



# PREVENTION *Connection* WINTER 2022

A quarterly newsletter by The Alliance for Healthy Communities

Each New Year, we have before us a brand-new book containing 365 blank pages. Let us fill them with all the forgotten things from last year -- the words we forgot to say, the love we forgot to show, and the charity we forgot to offer.

—*Peggy Toney Horton*



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# *Hello prevention champions!*

Wow! What a year! AHC's leadership just wants to take a moment to thank YOU, our volunteers and community partners, for sticking with us through another year of activities, events and initiatives. We have gone through so much in our second year "pandemic-style." Some things good, some bad, but one thing is for sure, we are learning and growing through the challenges and seasons.

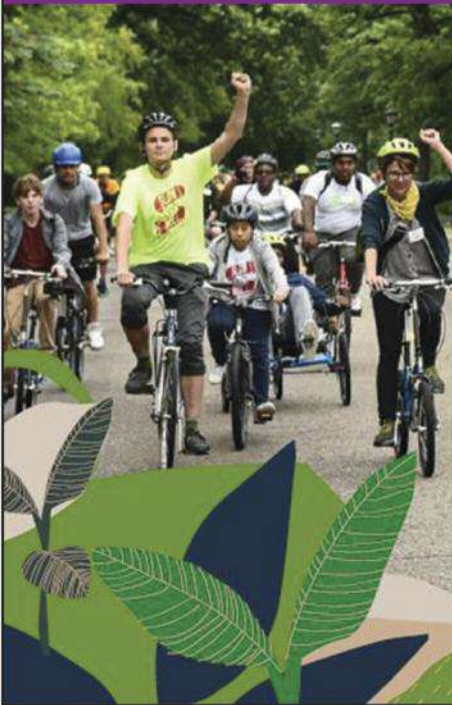
In 2021, for the first time ever, our Nation surpassed 100,000 opioid overdoses in a single year. This heartbreaking statistic only proves that what we do is necessary and important. This year we have worked on new and innovative projects like the Dispose of Opioids for a Safer Community (DOSC) Pilot Project, Pedal for Prevention and Walk for Recovery events. We have collaborated with new and innovative projects like The Hope Shot podcast to get the message of prevention and recovery initiatives out to a broader audience. We have also continued with our regular initiatives, campaigns and events while being flexible and innovative with technology, virtual formats,

and amping them up with nationally recognized speakers and advocates. We came together for the first time in almost TWO years for our annual brunch to honor our volunteers and community partners that have been working so tirelessly on these projects, because we could never do ANY of what we do, without YOU.

It would be impossible to list all of our initiatives in one short snippet, but one thing is for sure: we are looking forward to even more growth and innovation in 2022! Peruse this edition of Prevention Connection to see what we have accomplished this quarter, and take a look at our Annual Coalition Poll which is included in the email with this packet. As always, our website has comprehensive lists of our upcoming events, committees and local resources. We look forward to a successful 2022!

With Gratitude,  
Kellie Rodriguez, ASAP Coordinator  
Chrissie Parris, AHC Board President

## **Bike, Walk, Run!** *Join the Fun!*



# **PEDAL FOR PREVENTION**

## **Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, May 7, 2022**

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*Pasco ASAP uses local data to direct our prevention programs*

## **ASAP 2022 PRIORITY ISSUES**

- Youth Drug Use
- Underage Drinking
- Opioid Use, Misuse and Addiction
- Rates of Substance Exposed Newborns
- Impaired Driving
- Intravenous Drug Use
- Tobacco Use

## **ASAP MISSION**

To coordinate community efforts to reduce county-wide risk factors for addiction, thereby preventing and decreasing substance use in a comprehensive and long-term manner that primarily impacts the youth in the community.

