



Coalition Meeting January 10, 2018 5pm

- **Be Smart About Medicine Contest**
 - It is a creative expression contest for middle school students in Middlesex County to demonstrate their knowledge about the risks of misusing medication
 - The display board of previous winners will be at Piscataway Library from January 9th – February 15th
 - Looking for more school involvement
 - Schools that are already involved are: Avenel Middle School, Carteret Middle School, Conachamack Middle School, Crossroads North Middle School, Crossroads South Middle School, Hammarskjold Middle School, Highland Park Middle School, Iselin Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, Memorial Middle School, Sayreville Middle School, Wardlaw Hartridge School, Woodrow Wilson Middle School
 - If you know any schools that wish to be involved, please contact Jenna (jenna.bonstein@wellspringprevention.org)
 - Tentative date for the Be Smart About Medicine: April 11, 2018
 - the judges are the same as last year, but the idea was proposed to have a local radio station as a judge, or potentially getting a student who previously won to judge
 - The next subcommittee meeting is on **March 7, 2018**
 - Submissions are on **February 13, 2018**
- **Young Women's Conference**
 - Date: **February 28, 2018**
 - 5 schools have expressed interest so far
 - Any ideas for themes, reach out to Nicki (nicki.francis@wellspringprevention.org)
 - Location will be the Department of Children and Families Child Welfare Training Academy in New Brunswick (was the same location as the Young Men's Conference)
- **Syringe Access**
 - Most of the information comes from the Drug Policy Alliance
 - However we cannot affiliate with the Drug Policy Alliance because of their differing viewpoints
 - Possibly use a political connection to establish within a town
 - Choose an organization to help run
 - Potentially reach out to Old Bridge because they already have a recovery center in place, or Woodbridge
- **Hidden in Plain Sight**



- Hidden in Plain Sight is a parent program where a DEA agent sets up a room with hidden substances and paraphernalia to educate parents about what to look for
- Taking place in Monroe on March 12
- Monroe is also hosting Narcan trainings
- **Update on Data Workgroup**
 - A new updated needs assessment needs to be done to evaluate what the coalition and community have accomplished so far and what still needs to be done
 - Crime data is needed for underage, but underage crime data is not usually well known
 - Reach out to assistant prosecutor for data sources
 - Any information or data for juvenile cases that are alcohol or drug specific are also needed
 - Organizing focus groups with police officers across the county
 - Next subcommittee meeting: February 14, 2018 at 1pm after coalition meeting
- **Survey Monkey**
 - Will be created and sent out monthly to coalition members to keep track of what everyone in the coalition is doing out in the county on a monthly basis
 - Questions will include *what* did you do, *when* did you do it, *how* did you do it, and *what audience* was reached (demographics)
 - Examples of events include: presentations, tabling events, strategies, if learning took place, what impact did you have, were evaluations collected
- **Drug Facts Week**
 - Drug Facts Week is **January 22-28, 2018**
 - January 22 – alcohol
 - January 23 – tobacco/e cigs
 - January 24 – MDMA
 - January 25 – opioids/Rx meds
 - January 26 – marijuana
 - January 27 – synthetics
 - January 28 – heroin
 - Facts will be compiled and sent out to coalition members to send out on social media on those dates
 - Hashtag will be used for each post so it can be tracked → **#CHCDrugFacts18**
- **Human Trafficking Awareness Day**
 - Facebook Livestream took place on Human Trafficking Awareness Day (January 11th) from 8-3pm
- **Ideas for Prom Campaign**
 - Use ribbons on corsage or stickers on boxes with the potential hashtag **#morethanamoment**
 - Take an inventory of florists in the county who might be willing to participate



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Next Meeting: February 14, 2018 at 10am

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