

## **2nd Annual Parent Safety Night Successful**

The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District hosted its **2nd Annual Parent Safety Night on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the West Allis Nathan Hale High School Auditorium.** Working in collaboration, the West Allis Police Department, the West Allis Fire Department, the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District, and the West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition presented information to parents about the dangers of prescription medications, illegal drugs, alcohol, and other substances. A panel made up of school district personnel, a parent, representatives from the West Allis Police and Fire Departments, as well as a licensed psychotherapist discussed the problems of substance use and abuse. The event was meant to inform parents of what to look for, and give them resources if they suspect their son or daughter may be using illegal drugs. This program has become an annual event hosted by West Allis Central and Nathan Hale High Schools in alternating years. Next fall West Allis Nathan Hale High School will host an event for students and their parents.

Approximately 50 people were in attendance. Parents from all West Allis-West Milwaukee intermediate and high schools were invited to attend. The event was meant to be a proactive intervention to promote safe behaviors during the upcoming high school proms, graduation celebrations, and summer activities. West Allis Central's prom is Saturday, May 12th, and Nathan Hale's prom is Saturday, May 19th. Panelists at the event included Kellie Robinson, a mother who lost her son to a prescription drug overdose; Lt. Chad Evenson, Lt. Christopher Marx, Lt. Jay Scharfenberg; health teacher, Jon Nelson; assistant principal, Paul Kurth; and licensed psychotherapist, Dennis Wolf. District ATODA Coordinator, Beth Heflin lead the panel discussion. Parents had the opportunity to ask the panelists questions, and the event was well received by those who attended.

We hope the event increased awareness and help parents have those crucial conversations with their daughters/sons to make positive life choices. Future events will include a student/parent event in the fall, assemblies at each high school in the winter, and a parents only event in the spring. We thank all of the panelists, the West Allis Police and Fire Departments, Tammy Molter of the West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition, and the West Allis School District for planning and organizing the event.



**A Community Working Together to Encourage Safe Behaviors**

**West Allis-West Milwaukee  
School District**

**Presents**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parent Safety Night**

**What Every Parent Should Know About  
Prescription Drugs, Alcohol, and Other Substances**

**Monday, May 7, 2012**

**7:00 pm**

**Nathan Hale High School Auditorium**



**West Allis Central  
High School**



**West Allis Nathan Hale  
High School**

# AGENDA

## Nathan Hale High School Auditorium

Monday, May 7, 2012

7:00 pm

### Welcome:

**Mr. Paul Kurth**

Assistant Principal, West Allis Central High School

### What Every Parent Should Know About . . .

--Alcohol

--Tobacco

--Prescription Medications

--Illegal Substances

--Parent Resources/Responsibilities

### Panelists

Senior Psychotherapist and Addiction Specialist, **Paul Zenisek, LCSW**

Licensed Psychotherapist, **Dennis Wolf, LCSW**

West Allis Fire Department, **Lt. Jay Scharfenberg**

West Allis Police Department, **Lt. Chad Evenson, Lt. Christopher Marx**

West Allis-West Milwaukee School District ATODA Coordinator, **Beth Heflin**

West Allis Parent, **Kellie Robinson**

West Allis Central High School Assistant Principal, **Paul Kurth**

West Allis Central High School Health Teacher, **Jon Nelson**

### Parent Question & Answer Opportunity

### Closing

### Safe and Sober Announcement

**Ms. Tammy Molter**

Coalition Coordinator, West Allis Community Coalition

### Thank You's:

**Mr. Matt Lesar**

Principal, West Allis Nathan Hale High School

\*\*This is a reminder of our **Safe and Sober Awareness Initiative**. With the end of the year events such as Prom and Graduation fast approaching, we want to encourage you as parents to talk to your daughter/son about safe behaviors on and off campus. Every year the news media reports of tragedies, such as deaths, due to drunk driving, accidents, overdoses, and unsafe behaviors. In the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District, we want to make sure our students are safe, and that your family does not have to go through such a tragedy. Working together with the school district, the community coalition, and law enforcement, will help ensure the safety of the children of West Allis-West Milwaukee. \*\*

## **Parent Internet and Other Resources**

***(Check with your cell phone service provider and/or its website for parental control options for cell phones and cell phones with Internet access! Some have GPS tracking to monitor your kids' location)***