## **ASAP CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## **ASAP MEETINGS ARE ON zoom**

### **GENERAL COALITION**

Fourth Tuesday of every month • 10:00am • Meeting ID: 894 8050 6106 Password: 399526

### **RECOVERY**

Fourth Monday of every month • 5:00pm • Meeting ID: 826 7025 4538 Password: 451180

### **SUBSTANCE EXPOSED NEWBORN**

Second Wednesday of every month • 10:00am • Meeting ID: 828 6547 9166 Password: 061677

### **ALCOHOL INITIATIVES**

First Monday of every month • 4:30pm • Meeting ID: 844 2750 9059 Password: 207615

### **OPIOID / RX**

First Tuesday of every month • 3:00pm • Meeting ID: 834 6615 6874 Password: 344143

### **CULTURAL COMPETENCE**

Third Monday of every month • 4:30pm • Meeting ID: 815 1525 0641 Password: 883088





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# ASAP Committee Updates

## ALCOHOL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE & TOBACCO FREE PARTNERSHIP

The AIC continues to work on strategies to combat underage access to alcohol and reduce DUI arrests and crashes. We also enjoy our continued partnership with MADD and Tobacco Free Florida. We also continue to be proud of our STAND Above The Influence youth and their tireless work in addressing these issues. As we look into the new year and all it may bring with it, please continue to practice strategies to keep not only yourself but our youth safe from the consequences of alcohol use. We look forward to seeing you next year! We will continue to meet virtually for the time being. We meet the 1st Monday of every month at 4:30 pm.

## CULTURAL COMPETENCE COMMITTEE

The cultural competence committee has continued to discuss how to get involved into with other community partners and expand into the community. We are continuing to work on the community survey to better assess our communities needs. If you would like to get involved, please look at our website, [www.empoweredcommunities.org](http://www.empoweredcommunities.org). The committee meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 3:30 pm.

## RECOVERY COMMITTEE

The Recovery Committee met in October – in person at Starbucks - to create a preliminary outline for our activities for 2022, we did not meet in November or December due to the holidays. It was so great to see everyone! The committee focuses on reducing stigma and works to give recovery allies and those in recovery

### PRESENTERS WANTED!

*Does your agency have something to share with the ASAP Coalition? We are looking for presenters for our monthly meetings on Zoom.*

*Please contact ASAP Coordinator Kellie Rodriguez at [asap@empoweredcommunities.org](mailto:asap@empoweredcommunities.org) Thank you!*

a voice in our community. We advocate for recovery-related issues and bring everyone together for our common goal of reducing addiction and alcoholism with the hopes of overcoming the barriers to wellness. For more information, please email our Committee Co-Chairs Cesar Rodriguez at: [cesar.a.rodriguez2012@gmail.com](mailto:cesar.a.rodriguez2012@gmail.com), or Eve Hosley at [Eve.Hosley@Baycare.org](mailto:Eve.Hosley@Baycare.org). The Recovery Committee meets the 4th Monday of every month at 5:00 pm – please mark your calendar for, 1/24/22, 2/28/22 and 3/28/22. Everyone is invited!!! We will back to meeting on Zoom due to the uptick of cases for the January meeting.

## RX / OPIOID COMMITTEE

Rx/Opioid committee has continued to meet since partnering with local agencies. We have continued to pass out Deterra bags into the community, with more than 1,000 being distributed! We have also seen a growing number of attendance in our meetings! This will allow for more collaborations and impacts in our community. The committee meets the first Tuesday of every month. Please email [Parnia.Roghani@flhealth.gov](mailto:Parnia.Roghani@flhealth.gov) or [crystal.willson@baycare.org](mailto:crystal.willson@baycare.org) for more information.

## SEN COMMITTEE

Our SEN committee will continue to meet virtually in January. Our first meeting of the New Year will be January 12th at 10 AM, on zoom. We meet monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 AM on Zoom. You can find the link on our ASAP website. The SEN committee will use our first meeting of the year to decide what project we would like to focus on to support substance exposed newborns. We are excited to continue our work and help those in our community. We continue to ask that you share the Converse with a Nurse AKA, Knowledge is Power Flyer and help us increase our attendance and reach our SEN initiative goals. The flyer and zoom link can be found on the ASAP website. We hope you have a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.





