

Monthly Coalition Report

July 21, 2011

Recent Events

↘ Camp Defy

Camp Defy (Drug Education for Youth) was attended by 16 students ages 9 through 12 on June 20-24. We had 6 girls and 10 boys. All were African-American except one Caucasian girl. One goal is to educate about drug awareness, but we held classes on conflict resolution and looking for the strengths in individuals. There were a variety of activities provided to the campers: a nature hike the second day, swimming, archery, rock climbing, repelling, arts and crafts. There were a number of camps participating the same day, so it gave our children an opportunity to socialize with them before each meal. We had a field trip to the fossil museum in Gray and Bristol Motorway too.

There were 9 staff plus a police officer each night. There were daily inspections of their rooms and the children were given opportunities to solve their own problems with little coaching.

There was award recognition of the campers and their families at Carver Rec. on July 15 from 6 to 7:30pm. Eight campers attended with four families in attendance.

↘Farmer's Market Booth

On July 16th, Jennifer and Neil worked booths at the Farmer's Market for Insight Alliance and Frontier Health. About 10 organizations represented. Neil and Jennifer interacted with about 30 people, handed out information, and made some new contacts for future events and projects.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

•**Christy Smith and Sam Mays for graduating from the CADCA Academy**

•**Jennifer Berven for completing Coalition Mentoring Training**

• Jennifer has been invited by the state to be a coalition coach and provide technical assistance to new and developing coalitions through a set series of trainings that will be regionally based.

• New staff Elizabeth Herbert will attend the CADCA Mid-Year Training in Anaheim, CA with Jennifer to get some additional coalition training July 24-29th.

Upcoming Events

Fair at Coalition for Kids – July 30th 10am-1pm

Open House – August 5th 1-7pm

Umoja Festival – August 12th-13th

Appalachian Fair – August 22nd-27th

Hands Across the Borders – see June minutes for more information

[June 24, 2011 Bristol TN / Bristol VA at State Line](#)

[July 08, 2011 ETSU Mini Dome State of Franklin Road & John Bell Drive](#)

[July 29, 2011 Lynn Garden Kingsport TN / Webber City VA / Scott County, VA](#)

[August 12, 2011 Carter County / Avery County NC](#)

[August 19, 2011, Location: Washington County Sheriff's Office VA /](#)

[September 16, 2011 Johnson County TN / Watauga County NC](#)

[October 07, 2011 Piney Flats Bluff City](#)

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→Heroes Activities

- Heroes is meeting July 28 to firm up the data collection plan for the new school year.
- There will be a Data training/award luncheon for Frontier staffers on August 3 and we are still looking for a date for the Data training/award luncheon for the other folks.

↙Current Projects

- Christy Smith is working on compiling data and mapping on the local bars, liquor stores, and types of drink specials and happy hours that are being offered in the area.
- She also does a weekly Arrest Report and tracks substance related arrests for Washington County.
- Neil Fisher is involved with the Prison Re-entry program and a support group for Grandparents that are raising their grandchildren.

Our offices were closed the first week of July. We returned energized with a 3/4 day staff retreat / meeting and came up with all sorts of new ideas including our newsletter and reminder system.

←Jennifer's Updates

- State Prevention Advisory Board meetings: Materials are available for retail places selling tobacco. There is a concern about our SINAR rate (the rate of stores selling tobacco to minors). There are materials available from the state for the stores. We are waiting on a list of all tobacco sellers. We may distribute the material with a note. The issue is that that rate is tied into our prevention and treatment money from the state. If the failure rate is too high a state can lose up to 40% of their block grant. For Washington County - in 2010, 10 places were checked (low # due to the fact it was a re-check of places that had failed previously) and 4 of them failed again! In 2011 - 135 places were checked and 35 failed: that's a 25.93% failure rate.
- In a report from the Tennessee Teen Institute, the director commented on the great leadership shown by a young man named Johnny Rojas from Science Hill who has been involved with Leadership activities through the LEAPS program.
- TN Certification Board Meeting: Things are moving along. New director Ann Moore is working with a web designer to put the application on line. ((Hot off the press))-- The director just resigned today! She got offered a position at U of Miss, a tenure track teaching job in the social work dept. Back to the drawing board!
- Jennifer attended a State Wide Coalitions meeting. A facilitator from CADCA came and we are working to build a structured entity.