



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

Facilitator: Marissa & TBA

Notetaker: TBA

**Coalition Meeting – November 10, 2020**

<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are your holiday plans?</li> </ul>	<b>10mins</b>
<b>Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Survey is still ongoing until December 15<sup>th</sup> virtually and in-person copies until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.</li> <li>• We will have a new opening in our Leadership Council beginning January 2021.</li> <li>• We have begun our Prevention Club now Leaders of Change and are in partnership with KC Parks for future outdoor activities in 2021.</li> <li>• We have launched virtual Art and Social Justice Club and this will be open to students at Evergreen High School, New Start High School, and potentially more high schools in our service area.</li> <li>• We have contacted former alumni of Evergreen to come speak to students of Evergreen about their life journey and as positive role models.</li> <li>• Upcoming Meeting on Coalition Budget OPEN to coalition members Friday at 3:00pm</li> </ul>	<b>10mins</b>
<b>Member Activity: Planning Coalition Activities for the New Year</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflection on COVID work for the last 8 months</li> <li>• Planning for Priorities for next year Jan-Jun</li> </ul>	<b>40mins</b>
<b>Community Updates</b>	<b>10 mins</b>

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**4:00-5:30pm**

**Sign into the meeting by using the chatbox**

Drug Free Youth Coalition



Marissa, Michael Sita, Scott Davis, Beth Davis, Tracie Holiday Robinson, Courtney Yasugaga, Tracie Friedman, Jackie Berganio, Liliana Caracoza, Patrick Inglis, Jody Addicks, Devon KCLS.

### Announcements

- Community Surveys: Please send out once again! Continues to remain open through to the end of the month.
  - Comment from Patrick: re: electronic surveys available in English & Spanish,. correct? Also, we handed out a bunch of Somali copies with a classroom packet for our Money Mechanics program (in Somali this time). I'm told you can count on at least half-a-dozen completed surveys from the Somali community. :)
- Tracie F will be moving on with her new position. She has been a part of this for many years and has contributed deeply. She will remain on until the transfer is complete.
- Opening in the Leadership Council. If interested, please contact Marissa. The council is relies on the Council for advisory and consultation and provides for influence. Next Council meeting will be focused on funding distribution priorities.
- Liliana:
  - Evergreen HS is now called Leaders of Change. Currently recruiting more and many teachers are indicating support.
  - Art and Social Justice Club at both sites. Cascade has a strong sign up. Both begin next week. Preparing to deliver supplies.
  - Life Skills Lessons has begun and scheduling 2 Health Class series for January.
  - Evergreen: Self Care week with zoom meetings and Drug and alcohol awareness topics.
  - Cascade has counselor weekly meetings ongoing.
- **Invitation:** Members encouraged to join Liliana's spaces to join, to speak on a topic of their choice. Patricia and Jodi indicated is availability (through December)
- Completed six-week GGG series – 14 participants consistently attended. As a celebration, provided a meal to all families. They were very appreciative!

### MEMBER ACTIVITY: PLANNING COALITION ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR

- COVID has been with us for 8 months (March to date). What have you been most proud of in relation to the DFYC?
  - Community Bags Distribution
  - Beth noted the level of activity and support has been limited as a consequence of COVID. Time to strategize what we can do together!
  - Mike: Staying connected is a significant part of the work!
  - Liliana – checking in at these monthly meetings helps me to do my work
  - Tracie – teamwork and plan ahead for alternative ways.
  - Patricia Youth Power connection was terrific. We are walking the walk



- Patrick – notes appreciation of connection.

**ACTION:** Thinking about continuing in a virtual setting for months to come, how can we respond to the demands and needs of virtual school using these strategies OR other strategies?

### **Policy change**

- Not lobby but education and advocacy is valued, legit and needed. Public meetings more accessible
- Jackie shared the TMOD Policy Priorities for 2021 - including removing penalties for youth use of tobacco/ vape.
- Who interested? Beth, Liliana, youth leadership
- Beth: Our legislators know us; also Dow, McDermit... Proposes this council develop a list of items for legislators to respond to.
- We have a history with our youth being powerful influencers. 2+ years ago a Cascade approached King County Council to have a Homeless Shelter be housed by the park, rather than for men – for families. This was heard and this became Mary's Place.

### **Public Awareness Campaign**

- In past there have been bill boards commonly. Patricia recalls the Did You Know campaign on social media – Lets use their instant access to do some social media campaigning
- Work with Advisory teachers (HSD) that they could play during advisories or health teachers could bring to class. Kim suggested learning from DOH about ongoing campaigns and also the HSD Cartoon campaign. Connect with King County as well (Jody). Marissa mentioned another coalition had youth engage in a poster contest with winner was posted on billboard. Liliana would offer this up as an art project for her club!

### **Positive Youth Activities (Virtual Clubs)**

- Brainstorm included youth led product production - i.e. awareness videos,
- Life Skills
- Alumni Panel
- Alumni: Patricia has contacts that are alumni (police and SRO) – can connect with MJ

### **Media**

- Our Facebook and website are old. Marissa needs someone to support as a soundboard. Patrick is available.

### **Are you engaged in events that the coalition can support/contribute to?**

- Job Launch Jan 28, 3-5pm (Patrick and Jody) Focus: Information and Technology Jobs
- Food insecurity
- FRIDAY: BUDGET MEETING!!!
- Patricia-2 in person classes: Maker Space and Life Skills 101
- Scott: Mixed nuts sale is underway for White Center Kiwanis. \$25/can