## Annual Brunch

We were thrilled to get back to an in-person gathering for this year's AHC Annual Brunch on December 7th at St. George Greek Orthodox Church. This year, we scaled down our agenda to ensure there was time for networking, being back together, and good, old fashioned connection. Special thank you to our emcee, Dr. Paula O'Neill, as well as all of our Volunteer of the Year Nominees. Congratulations to Justin McPadden, Adult Volunteer of the Year; Iker Dorta, Youth Volunteer of the Year; and our Community Partner of the Year, The Hope Shot. We hope you all enjoyed being back in person, and we look forward to many more face-to-face gatherings in the very near future!

## Volunteers of the Year Volunteer of the Year and Community Partner of the Year



### ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES:

Eve Hosley-Moore  
Justin McPadden  
Rochae Zwicharoski  
Parnia Roghani  
Crystal Willson

### YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES:

Iker Dorta  
Avery Mertes  
Liam Moore  
Cristalina Soares

### COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES:

Pasco County Department of Health  
Advent Health Wesley Chapel  
Recovery Epicenter Foundation  
The Hope Shot  
Chrysalis Heath

### ...AND THE WINNERS ARE!

Justin McPadden, Adult Volunteer of the Year  
Iker Dorta, Youth Volunteer of the Year  
The Hope Shot, Community Partner of the Year

**Congratulations to  
all of our nominees!**





## Jason Daniel Hughes Memorial Scholarship *To assist those seeking recovery with transitional living*

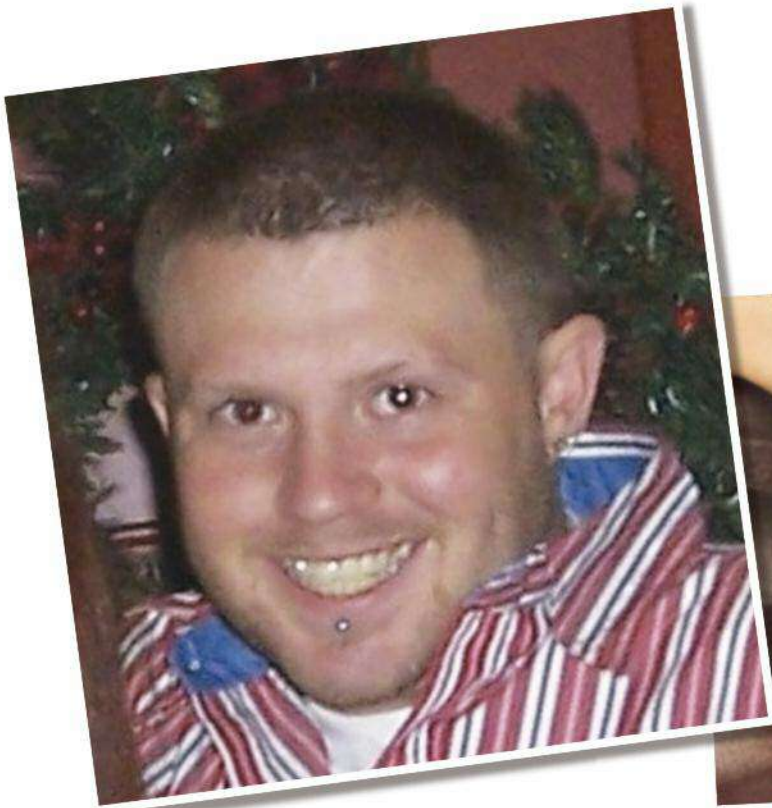
Jason Daniel Hughes died of an overdose in November of 2011. His loss, and the years spent trying to help him fight his addiction, galvanized his mom Kelly Mothershead to fight against substance misuse on a policy-level and to work to support those in recovery. She has volunteered with ASAP for many years from speaking at our NOPE Candlelight Vigil to attending meetings and events. She currently serves as an AHC Board Member.

She has donated time, money, resources to ASAP, and ASAP Leadership felt it was time to honor all her work and pay it forward. In honor of her son, Jason, we have started the Jason Daniel Hughes Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was started with her most recent donation, a realtor with Keller Williams, she and a client donated \$500 to ASAP, and this is the seed-money we have use to plant this garden.

