, and I am confident that we can," he said.

The conference also featured emotional testimonials from former addicts and their families about the effectiveness of the special courts, which direct offenders into drug treatment rather than prison.

Women's Addiction and Recovery Conference: 'Thriving in Changing Times':

Invigorators and Teas? This is surely not your typical conference. Grounded in "principles of recovery and gender-responsive, trauma-informed care," the 4th National Conference on Women, Addiction and Recovery will include: "Expert Teas" (small groups gathering in a "living-room environment ... to discuss and problem-solve with recognized experts"); "Invigorators" (40-minute sessions designed to energize participants around a given topic); Facilitated Discussions; Mini-Plenaries; big-name speakers; and more.

This unique conference, sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), will be held July 26-28, 2010 at the Chicago Marriott Downtown.

Find all the information you need (including registering online) at:

www.samhsawomensconference.com/

Data Show Benefits of Treatment Far Outweigh Costs:

As the U.S. economy faces unsustainable escalations in health care costs, we need to ensure that needed substance use disorder treatment and recovery programs help reduce both health care expenditures and societal costs. While relieving enormous physical and psychological burdens, treatment can also diminish the huge financial consequences that substance abuse imposes on

jumping 33 feet into a construction pit while coming down from meth.

Recovery From Relapse

Relapsing was a problem for me for many years. I think it's important to stay connected to a 12 Step Program and a fellowship of support whenever you relapse. Just dust yourself off, put aside your shame and pick up the phone and ask for help. Go to a meeting and speak the truth. Just keep getting up when you fall down no matter how many times you fall. Even when others have given up on you, never turn on yourself when trying to get sober. You must have faith in yourself. Asking for spiritual help from a broken and humble heart always gets God's attention.

My Keys to Recovery

It is very important to surround yourself with healthy, sober and positive people. Create a phone tree of people you can speak with for support and direction. Have time for yourself in the morning for prayer and meditation - get centered and ask for spiritual help in staying sober through prayer. Get involved in your recovery and start a step writing group with a sponsor in AA or NA. Put pen to paper and look hard at your past and start doing the work that is required to change your life. Find a good therapist and get brutally honest with yourself and the therapist. Find some path of spirituality that speaks to your heart. Remove the people from your life that bring you down. You need to change everything in your life that is not working toward keeping you mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally balanced.

Lessons Learned

A sober life can be very boring to a person coming off drugs, so be prepared for life to slow down. Only spiritual people that I love and respect have a place in my life today. My life is simple, humble and organized now. I don't do things I can't afford to do, and I don't hang out with people who don't have my best interest at heart. I'm grateful and thankful for the small gifts and blessings I have in my life today.

employers and taxpayers.

The publication Cost Offset of Treatment Services presents facts showing that accessible and effective community-based alcohol and drug treatment is essential to reducing a society's financial burden from problems associated with drug use. This publication will be posted to our web site www.sjsoci.org within a week, so check it out there.

Department of Justice Awards New Mexico Department of Public Safety Grant for Prisoner Substance Abuse

Treatment: On June 4, U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) announced that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) awarded the New Mexico Department of Public Safety a \$216,000 grant to fund substance abuse treatment for state prisoners. DOJ is providing the funding through its Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program. The funds will support five existing programs and double the size of a sixth, from 24 beds to 48.

Check Your Community's Treatment

Profile: How big a problem is addiction in your community? The latest report won't provide all the answers, but it will give you a snapshot of treatment admissions -- if you live in one of the 27 communities where data was collected.

The [Metro Briefs](#) from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) -- drawn from the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS), include demographic info, substance-use breakdowns, referral sources, and type of care provided. Get yours free from the [SAMHSA website](#).

My Advice

Stop isolating yourself and get out of your own way. Pick up the phone and go to a meeting and ask for help. Give back to others who are suffering. It could always be worse. Make a list of the things that you are grateful for - it helps. Make sure you are eating three meals a day, shower daily, make a "to do" list and start getting things done. It's important to work at something that gives you a feeling of accomplishment.

