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www.drugfreecouncil.org on-line



The new Drug-Free Council web site <http://www.drugfreecouncil.org> is now on-line and has been favorably received by all viewers with over 1600 hits since its inception on June 6th. Plans are ongoing to expand the site's capabilities and usefulness to the citizens of Jackson County and beyond. Of primary importance is the development of the "Youth Pages" to be designed by the Council's Youth Board and other interested youth to address the concerns of young people. It is felt by the Council that the best people to appeal to the needs of youth are youth themselves, and we fully expect with the coming school year that we will find many interested student leaders willing to provide the skills and enthusiasm needed for a successful project. Council members are urged to visit the site and send comments or suggestions for content and resources to the Webmaster at webmaster@drugfreecouncil.org

SAMHSA Pays Site Visit

Mr. Mickey Smith, Public Health Advisor/Project Officer, Drug-Free Communities Support Program, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention/SAMHSA paid Jackson County a visit to assess the Council's Drug-Free Communities Grant Project and offer technical assistance support. Mr. Smith spent the day visiting with the Director, the Regional Consultant and Girls, Inc. staff to review the progress of the grant project. Smith's visit was timed to coincide with the Council's regularly scheduled August meeting in order to offer the Council advice based upon his observations and interviews. He also announced that news concerning next year's grant will most likely not be available until the end of this grant year.

New Director Hired

Thomas Rothring has been hired by the Council Board as its new director to replace Lin Montgomery who resigned due to her new role as Regional Community Consultant for Jackson County. Tom began his duties with the Council on July 1st. Rothring has previous experience in the non-profit administrative field having been First Steps and Step Ahead Coordinator for six and seven years respectively.



Drug Abuse Tip Line Initiated

The Jackson County Drug-Free Council in cooperation with the Seymour Police Department has instituted a drug activity "TIP LINE" utilizing the Drug-Free Council office phone line at 524-7442 option '2' to leave anonymous messages concerning drug activities in the county. Don Walker, Seymour Police Dept. and Council member, reports the Tip Line has proven to be a valuable source of leads in the local war on drugs.

Common Habits of Illegal Drug Dealers and Manufacturers

- Frequent visitors at all hours
- Frequent late night activity
- Windows blacked out, curtains always drawn
- Unemployed with plenty of cash

- Unfriendly, secretive
- Suspicious of passers-by
- Paranoid, odd behavior or extensive security
- Chemical odors from house, garbage or out buildings
- Garbage has lots of boxes, bottles, or containers of cold capsules, batteries, HEET, starter fluid, drain cleaner, salt, coffee filters, light bulbs, aluminum foil, matches
- Placing their garbage in a neighbor's collection area

While any one these indicators are not proof of drug activity – two or more may indicate a problem.

Drug-Free Council Participates in JCCSC Fair Booth



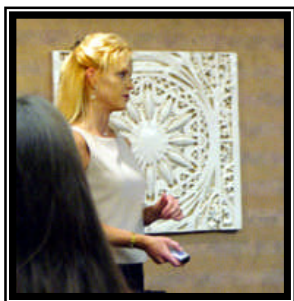
The Drug-Free Council participated in the Jackson County Community Service Council Fair Booth again this year. The weather cooperated with moderate temperatures and dry conditions to produce better than average crowds. Our new awareness materials were given out to booth visitors (see article below).

Public Relations/Media Committee Develops Awareness Materials

Keep your eyes open and you're liable to see Drug-Free Council yard signs sprouting up all over Jackson County. The signs are a bright orange emblazoned with a blue Drug-Free logo, web site URL and drug abuse "Tip Line" phone number. Other materials include pens, sticky note pads and T-shirts, examples of which were distributed to Council members at the August meeting.