The Jason Daniel Hughes Memorial Scholarship will pay for the first month in a FARR Accredited transitional living house. We have identified that this is a gap where those starting a life in recovery can sometimes fall through. Transitional living is not covered by insurance, and those that leave in-patient treatment or incarceration

are much more likely to return to substance use if they go back to environments where they used or struggle with unemployment or homelessness. These “sober living” houses can connect people to resources and new friends and equip them with new life skills. The applicant can receive funds one time only and funds to go directly to facility. The average cost of one month at a transitional living house is \$742.00.

If you would like to donate to the fund, please go to our website at [empoweredcommunities.org](http://empoweredcommunities.org) and click the “donate” button. Please list “Jason” in the memo line.







*Thank You!*



The Heart to Heart Women of Pasco presented a check to ASAP Coordinator Kellie Rodriguez and AHC President Chrissie Parris to further our prevention work in the county. We are so grateful!

## Update on Pasco's Opioid Task Force

The Pasco County Opioid Task Force (OTF) was formalized by the Board of County Commissioners this past summer. After the OTF's initial meeting in October, the Task Force has worked towards ensuring that the County meets specific requirements from the State in order to be considered a "qualified County" and be subject to receiving additional regional funds to combat the opioid epidemic in our community.

To fulfill the requirements and meet the definition of a "Qualified County," the Pasco County OTF submitted the following documentation to the State of Florida's Office of the Attorney General:

1. Resolution 21-266, approved on August 24, 2021 by the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners (BCC), "Establishing the Terms, Composition, Membership, and Quorum Requirements for the 'Pasco County Opioid Task Force,'" and Designating the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Task Force.
2. The Pasco County Florida Opioid Abatement Plan, approved by the Pasco County BCC on November 9, 2021. This Plan will be reviewed on a quarterly basis and adjusted, as needed by the Opioid Task Force during their scheduled meetings in 2022, and will serve as a framework .
3. The BayCare Behavioral Health, Inc., Managed Contract with Pasco County, as part of the Central Florida Behavioral

Health Network, to provide Substance Abuse Mental Health services to Pasco County residents, approved by the Pasco County BCC on December 10, 2019.

4. Two Interlocal Agreements with the Cities of New Port Richey and Zephyrhills, Governing Use of Pasco County Regional Opioid Settlement Funds, approved by the Pasco County BCC on December 7, 2021.

In addition, during the BCC meeting that was held on December 7, the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement was approved. This approval formalizes the County's participation in the Statewide settlement.

The OTF will resume its meeting schedule on January 31st 2022, at the WPGC, Board Room, in NPR at 10:00 a.m. For questions or inquiries, please reach out to Brian Hoben, Director of Community Services via e-mail at bhoben@mypasco.net. The meetings are open to the public and anyone who wishes to attend or address the Task Force is welcome to do so at that time. The meetings generally last a couple of hours and our upcoming meeting in January will include an update on the litigation process at the federal and state levels. For information regarding the agendas, you can find the most recent information here: <https://pascofl.civicclerk.com/Web/Player.aspx?id=893&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>





## AdventHealth Offering Free Classes



# AdventHealth

The AdventHealth Community Benefit Team is offering free health programs in the community. If you are interested in scheduling any of these programs, please contact Alyssa Smith at [alyssa.smith@adventhealth.com](mailto:alyssa.smith@adventhealth.com). All costs are covered by AdventHealth.

• **Mental Health First Aid**

This 8-hour certification course teaches participants how to recognize and support someone experiencing a mental health crisis and encourages self-care strategies.

• **Food is Health®**

This 6-week nutrition education series (1 hour per week) includes free produce each week for participants.

• **Hands-Only CPR**

This one-hour, train-the-trainer class teaches participants how to perform Hands-Only CPR to save a life. Participants get their own CPR kit with manikin to train others in the community.

## Community Health Needs Assessment



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IMPROVING  
MENTAL HEALTH

Our local not-for-profit hospitals and the Department of Health want to hear from you! These organizations are working together to get the community's perspective on the most pressing health and wellness needs. The results of this survey will be used to help us to understand your community health concerns so that improvements can be made.

We encourage you to take 15 minutes to fill out the survey below. Please visit <https://bit.ly/healthsurvey2022> to take the survey. Please also share widely with your contacts, partners, and clients. Thank you!