FAMILY WELLNESS, PARENTING, & MENTORING

Tips for Parents: Check out the

"Parent Toolkit" - Inside you will find:

Understanding Teens; Connecting With Your Kids; Protecting Your Kids; How to Spot Drug and Alcohol Use; How to Help if They Are Using.

For more information, please visit our partners [here](#).

CADCA TV Show Explores Ways to Engage and Mobilize Parents

While most parents care about the dangers that substance abuse can pose to young people, it's not always easy to reach parents? let alone to get them engaged in a coalition's prevention efforts. At the next CADCA TV show, entitled [The Parent Factor: Partners in Prevention](#), learn how to engage and mobilize even the hardest-to-reach parents in the community. The show aired on June 24, but you can go online to view it.

Letter from Professional Baseball Pitcher, the great Jamie Moyer...

Dear Parents,

As the parents of eight children, my wife, Karen, and I know how hard it is to raise a family in today's ever-changing world. It can feel like our children are growing up way too fast, and, as parents, it's important for us to do all we can to keep up with our kids. Not an easy task, is it?



Why, Why, Why???

Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Community Coalition News

Youth in Action

Attention all teens and community members! Help prevent underage drinking in your community by helping Youth in Action on their Sticker Shock campaign. Youth under the age of twenty-one will place stickers on the alcohol packages warning of the consequences of providing alcohol to minors. Adults over the age of twenty-one will handle all alcohol packages. If you have any questions about this, or other Youth in Action projects, please call 505-566-2201 or email teenzone@infoway.org.

Did you know?

- Youth in Action has placed 33,292 stickers in San Juan County at 173 locations that sell alcoholic beverages in San Juan County.
- What is the mission of Youth in Action (YIA)? To reduce the social and retail availability of alcohol to minors and support enforcement of underage drinking laws.
- Why is YIA important? Alcohol is the No. 1 drug of choice for American youth and kills more youth than all other illicit drugs combined.
- What are the goals of YIA? To reduce youth access to alcohol by increasing awareness and enforcement of alcohol laws for alcohol retailers and community members.

For more information contact Melanie Leeson
Teen Zone Technician
Farmington Public Library
www.infoway.org/MADD/index.asp

The Four Corners Coalition for Marriage & Family, Inc.

Today, right at their fingertips, the Internet allows parents to be engaged with and informed about current events and issues. With that in mind, I'm happy to introduce the launch of "[Healthy Competition](#)," a new website created by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America and the Major League Baseball Players Association.

"Healthy Competition," is a resource for parents (and their children) looking for valuable information in the areas of fitness and nutrition that can help them raise healthy teens and student athletes. It is associated with the Partnership's TimeToTalk® program for parents of teens and tweens.

I've been a Major League pitcher for more than 20 years, and to some people I'm considered a role model. But I strongly believe that the most important role models a child can have are his or her parents. Your children look up to you, and in times of need, they turn to you for guidance and support.

Please visit the site to hear what my Major League peers and fellow fathers, Torii Hunter, Mike Sweeney, Mark Teixeira, Michael Young and I have to say about eating right, training right and playing right. Together, we've played Major League Baseball for more than 70 years, and along the way we've learned quite a bit about what it takes to become a healthy, well-rounded student athlete. We're eager to share our experiences and knowledge with you, so you can pass it on to your teenage children.

It's no easy task to be the parent of teenagers, but hopefully "Healthy Competition," can help make your job just a little bit easier. Warm regards,

Jamie Moyer

SUPPRESSION & CORRECTIONS

We are looking for members who might want to volunteer to sit on one of our various sub-committees to drill down and focus on specific issues in the following suppression areas: Street Gang

They will be training couples in the Four Corners area to be marriage mentors. These mentor couples will be equipped to help a couple prepare for marriage and get started on solid ground, or to be able to come along side a couple in distress and help them get their marriage on better footing.

To qualify you must have been married for a minimum of 5 years and have neither a perfect nor troubled marriage. The training will be held on Friday evening September 17 and Saturday morning September 18. The training normally costs \$200 but the cost will be covered through our partnership with Healthy Marriages from Albuquerque.

