

Youth Marijuana Prevention & Education

January 2017 Regional Meeting

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Participants

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Regional Updates

Thurston County

Healthy Youth Survey data has been made available early to Thurston County. Staff is looking over this information to plan how to utilize resources throughout the region and figure out what messages to release this year, as well as how to reach out to certain subgroups.

TOGETHER!

Staff members are preparing for Prevention Policy Day on February 20, 2017 at the Capitol. They will be taking youth to the event to meet with policymakers and discuss community health policies. The annual Substance Abuse Conference will take place at the Hotel RL in Olympia from April 24-27. There will be speakers and a panel on marijuana laws. Cristal Connelly from DOH will be there along with someone who helped pen Washington Initiative 502, and a marijuana retail owner. TOGETHER! is also putting together a marijuana education toolkit for middle school health teachers.

CR-ESD 113

The Strengthening Families program in Thurston County is set to begin in early February. The program will also happen soon in Grays Harbor and Mason Counties. Stacy will send out the exact dates to the group once they are finalized. She hopes to have the Life Skills program implemented in McCleary once a new person is trained.

Ophelia (HLC)

A YMPEP community event is in the early stages of being scheduled to take place at the mall in April. Outreach is continuing in South Kelso, and #Listen2YourSelfie posters have been hung at various Hispanic restaurants and stores in the area.

Lewis County

There is a Healthy Youth Survey training coming up, as well as a showing of the movie Paper Tigers on January 24th, 2017. Lewis County staff have been asked to run a training on resilience and poverty awareness in the Centralia/Chehalis area as well, and not just in Morton as previously thought. They are planning a free training of The Incredible Years program which will most likely take place at the Centralia College campus in the coming months. On March 9th they will be presenting the Messaging PowerPoints

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provided by DOH at the Senior Center in Centralia. Matt Shellhart will be giving the adult presentation, and a worker from DBHR will be giving the youth presentation.

SPIPA

SPIPA is looking for ways to incorporate marijuana prevention into their next wave of funding from the CDC. Jen Olson is looking for reference material related to marijuana usage and lung disease, which would support the case to make marijuana prevention a priority.

Grays Harbor County

Life Skills training is taking place in several classrooms in Hoquiam, and will continue to happen in multiple classrooms throughout the year.

Updates: Review Challenges

Matt asked the group to consider how they have been able to incorporate messaging tools into their prevention work, specifically the #Listen2YourSelfie campaign, and Cristal Connelly's PowerPoint presentation. The participants each spoke and let the group know how they have been able to utilize these resources:

- In Lewis County, there will be Two PowerPoint presentations given in March. One will be for adults, and the other for youth.
- TOGETHER! staff is using the PowerPoint content to inform the toolkit they are developing for middle school health teachers. They have been asked to present at various schools, and are promoting the #Listen2YourSelfie campaign at high school after-school programs.
- Mary Ann O'Garro is looking at Healthy Youth Survey data to help inform how they will go about using these resources to reach out to certain groups in the coming months.
- At ESD 113, Stacy Mueller is thinking about reaching out to a larger audience and would like to work with other partners to use these resources and make something like this happen. Anyone who is interested should contact her and Matt.
- Ophelia Noble is hoping to begin implementation of the PowerPoint presentation at the local high school.

Next Steps

- February 15, 2017, 11am – 12pm: YMPEP monthly meeting via teleconference
- February 20, 2017: Prevention Policy Day, Capitol Campus in Olympia
- New Challenge: Participants are encouraged to report success stories in their next monthly reports.