Losing a loved one to addiction  
is hard. You are not alone.

## Journey to Healing Hearts

Virtual Support Group

First Thursday of the month | 6 PM

Zoom Link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82057831059?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82057831059?pwd=SEJnM1lLVWQ0Q0Z4QjdhZnp6ZWZpZz09)

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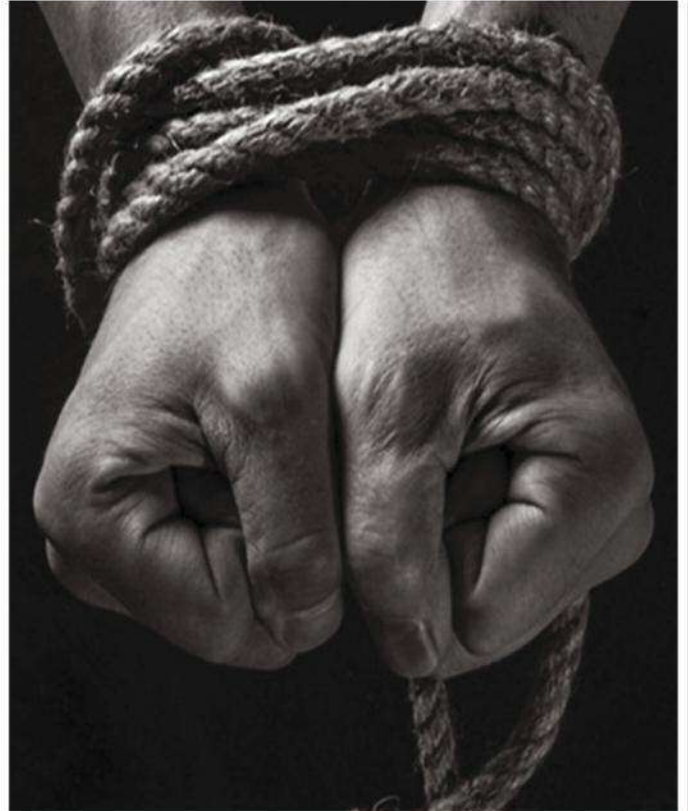
# NATIONAL SLAVERY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH



## Common Trafficking Indicators

Physical	Social/Interpersonal	Other
Evidence of violence	Accompanied by a controlling individual	Not in control of personal documents, schedule or \$
Untreated injuries	Isolation from family & friends	Restricted movement
Signs of exhaustion or malnourishment	Taught to mistrust those in a position to help	Claims to be just visiting/ not to have an address
Drug or alcohol addiction	Has a much older partner	Few or no personal possessions
Tattoos and branding	Has a sexual online profile	Unpaid or paid very little

## Human Trafficking Presentation Hosted Virtually



## #ENDHUMANTRAFFICKING

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS

The exploitation of a person for profit through the use of force, fraud, or coercion.

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January 11



Human Trafficking Awareness Day

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**KNOW MORE PASCO**

**STOP Human Trafficking**  
Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking

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In honor of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, learn about Human Trafficking, what to look for, and how to report it. Knowledge is Power: Converse with a Nurse weekly presentation hosted Liana Dean, MSW, Chair of the Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking, on 1/12/22. This month the Commission is working to increase awareness about human trafficking in the Tampa Bay region by sponsoring billboards, Public Service Announcements on ABC Action News and CBS CW44, and a large spread in the Tampa Bay Times. The Tampa Bay Times initiative, which consists of twelve pages of information on human trafficking for parents, will be distributed in partnership with the Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus County School Districts. Combined, these initiatives are anticipated to reach over half a million people in the Tampa Bay area. For more information about anti-trafficking efforts to include training and how you can get involved, contact Liana Dean at Liana.Dean@baycare.org.





## RESEARCH AND COALITION METRICS Q4 (October, November, December 2021) ASAP Coalition Metrics

### Check out our outputs for the quarter:

**Outreach:** This quarter, ASAP members have continued to socially distance via zoom meetings.

*Virtual NOPE Candlelight Vigil*, in partnership with Pasco Hernando State College, 221 people in attendance.