More information about the training, or other marriage and family enrichment events/services is available by calling Ron Price Executive Director at 505 327-7870.

Updates on Positive Community Norms initiative, San Juan County & the Four Corners

San Juan County Partnership continues to move forward with Positive Community Norms, (PCN) a model from Montana State University, specifically directed by Dr. Jeff Linkenbach and Jay Otto, senior researchers at MSU.

Our work here in San Juan County is now at three and half years, with three years of student data from annual surveys at three schools, and two years from an additional two high schools.

The grounding principles are: SPIRIT, SCIENCE AND ACTION. Although the model is aimed at erasing misperception related to many human behaviors, the model also mimics current community organizing "best practices," with an emphasis on private and non-profit collaboration. Along with our unending concern to improve community wellness and lower substance abuse, there is much to applaud.

· March 2010, 46 regional PCN members attended a two day workshop in Durango, CO with Jeff Linkenbach and Jay

Intervention System Development (there is a Suppression component in it), and taking a look at new policing strategies in context of the "drill down" approach.

If you are interested in working on any of these areas, please email us at info@sjsci.org or call our office at 505-599-1492, or contact the Suppression Committee Chair, Sheriff, Mark McCloskey at mccloskeym@sjcounty.net.

Report on Mexican Meth Delayed

A report that says Mexico is producing an increasingly large amount of methamphetamine for illegal import into the U.S. has been held back by the Obama administration, the New York Times reported June 8.

The 2010 National Methamphetamine Threat Assessment was completed in mid-May, but sources said the release has been delayed due to diplomatic concerns with Mexico.

The report from the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) said that meth availability is "high and increasing" because Mexico's cartels have been able to get around the Mexican government's ban on precursor chemicals used to produce the drug. A previous report from the NDIC on drug trafficking south of the border was the subject of criticism by Mexican officials; it chided the Mexican government for reducing efforts to eradicate drug crops.

The delay in releasing the methamphetamine report is administrative, not political, a U.S. Justice Department spokesperson said. "As part of our continuing efforts to more effectively provide accurate information to the law enforcement community and the public, the department is working with NDIC on a process to review and publish its reports," said spokesperson Tracy Schmalzer. "The department intends to meet with NDIC officials in the near future to finalize that process. Until that meeting can take place, the publication of a recent draft report on methamphetamine has been postponed."

Want to know what's going on in the drug trade... Check out the "Intel

Otto

- March 2010, notice of award for over \$46,000 to hold a 4 corners regional institute on Positive Community Norms, funded by Indian Health Services - (happening in Monument Valley, Nov. 2010)
- June, 2010, two regional prevention professionals will attend the annual institute in Montana for continuing education and to highlight the work in San Juan County

The two day workshop in Durango consisted of mostly prevention workers but also counselors, program evaluators and AmeriCorps volunteers. Funding for the event came from San Juan County Partnership, The El Pomar Foundation (Colorado) and Colorado state prevention money. Two different coalitions were represented which receive funding from Drug Free Communities (federal). Evaluations showed a high level of satisfaction and a regional campaign continues to unfold.

The regional membership regularly remarks about the important influence of sharing data and communicating across the state lines, in an area where we regularly and naturally travel, play and do business.

An exciting extension of the regional PCN group will be the 4 Corners Positive Community Norms Institute in Monument Valley, November 2010. The request for program funds was written by San Juan County Partnership, Injury Prevention Specialists from Shiprock, two county evaluators and a prevention program manager from Montezuma county Colorado, Cortez. A steering committee has been meeting for two months - the event will take place November 8th, 9th and 10th at Gouldings Lodge in Utah.

Finally, two members of the regional group will be attending the 2010 annual Montana Institute to keep momentum strong in our county and region. Patricia Ramirez from I.H.S. will be involved in a panel discussion to share and stimulate

Update" section on our web site at www.sjsici.org/resources/intel. This week there is a very informative video on "Expanding Reach of Mexico's Drug Cartels."

Indian Reservations Become Drug Pipeline to U.S.