### **Alcohol**

State of Drinking

How our love of alcohol shapes Wisconsin's landscape

<http://www.fdlreporter.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/99999999/WIS0110/399990694/1979>

Alcohol Policy Information System

The Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS) has a comparison of all states' alcohol regulation and enforcement policies and laws for the last 10 years:

<http://www.alcoholpolicy.niaaa.nih.gov>

### **Youth**

The Cool Spot

The young teens place for info on alcohol and resisting peer pressure

<http://www.thecoolspot.gov/index.asp>

### **Milwaukee County**

West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition (WAWMCC)

Providing support to the West Allis-West Milwaukee community to raise healthy, drug-free children.

<http://www.wawmcc.org>

2-1-1 @ IMPACT

Information for Milwaukee County residents who need assistance with family, health and social services.

<http://www.impactinc.org/211/211.htm>

Wisconsin Poison Control Center

<http://www.stopmedicineabuse.org/>

### **Parents**

Partnership for Drug Free America Parent Resource Center

<http://www.drugfree.org/>

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

MADD and Nationwide Insurance have launched "The Power of Parents, It's Your Influence by MADD(™)" to give parents of high school students the communication tools they need to stop teen alcohol use.

[www.thepowerofparents.org](http://www.thepowerofparents.org).

### **Prescription Drugs**

Get Smart About Drugs - Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Resource for Parents

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

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District - Drug drop-off sites in southeastern Wisconsin

<http://v3.mmsd.com/policestations.aspx>

Stop Medicine Abuse

<http://www.stopmedicineabuse.org/>

### **Treatment**

Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator

<http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/TreatmentLocator/faces/quickSearch.jspx>

## **A Community Working Together to Encourage Safe Behaviors**

The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District would like to thank the following individuals, and organizations for their support of the **2nd Annual Parent Safety Night**:

### **Our Guest Panelists:**

Senior Psychotherapist and Addiction Specialist, **Paul Zenisek, LCSW**  
Licensed Psychotherapist, **Dennis Wolf, LCSW**  
West Allis Fire Department, **Lt. Jay Scharfenberg**  
West Allis Police Department, **Lt. Chad Evenson, Lt. Christopher Marx**  
West Allis-West Milwaukee School District ATODA Coordinator, **Beth Heflin**  
West Allis Parent, **Kellie Robinson**  
West Allis Central High School Assistant Principal, **Paul Kurth**  
West Allis Central High School Health Teacher, **Jon Nelson**

### **West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Administrator**

Kurt Wachholtz

### **West Allis-West Milwaukee School Board Members**

Daniel Bailey	Patricia Kerhin	Susan Staleweski
Kristi Bonaparte	Gail Radonski	Sue Sujecki
Annette Frymark	George Sotiros	Darlene Ziemendorf

### **West Allis-West Milwaukee High School Administrators**

<u>West Allis Central High School</u>	<u>West Allis Nathan Hale High School</u>
Paul Mielke, Principal	Matt Lesar, Principal
Paul Kurth, Assistant Principal	Jeff Borland, Assistant Principal
Jason Sadowski, Assistant Principal	Andy Muszytowski, Assistant Principal
<u>James E. Dottke Alternative High School</u>	
Guy Powell, Principal	

### **West Allis-West Milwaukee Intermediate School Administrators**

<u>Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate</u>	<u>West Milwaukee Intermediate</u>
Beth Koehler, Principal	Jeff Taylor, Principal
Ryan Hammernik, Assistant Principal	Jessica Moe, Assistant Principal
<u>Lincoln Intermediate</u>	
Diane Ulezelski, Principal	

## **About Tonight's Topic**

Too often when parents think of drug or alcohol abuse, they think it won't happen to my children. My kids are "A" students. They are outstanding athletes. My kids have wonderful friends. Today our children are faced with many pressures, temptations, and are looking for help. Unfortunately, some of our children turn to alcohol, prescription drugs, and other substances to fill those needs or increase their performance. The purpose for tonight's panel discussion, was to help inform parents of the dangers of alcohol, prescription medications, and other substances. Hopefully you found tonight's program informative and the information can be used to help you have those difficult conversations with your children about substance abuse. We thank our panelists for sharing their experiences and expertise this evening, and hope you walk away not discouraged, but empowered to protect your children from making poor choices.