*SEN Knowledge is Power: Converse with a Nurse Virtual Series* has reached 70 people for the quarter.

*ASAP Brunch* on December 7, 2022, reached 150 people.

*ASAP Tabled events:* Hunger Walk reached 300, Walk Like MADD reached 100; Pasco Community Night Out; Suicide Awareness 5K reached; Trunk or Treat Gulfside Elementary Schools reached 85 families; Halloween Spooktacular Wesley Chapel Parks and Rec.; Toy Drive for Pasco County.

**Social Media:** ASAP reached 29,790 people via social media this quarter.

**Medication Dropoff:** Dade City Police Department reports a collected disposal weight of 200 LBS for October, November and December 2021.

**Deterra Bags:** Project DOSC, the Deterra Bag Project, handed out 307 medication disposal bags this quarter.

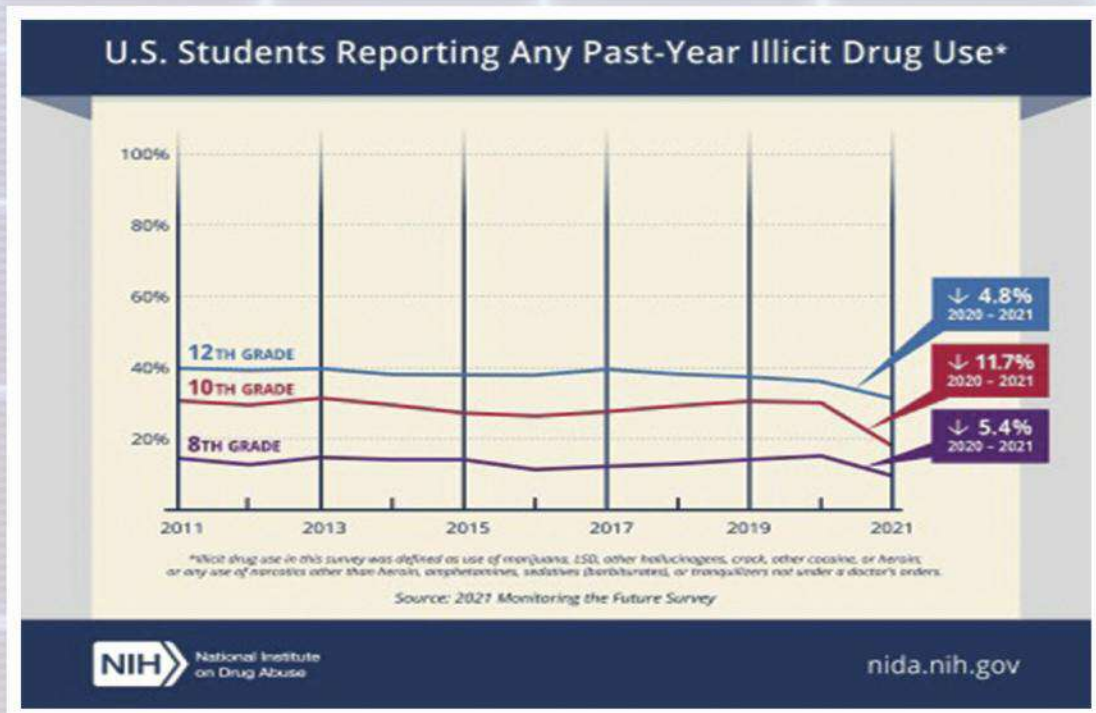
**Narcan Deployments:** Pasco County Sheriff's Office: November 2021, 29 Narcan deployments by deputies to 23 subjects; 27 were successful and two deployments to one individual, this was unsuccessful and subject was pronounced deceased. All were civilians. December 2021, 42 Narcan deployments by deputies to 32 subjects; 41 were successful and one unsuccessful deployment and subject was pronounced deceased. One subject was an inmate in a detention facility; 31 subjects were from the community. This was the only reported Narcan deployment inside a detention facility for 2021.

**Narcan Distribution:** Pasco Hernando State College, distributed 50 doses of Narcan at the Virtual NOPE Candle Light Vigil on November 18, 2021.