Indian reservations at the Mexican and Canadian borders with the U.S. are becoming vital pipelines for funneling marijuana, ecstasy, and other drugs into the country, the Montreal Gazette reported June 18.

According to the National Drug Intelligence Center's 2010 drug threat assessment, as much as 20 percent of the high-potency marijuana grown in Canada passes through the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation, which runs 20 miles along the border. The Tohono O'odham Reservation in Arizona runs 75 miles along the border with Mexico and reportedly is a conduit for five to 10 percent of all Mexican-produced marijuana smuggled into the U.S.

Underfunded and undermanned tribal police, poverty, and simmering resentment with U.S. policies and federal law-enforcement agencies have created an ideal environment for reservation residents willing to buck the law for quick money. A 45-minute drive could net \$2,000, one O'odham reservation resident claimed.

The trend shows no signs of slowing. Tribal law-enforcement agents made 292 seizures totaling 67 tons of marijuana in 2005; in 2009, that rose to 1,066 seizures totaling more than 159 tons.

The burden of enforcing the law, some say, shouldn't fall to tribal police. "It is primarily a federal responsibility," said Kevin Washburn, the dean of the University of New Mexico law school in Albuquerque. "And the federal government's commitment has been weak."

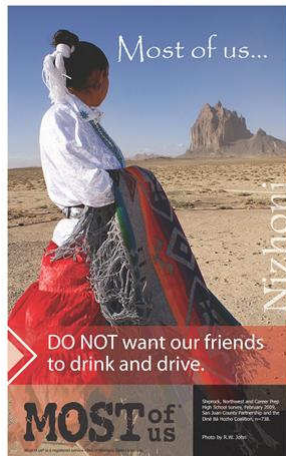
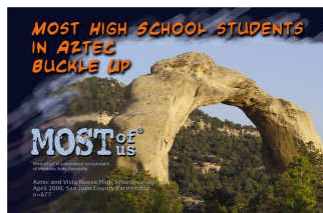
Purity Mexican Heroin Spreads in U.S.

An ultra-potent form of heroin that sells for as little as \$10 per bag has been making its way across the border from Mexico, the Associated Press reported May 24.

dialogue about the philosophical match with PCN and Navajo culture.

Anyone who wants additional information on the PCN model, wants to request a presentation, or needs information on the regional institute, call 505-566-5867.

Student approved messages are only part of the regional and local emphasis on Positive Community Norms. The model also offers a leadership framework to keep human service professionals grounded in real time, centered on science based interventions, focused on the needs of individual communities and regions, and stays informed by listening to wide segments of the community.



Humor

A man walking on the sidewalk noticed Little Johnny was a block ahead wearing a red fireman's hat and sitting in a red wagon. It appeared that the wagon was being pulled slowly by a large black Labrador Retriever.

Improvements in poppy refinement by Mexican dealers have driven purity up and prices down. Heroin imported from Asia and the Middle East in the 1970s was around 5-percent pure; now federal agents report seizing drugs at purity levels of between 50 and 80 percent.

The potent heroin can kill unwary users almost instantly if they are accustomed to using weaker versions. Independent smugglers are driving the new trade from Mexico. While the major cartels focus on marijuana and cocaine, smaller traffickers pay for access to the big cartels' smuggling routes.

According to the DEA, heroin seizures along the border quadrupled from 2008 to 2009. According to the AP's research, heroin deaths in the U.S. rose 20.3 percent between 2006 and 2008.

"We're seeing [heroin] sometimes 80-percent pure," said Oregon state medical examiner Karen Gunson. "If you're using it every day, your chances grow and grow that it's going to kill you."

National Corrections Reporting Program, 2006

"National Corrections Reporting Program, 2006" updates the electronic series of selected tables on most serious offense, sentence length, and time served of state prison admissions and releases and parole entries and discharges. The National Corrections Reporting Program collects demographic information, conviction offenses, sentence length, credited jail time, type of admission, type of release, and time served from individual prisoner records in participating jurisdictions.

