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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 11

Agenda
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Key Leaders & Community Orientation

The Coalition ended the year on a high note with its May 9 Key Leaders and Community Orientation event, held at the Bethaday Community Learning Space. Under the theme “Making Strides Towards Healthier, Drug-Free Youth and Communities,” the event served to highlight the Coalition’s achievements and successes this past year.

Kicking off the evening’s festivities was an opening performance by the Cascade Middle School Band, under the direction of Sarah Baker.

The Cascade Middle School Prevention Team was recognized and honored for their achievements this past year with presentations of hoodies whose logo and prevention message were designed by team members. King County Parks added to the celebration with gift bags of goodies for each Prevention Team member.

Senator Joe Nguyen, Washington State 34th Legislative District and a graduate of Cascade Middle School, delivered the keynote address. Senator Nguyen shared that he attended Cascade Middle School and also played in the band. His message to the audience focused on his legislative goals and accomplishments during his freshman year as a senator and expectations for what’s to follow.

Robin Haguewood, Program Manager, Youth Marijuana Prevention & Education, Public Health–Seattle & King County followed with a presentation on “What Youth are Telling Us About Marijuana.” The presentation outlined a number of trends among youth in King County related to issues around marijuana use and misuse.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Coalition for Drug-Free Youth educates, inspires and empowers our community to support youth and create a safe, healthy environment aimed at addressing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug problems.

Key Leaders & Community Orientation CONTINUED

Rounding out the evening was a panel discussion on how legalized marijuana has affected the particular domain of key leaders from education, law enforcement, and prevention. Panel members included: Kisa Hendrickson, Chief Engagement and Partnership Officer, Highline Public Schools; Erin James, Outreach Marijuana & Opiate Prevention Coordinator, King County Dept. of Community and Human Services; Taylor Frey, on-campus Student Assistance Professional, Puget Sound Educational Service District, at Cascade Middle School and Evergreen High School; and Scott Somers, Undersheriff, King County Sheriff's Office.

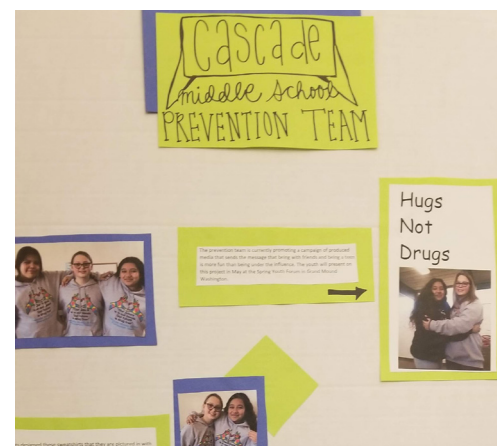
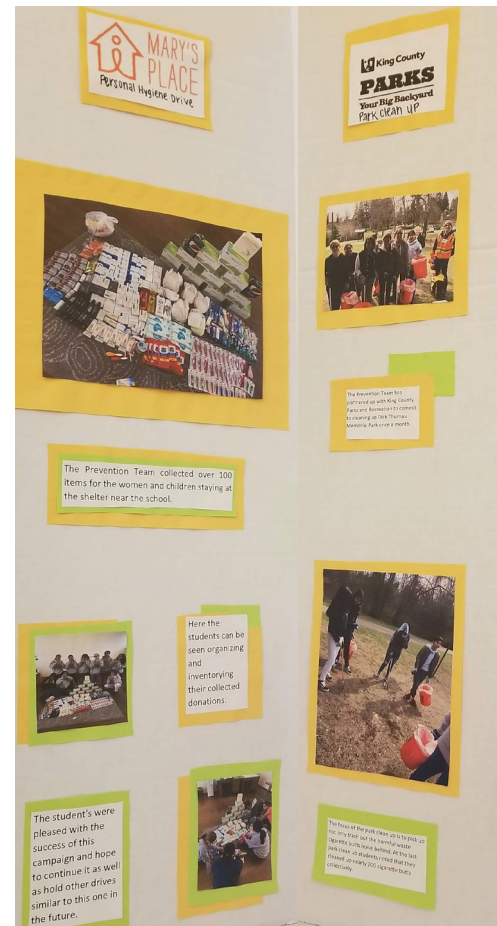
The panel discussion generated a number of questions and responses from the more than 60 attendees, which included, students, parents, community members and Coalition members representing various community service providers and civic organizations.

Coalition Program Highlights

The Coalition took an active role in prevention this past year, teaming up with Coalition partners and member organizations to deliver a variety of programs and services throughout the community, a formula that has proven effective in reaching the various segments of our very diverse area.

Following is a summary of the Coalition's work this past fiscal year:

- **National Prevention Network Conference** – August 28–30, Boston.
- **Guiding Good Choices** – Woodridge, Arbor Heights & Alcove Apartments, Mount View Elementary School.
- **Community Public Awareness Presentations** – Mount View Elementary Coffee Hours, Alcove Apartments, Woodridge Apartments, Cascade Middle School "Puentes" Latino Parents Group, Burien Rotary.
- **Cascade Middle School Prevention Team** – Hygiene gift bags campaign for Mary's Place residents, Dick Thurnau Memorial Park anti-litter campaign, Red Ribbon Week, WeDay, Spring Youth Forum, King County Media campaign focus group, on-campus "public awareness campaign" promoting positive norms, acknowledgment at Key Leaders/Community Orientation event, student-designed logo and prevention message for team hoodies.
- **Evergreen High School** – Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) mentoring classes, Latino students – King County media campaign focus group.
- **Community Advisory Boards** – Evergreen High School & New Start High School.
- **Partnership/Sponsorship Events** –
 - King County Housing & Neighborhood House – health fairs.
 - SeaMar Community Health Clinics & Coalition Leadership Council – community survey.
 - CDA – school and community events.
 - White Center Kiwanis & Cascade Prevention Team – park campaign.
 - King County Parks & Cascade Prevention Team – anti-litter park campaign.



- **Partnership/Sponsorship Events Continued** –
 - Community Survey – Cascade Middle School, Evergreen High School, Mount View Elementary, White Center Kiwanis, KC Housing, NHUAC, Greenbridge YWCA, Neighborhood House, Mount View Presbyterian Church, King County Library System.
 - King County Programs – KC Youth Marijuana Prevention & Education, KC Department of Health.
 - New Futures/Southwest Youth & Family Services – community survey, Guiding Good Choices, public awareness presentations.
 - Puget Sound Educational Service District – Coalition's fiscal agent, racial equity training, in-school LifeSkills Training, Project SUCCESS.

Photo Gallery



Prevention Team members show off hoodies, gift bags and Certificates of Excellence.



Guests listen to a presentation at the Key Leaders event.



PSED staff pose for a photo at the Key Leaders event.



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About Our Organization

The Coalition for Drug-Free Youth was created in 2012 as a Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) organization dedicated to preventing alcohol and other drug abuse among middle and high school students in unincorporated White Center and the North Highline areas of King County, specifically, Cascade Middle School and the three schools that comprise the Evergreen Campus.

Through a series of programs and projects implemented in collaboration with Coalition partners on campus and the community, we seek to provide youth with positive alternatives to alcohol, tobacco and drug use.

These include parent nights and open houses at middle and high schools, health fairs on campus and in the community, support and sponsorship of Prevention Teams and activities on campus, community-wide media campaigns, and community meetings and surveys.

School programs at Cascade Middle School and Evergreen Campus are facilitated by a Student Assistance Professional employed by Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSED).



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