## Data and Research

The percentage of adolescents reporting substance use decreased significantly in 2021, according to the latest results from the Monitoring the Future survey of substance use behaviors and related attitudes among eighth, 10th, and 12th graders in the United States. In line with continued long-term declines in the use of many illicit substances among adolescents previously reported by the Monitoring the Future survey, these findings represent the largest one-year decrease in overall illicit drug use reported since the survey began in 1975. The Monitoring the Future survey is conducted by researchers at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health.

(NIDA. 2021, December 15. Retrieved from: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2021/12/percentage-of-adolescents-reporting-drug-use-decreased-significantly-in-2021-as-the-covid-19-pandemic-endured>)





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### Group Schedule:

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**Shepherd Center**  
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Monday, January 10, 2022  
11:00am-1:00pm

**TGH Family Care Center**  
2106 S Lois Avenue, Tampa  
Friday, January 21, 2022  
11:00am-1:00pm

**Crescent Community Clinic**  
5244 Commercial Way (US 19), Spring Hill  
Monday, January 24, 2022  
10:00am-12:00pm

**Registration is required.**

**To register call: 813-929-1000**

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## DEA TAKEBACK

By Bonni Snider

ASAP partnered with the Pasco Sheriff's office for the DEA Takeback event on October 23, 2021. The event is designed to provide community members the opportunity to safely discard expired and unwanted over the counter and prescription medications. ASAP provides education and resources on medication misuse, brochures on medication safety – Secure, Monitor and Dispose, and resources in Pasco County for prevention, treatment and recovery. Community members were also provided with a map of community drop-box locations. The Pasco County Sheriff Operations Office on Little Road and the Shops At Wiregrass, Wesley Chapel were the locations of the event. The times were 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This year, the DEA reported that 745,000 pounds of medications were collected by law enforcement partners around the country. DEA also launched a One Pill Can Kill campaign in an effort to warn Americans of the flow of dangerous, counterfeit prescriptions by drug traffickers. These “fakes” can contain multiple drugs and even fentanyl, the very strong and often lethal synthetic opioid.



## OUT OF DARKNESS WALK

By Bonni Snider



Pasco County once again participated in the annual Out Of Darkness Walk on November 13, 2021 at Sims Park. The opening ceremony began at 10:00 AM and ended at 12 noon. The movement began in 2004 to provide individuals the opportunity to share their connection to the epidemic of suicide and mental health. Those who participated were those of survived a suicide attempt or were loss survivors or attended in support of others. The theme of this year's walk was #TogetherToFightSuicide. Community members and partners came together to bring awareness to this national epidemic and to highlight the impact on the county. Agencies formed teams and raised funds for the cause.

Honor beads were also handed out during the event. The beads indicated the personal connection to the cause and is an aid to identify the experience to others.

### The honor beads and their meaning are:

**White:** Loss of a child; **Red:** Loss of a spouse or partner; **Gold:** Loss of a parent; **Orange:** Loss of a sibling; **Purple:** Loss of a relative or friend; **Silver:** Loss of a first responder/military; **Green:** A personal struggle or attempt; **Teal:** Supporting someone who struggles or has attempted; and **Blue:** Supporting suicide prevention. The team winning the top honors for the most walkers and amount raised was Trinity Team Ryder.

Suicide continues to be a global pandemic that affects many individuals. The Center for Disease Control compiles extensive, yearly data on United States suicide rates. Recent data revealed Florida had a total of 3465 suicides for 2021 (a rate of 14.5 per 100,000 people). The walk, as well organizations formed to combat suicide, is an opportunity to educate communities on the epidemic, red flags or warning signs as well as available resources to combat suicide loss. Although depression is identified as a serious factor, other factors include academic performance, physical condition, mental health, socioeconomic standing, life stressors and satisfaction with life. Identifying factors and resources or ways to combat the epidemic is imperative.





## Hope in the Light of Suicide Weekly Show



by Bonni Snider

Each individual processes loss in different ways. Often in our lowest points, when we think there is no hope, hope is present. What is needed is to recognize and present it to others. Sometimes what results is a TV show to bring awareness.