YOUTH ISSUES

Attention Youth: Apply To Be An A&E/CADCA Youth Delegate

CADCA and A&E Television, home of the Award winning show "Intervention," are looking for candidates for the CADCA [Youth Delegate program](#). Through an application process, A&E and CADCA will select a young person who is actively

When he got closer to the lad, he noticed that Little Johnny had a rope tied around the dog's ears, which probably accounted for why the dog was walking so gingerly.

Smiling, he spoke to the little boy, "That's really a nice fire engine you have there, son. But I'll bet the dog would pull you faster if you tied that rope around his neck."

"Yeah," Johnny replied, "but then I wouldn't have a siren."



NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[The Substance Abuse Confidentiality Regulations, 42 CFR Part 2](#), govern the use and disclosure of alcohol and drug abuse patient records that are maintained at federally funded substance abuse programs. Both SAMHSA and ONC want to ensure that our constituents receive every tool and resource possible to allow a more complete understanding of these Federal regulations, which were enacted in 1972 and 1975. The FAQs outline the general provisions of 42 CFR Part 2, provide guidance on its application to electronic health records, and identify methods for including substance abuse patient record information into health information exchange that is consistent with the Federal statute.

Jefferson County Advisory Board in Washington Estimates Substance Abuse and Addiction Cost the County \$17.2 Million in 2007

A report by the Jefferson County Substance Abuse Advisory Board estimates that the direct and indirect costs of drug abuse and addiction in Jefferson County

involved in their local coalition and has participated in CADCA's National Youth Leadership Initiative (NYLI) or Youth Summit. The selected youth delegate will be honored, along with the 51 state adult delegates, for his/her service to the drug abuse prevention and recovery community. The Youth Delegate does NOT have to be in recovery from addiction to drugs or alcohol. The deadline to apply has been extended until June 25. [Apply now!](#)

Engaging Teens in "Above the Influence" Encourage Teens To Go To www.AbovetheInfluence.com/HeatMap

The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign has refreshed the Above the Influence (ATI) brand to include broadened messaging to focus on substances most abused by teens. It delivers prevention messaging at the national level as well as more targeted efforts at the local community level. This two-tiered approach allows the Campaign to continue reaching out to teens across the country with a highly visible national media presence, while fostering the active engagement and participation of youth at the community level.

To emphasize the renewed local focus, the Above the Influence Campaign is engaging youth in a national program called the Influence Project. Teens from across the country can log onto www.AbovetheInfluence.com/HeatMap and participate in the Influence Project contest by entering their ZIP code and top influences.

Teens visiting the website also will have an opportunity to see and hear what other teens from their hometowns - and throughout the United States - are saying. A media gallery highlights video footage of teens from around the country talking about the positive and negative influences in their lives and in their communities.

Misuse of Prescription Drugs Common Among H.S. Students

Twenty percent of U.S. high-school students say they have taken prescription drugs without consulting a doctor, including one in four high-school seniors, according

totaled \$17.2 million in 2007. The report further estimates that drug abuse and addiction cost each taxpayer \$600. The study was modeled after one conducted by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

The Key Strategy Objectives of the 2010 National Drug Control Strategy

reflects a comprehensive approach to reducing drug use and its consequences. Endorsing a balance of prevention, treatment, and law enforcement, the Strategy calls for a 15 percent reduction in the rate of youth drug use over 5 years and similar reductions in chronic drug use and drug-related consequences, such as drug deaths and drugged driving. Here is a summary of the Strategy's key objectives:

- **Strengthen Efforts to Prevent Drug Use in Our Communities**
- **Seek Early Intervention Opportunities in Health Care**
- **Integrate Treatment for Substance Use Disorders into Health Care, and Expand Support for Recovery**
- **Break the Cycle of Drug Use, Crime, Delinquency and Incarceration**
- **Disrupt Domestic Drug Trafficking and Production**
- **Strengthen International Partnerships**
- **Improve Information Systems for Analysis, Assessment, and Local Management**

ONDCP is focusing on these key initiatives in 2010: **Community-Based Prevention; Drugged Driving; & Prescription Drugs.**

E-Joints? Company Marketing Marijuana e-Cigarettes

This month's "Cannabis Cup" in San Francisco featured the unveiling of a product sure to take the debate over e-cigarettes to a new level.