July Lunch & Learn Deemed Success



Schneck Medical Center, Bloomington Meadows Hospital and the Jackson County Drug-Free Council sponsored a Lunch & Learn July 14th at the Hampton Inn in Seymour. Leigh Foster, Pharm. D., of Schneck Medical Center, (pictured at left) presented a talk entitled, Addiction in Disguise . . . The Enemy in Your Medicine Cabinet on the rising abuse of prescription drugs and "over-the-counter" medicines by young people. Kids call the practice of stealing prescription drugs from the medicine cabinets of family and friends "pharming." Leigh recommended that parents keep better track of their prescription drugs, the safe disposal of out-dated or no longer need drugs and even the locking-up of drugs that could present an abuse potential. The therapeutic, law

enforcement, advocacy communities and concerned citizens were well represented by nearly 40 in attendance. Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the presentation should contact the director. "PowerPoint Viewer" available free from www.microsoft.com/downloads is required to view the presentation.

Mini-Grant Allocations Approved by Board of Commissioners and County Council

At their regularly scheduled August meetings, the County Commissioners and County Council gave their endorsements to the Drug-Free Mini-Grant allocations as recommended by the Grant Review Committee. Congratulations to this year's recipients for furthering the Council's mission to "Prevent and reduce substance abuse in Jackson County." Grant applicants should expect their allocations letter and instructions before the end of August.

Press Releases and Other Information

November 4 – FREE CYFAR Conference/CEU's

Please mark your calendar for the November 4th, FREE Purdue hosted CYFAR/ATOD workshops!

Time: 9:30 am - 3:15 pm

Location: Purdue, West Lafayette Campus, Stewart Center

For more information contact: Suzan Norris.

September 12-16 – Prevention of Drug Abuse Training offered by the Indiana Association of Prevention Professionals - Shelbyville, Indiana - This training meets one of the requirements for those seeking certification as a Certified Prevention Professional. Ethics in Prevention and Cultural Competency are included. Classes will be taught by staff from Central CAPT. Visit the IAPP home page at www.preventionprofessionals.org.

August 17 – MCTFT\FLETC “Building A Winning Drug Case”

Thursday, August 25, 2005; 1:00-3:00 PM ET

A free, public domain satellite telecast.

From the tip to the surveillance, the raid, arrest and the trial: Every step you take can make or break your drug case in a court of law. After watching this two-hour broadcast, you'll know how to build a winning drug case... and put the bad guys behind bars.

Experts with years of experience will take you through a case, every step of the way.

http://www.dlnets.com/fletc_25Aug05.htm

This free, public domain, previously videotaped program will be available on C-Band analog satellite downlinks and on the Military/Federal/GETN/Warrior digital CDV satellite networks. Other federal and private satellite networks and local cable access stations may carry this program as well. (This program is scheduled to be webcast.) Contact Ed Kronholm toll free; 877-820-0305; email: dlnets@aol.com if you have a question or problem locating a site.

Satellite Coordinates are never publicly published. All sites must register to receive the satellite coordinates (C-Band sites) or illumination authentication (Military/Federal GETN sites.) Sites can register on line here: <http://www.dlnets.com/MCTFT2nd.htm>

Other upcoming programs:

“Heroin – The Next Generation” POSTPONED TO DATE TBA

“Drug Recognition – Knowing The Signs” 01 September 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET

“Supporting Treatment & Recovery” 08 September 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET

“Marijuana; Reading The Smoke Signals” 15 September 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET

“Keeping Criminals On A Short Leash” (K-9s) 22 September 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET

August 1 – Drug use among Indiana youth sees biggest drop in years. New data also include first report on methamphetamines and gambling. A new report on alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by the Indiana Prevention Resource Center at Indiana University Bloomington demonstrates a significant downward trend in youth drug use and includes the agency's first compilation of data concerning methamphetamine use and gambling by sixth- through 12th-grade students. For most drugs, rates of use are at their lowest since 1991. The full report, which is the IPRC's 15th annual report on alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by Indiana adolescents, will be available online on Monday (Aug. 1) at <http://www.drugs.indiana.edu>.

LOOK FOR OUR FALL EDITION DUE THIS DECEMBER

Help Us Spread the Word – Please Forward This Newsletter to Your Friends, Co-workers and Other Parties You Believe May be Interested in Substance Abuse Issues