

2016

Coalition Meetings

Wednesdays

5:00pm-6:30pm

January 20th
WAPD Substation

March 16th
Summit Place

May 18th
Apostle Presbyterian
Church

July 20th
WAWM School
District Administration
Building

September 21st
North Shore Bank

November 16th
WM Community Center

January 2015

WAWMCC previous years Coalition Highlights insert were included in the West Allis city newsletter and reached 32,000 community members.

The WAWM Community Coalition offered educational information and other resources at 16 presentations, community events and health fairs this year.

February 2015

The Coalition participated in a poster session at a national conference about community collaborations and substance abuse prevention.

Twenty-five students representing each of the high schools, Central, Hale, the Learning Center and Shared Journeys, were trained as peer educators for the "Peers with Purpose" program. They will present to all 7th grade students in the district in March and April.

Students from the Learning Center created an anti-bullying campaign by fostering an environment of acceptance through "Chill Out" and offering students cups of hot chocolate.



March 2015

The 6th Annual Safe and Sober program was held at West Allis Central High School with 225 parents and students in attendance. Miss Wisconsin 2014, Raeanna Johnson spoke about the impact of substance abuse on her family.

Students at Central and the Learning Center participated in "Kick Butts Day" with posters, candy and students providing alternative activities to smoking.



April 2015

Students from Shared Journeys created power points about the negative impact of alcohol and drug use and second and third hand smoke for a booth at the WIC and immunization clinics. A book for parents to read to small children educating them about avoiding smoking, alcohol and drug use was also distributed to 50 parents.



April Library Display

The peer educators delivered the "Peers with Purpose" program to 631 7th grade students at Frank Lloyd Wright, Lincoln and West Milwaukee Intermediate Schools.

About 75 people, adults and children, attended the Latino Health Fair. The program included a healthy food demonstration, tables with community vendors and a presentation in Spanish about alcohol awareness and not hosting youth parties with alcohol. Spanish language "Parents Who Host" signs were also distributed. Mark your calendars for this annual event - April 16, 2016.

April as "Alcohol Awareness Month" was again recognized with a Mayoral Proclamation in West Allis and a Village Proclamation in West Milwaukee. Among the many activities during the month was; a display in the West Allis Library lobby designed by the students from Shared Journeys, school wide announcements by youth members at Central and Hale, "21 Means 21" campaign at Central, hallway displays at the Learning Center and weekly tweets and posts on Facebook.



Latino Health Fair



Peers with Purpose Presentation

May 2015

The May Coalition meeting featured presentations from all four youth groups, a couple of fun rounds of Jeopardy and a delicious dinner prepared by meeting hosts Apostle Presbyterian Church.

June 2015

Youth members of the Coalition continued their involvement with CAAD including volunteering at "Tuesday in the Park", with an announcement welcoming families and reminding them that most youth are not involved with alcohol and drugs.

August 2015

Thousands attended the West Allis and West Milwaukee "National Night Out" events. The Coalition provided prevention literature, reusable bags, temporary tattoos and magnets with website and drug drop-off information to attendees. Youth members from Central, Hale and the Learning Center used a Jeopardy Game designed with questions about underage alcohol and drug prevention to interact with and educate the community.



CAAD Tuesday in the Park

September 2015

The 7th Annual Safe and Sober program was held at West Allis Central with 200 parents and students attending. Jenny Addis shared her very powerful story about becoming a quadriplegic from a drunken driving accident. She also presented after school to students.

The West Allis Police Department began safety talks at senior and assisted living centers in the community. These talks highlight safety issues such as keeping purses, autos and homes safe and also proper disposal and storage of prescription medications. Unwanted and unused medications are collected at the end of the program.

WAPD also participated in the DEA drug take back day. Over 79 pounds of medications were collected at the event.



Senior Safety Talk

October 2015

Youth members of the Coalition celebrated Red Ribbon Week with the theme "Better Things to Do than Drugs". Central and Hale endorsed a wear red day to promote drug-free choices. Shared Journeys students planted red tulips.

November 2015

The Coalition and youth members began presentations to PTAs in the district to promote parents talking to their children.

The Coalition had a resource table at the Milwaukee County Heroin Town Hall Meeting.

2015 Recognition Award recipients are Heidi Nelson from WA Central, Nikki Levine from Nathan Hale, Rick Jackowski from the Learning Center and Lisa Colla and Jamie Crotteau from Shared Journeys for their great work with the youth members.



Red Ribbon Week
Hale Fence

December 2015

Focus on Heroin insert was included in the WA city newsletter to 32,000 residents.

Recognition was also given to Citlali Mendieta-Ramos, owner of Antigua Mexican and Latin American Restaurant, and Brian and Renee Shecterle, owners/operators, of the Culver's in West Allis and Kevin Flack, their general manager, for their continued support of the Coalition and the bi-monthly meetings.

WAWMCC thanks the Coalition Partners and Friends for their support of the Coalition and its mission to reduce underage substance abuse and help the West Allis-West Milwaukee community raise healthy, drug-free children.



For more information about how to become a Friend or Partner of the Coalition, visit our website at www.wawmcc.org