Vapor Rush delivers a dose of THC from vaporized marijuana "kief," or powdered

to a new report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The biennial Youth Risk Behavioral Survey found that male and female students were equally apt to misuse prescription drugs like OxyContin, Vicodin, and Xanax, but white students were more likely to do so than Hispanics or black students.

Researchers also found that 72 percent of students reported they had used alcohol, 37 percent had used marijuana, 6.7 percent had used ecstasy, 6.4 percent had used cocaine, and 4.1 percent had tried methamphetamine.

Urge Your Member of Congress to Join the Youth Drug Prevention Caucus

In an effort to raise awareness about the need for and impact of prevention, Representatives Levin (D-MI/12th) and Bono Mack (R-CA/46th) have partnered to establish the Congressional Caucus on Youth Drug Prevention.

This is the first Congressional Caucus ever to focus specifically on substance use/abuse prevention. If you haven't already, please go to <http://capwiz.com/cadca/issues/alert/?alertid=15084771&type=CO> to urge your Representative to join the Caucus.

Research and Resources

National Prescription Drug Threat Assessment 2009

This resource from the National Drug Intelligence Center analyzes current nonmedical use of prescription-type psychotherapeutic drugs (opioid pain relievers, tranquilizers, sedatives, or stimulants) and discusses their distribution, the societal impact of controlled prescription drugs diversion and abuse, and Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) that have been established legislatively in many states to stem CPD diversion and abuse.

[Download the PDF.](#)

Teens May Be More Sensitive to

resin. Three varieties are offered by the company, based in southern California. "Smoke your green without a lighter, smell, even weed!" the Vapor Rush website boasts.

Critics of e-cigarettes -- including the FDA -- say the products are untested and potentially dangerous. "Now, on top of these dangers, there may be additional ones as users are able to "smoke" marijuana in their workplaces, and in other public places including airplanes surreptitiously (without any smell or smoke as the sellers brag), and where bystanders -- including young children, the elderly, those with a variety of medical problems, and those who do not wish to get even a little bit high -- can be exposed," according to John Banzhaf, executive director of Action on Smoking or Health (ASH), a leading e-cigarette critic.

With its emphasis on delivering doses of psychoactive THC, Vapor Rush is clearly designed to get users high, even though the manufacturer instructs customers to "visit your local dispensary" to get e-cigarette cartridges.

Advances in research on e-cigarette technology and sussing out the beneficial ingredients of marijuana for medical use might someday see a successful union of smokeless delivery devices for legitimate medical-marijuana users. Right now, however, the hype is far outpacing the hope.

Street Gangs

Gang Intervention System

If you are interested in getting involved with our street gang efforts, please let me know and I will put you to work on our subcommittee. It has been a long time coming, and I have high hopes and expectations that we will be able to address the street gang problem.

Fact Sheet Provides Data From 2008 National Youth Gang Survey

Dopamine Release, Study Suggests

A small research study indicates that the teenagers may experience the release of the brain's pleasure-and-reward chemical dopamine more acutely than children or adults. Researchers said the findings could help explain why teens are more prone to risk-taking than people of other ages. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events & Training

Vegetarian Breakfast on Sunday, July 11 at 8 am at the Pinon Hills

Seventh-day Adventist church, 5001 Foothills Drive, Farmington. (\$3 Donation / person is suggested to defray the cost of supplies) Preregistration is required if you plan to attend. We can only handle a limited number of people. To preregister or if you have questions call Dr. Donald E. Casebolt at 598-5235 or Patricia Carlson at 716-3907.

Juvenile Court Judges To Hold Annual Conference:

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges will hold its annual national conference July 18-21, 2010, in San Diego, California. Conference participants will explore innovations in programming, discuss new opportunities for courts and communities, and assess the future of juvenile and family justice. (OJJDP)

Rio Grande Safe Communities Observes International Day Against Drug Abuse

It takes more than a physical border to stop community leaders on the U.S.-Mexico border from meeting for a good cause. For the 6th consecutive year, El Paso's Rio Grande Safe Communities coalition observed the International Day Against Drug Abuse (IDADA) by participating in a bi-national event called "Rally on the River." The event, which occurs annually, was held on June 26th to mark this important observance, takes place in Sunland Park, N.M. at Monument Marker 1, the exact spot where three different states (Chihuahua in Mexico, Texas and New Mexico) meet.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released "[Highlights of the 2008 National Youth Gang Survey.](#)" The fact sheet draws on findings from OJJDP's annual National Youth Gang Survey to provide data on gangs, gang members, and gang-related crime and violence. In 2008, approximately 774,000 gang members and 27,900 gangs were active in some 3,300 jurisdictions across the United States, estimates that remain virtually unchanged from [2007](#).

Resources: "Highlights of the 2008 National Youth Gang Survey" (NCJ 229249) is available [here](#). Print copies may be ordered online [here](#).

To access additional gang-related information and resources, visit the National Gang Center's Web site at www.nationalgangcenter.gov/.

Bulletin Provides History of Street Gangs

The National Gang Center, a collaborative project of the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), has published "[History of Street Gangs in the United States.](#)"

GRANT WRITING

For full list of grant resources, go to our web site at www.sjsoci.org, under RESOURCES on the left side.

Applicants Sought for OJJDP's FY 2010 Tribal Juvenile Justice Fellowship Program:

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) invites qualified individuals to apply under its fiscal year (FY) 2010 Fellowship Program on Tribal Juvenile Justice.

The fellowship represents an opportunity for professionals, practitioners, researchers, or trainers with expertise in tribal youth justice to assist OJJDP in strengthening its partnership with federally-recognized tribes to enhance juvenile justice and serve tribal youth and their families.

The application deadline is July 19, 2010. For further information see ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=209.

Questions should be addressed to Laura Ansera, Program Manager, at laura.ansera@usdoj.gov or 202-514-5679.

OJJDP Announces New FY 2010 Funding Opportunities: has announced the following fiscal year (FY) 2010 funding opportunities:

- Evaluations of Girls' Delinquency Programs
- Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program
- National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program
- National Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center.

Resources: To obtain further information about the above, visit ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingList.asp.

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[STAND \(Students Taking Action Not Drugs\)](#)

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Find us [@drugnews on Twitter](#) for the latest news about drugs and alcohol

<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov> : Bureau of Justice Statistics:

Related Resources

www.methpedia.org - One stop for all methamphetamine information

<http://www.samhsa.gov/treatment/> - Samhsa Website to "Find Treatment"

www.rxotcawarenessmonth.com - Prescription Drug Awareness website

<http://www.samhsa.gov/treatment/> - Samhsa Website to "Find Treatment"

www.rxotcawarenessmonth.com - Prescription Drug Awareness website

www.sjcbbridges.org - St. Joseph's Bridges Out of Poverty

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[Expand Your Universe - Mentor a Child](#)

[MENTOR, The National Mentoring Partnership](#)

[National Mentoring Center](#)

[Stalking Resource Center](#)

[Working Together to End the Violence: Stalking](#)

<http://www.datehookup.com/content-violence-in-dating.htm>

www.checkyourself.com (A place for teens to check out where they are with drugs and alcohol.)

www.drugfree.org/meth360

www.drugfree.org/parents360

www.drugfree.org/wrecked

[ONDCP National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign](#)

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of ["OJJDP News @ a Glance," May/June 2009](#)

<http://www.recoverymonth.gov> - Recovery Month Events (from CADCA)

<http://teacherpathfinder.org/Parent/drparent.html>-Parenting Resources

<http://www.crystalrecovery.com/>

[National Criminal Justice Reference Service \(US DOJ\)](#)

www.narconon.org

[Harvard Mentoring Project](#)

[Teachers Magazine](#)

[Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#)

[Parents The Anti-Drug](#)

[Drug Free America Foundation, Inc.](#)

[National League of Cities, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families](#)

[The Meth Project](#)

[Meth Awareness Project](#)

[Meth Resources.gov](#)

[The Office of National Drug Control Policy](#)

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