The Bobby White Foundation, founded by Tammy White after the suicide death of her husband Bobby is the presenter of the show. John Gaston, owner of WeBeamTV, approached Tammy with the idea of a show, the result was Hope In The Light Of Suicide. In addition to the show, the foundation has developed a Purple Folder Campaign, a folder containing resource information for loss survivors. These folders have been made available to individuals and agencies in other counties and states.

The show was designed to bring awareness, education and research to suicide and the relationship between chronic illness, mental health and substance misuse. The show also provides resources, support and hope for suicide loss survivors. I am pleased and honored to join Tammy as the co-host of this show. Together, we talk openly about these subjects to help those who have been affected and aid in the grief process while also reducing the stigma related to suicide and loss. My losses include my 14-year-old grandson, Aydin, the youngest son of my oldest son and six months later, my youngest son, Patrick.

The show has featured guest speakers and those who have experienced loss as well as reviews of book and materials relevant to grief and loss. The show tapes in the studio on Tuesday and airs on WeBeamTV, The Bobby White Foundation Facebook page, YouTube and other media pages on Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM.

For information on the Purple Folder Program, the show and the other programs of the foundation, you may contact: [tammy@bobbywhitefoundation.org](mailto:tammy@bobbywhitefoundation.org) or [bonni.snider@baycare.org](mailto:bonni.snider@baycare.org)



Often out of sadness, purpose and a cause is born. The Dade City Parks and Recreation suffered a loss when one of its staff would take his own life. Devastated by the loss, Kim Miller, a 20-year veteran of the Parks and Recreation Department, leaped into action and organized an event to bring awareness to the epidemic of suicide and honor the employee. The event, Stomp Out Suicide #ReCreateYourMind, a 5K/1 mile run/walk, was also an effort to not only raise funds for the cause but also bring awareness to the epidemic of suicide. The event raised over \$5,000 and was held on Saturday, October 16, 2021.





# STAND ABOVE THE INFLUENCE

Powered by Alliance for Healthy Communities

## Car Wash Fundraiser

Proceeds will go to STAND Above the Influence Youth Team  
**\$10 PER TICKET FOR \$20 DELUXE CAR WASH AT TIDAL WAVE**



**GO AT YOUR OWN CONVENIENCE**

**Locations:**

3500 Tampa Road • Oldsmar, Florida 34677  
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2209 Sun Vista Drive • Lutz, Florida 33559

For questions, please contact: [stand@empoweredcommunities.org](mailto:stand@empoweredcommunities.org)



### STAND MISSION

STAND Above the Influence is a youth led coalition that empowers youth to be agents of change by strengthening their voices and educating others to build a healthier community.

### STAND VISION

To inspire innovative communities that embrace the voices of youth to affect positive change in cultivating safe and healthy communities.

**Program Coordinator:** Sharon Schmidt  
**Events Coordinator:** Eve Hosley-Moore  
**Youth Trends Coordinator:** Bonni Snider

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## STAND 2021 Priority Issues

- Youth Mental Health
- Youth Drug Use
- Underage Drinking
- Impaired Driving
- Tobacco and Vaping Use
- Safety
- Violence
- Bullying

## STAND is Announcing a New In-Person Meeting!

1st Thursday of each month Starting February 2, 2022 at the New Port Richey Recreation Center: 6630 Van Buren Street, New Port Richey, 34653. In the Oak Room - 5:30pm - 6:30pm. All are welcome!

## STAND General Coalition Meeting Location:

4:45PM on Zoom, room opens at 4:30PM

### Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81898434542?pwd=M2dIZ211VWtocVYwdmNjb2w3Rng4dz09>

**Meeting ID:** 818 9843 4542

**Password:** 742597

For more information, please reach out to Eve Hosley-Moore. STAND Events Coordinator and Mentor at: [stand@empoweredcommunities.org](mailto:stand@empoweredcommunities.org) or text or call 352-345-0685.

## STAND is on Social Media



STAND is staying connected via Group Me App.  
Email: [Stand@pascoasap.com](mailto:Stand@pascoasap.com) or text 352-345-0685 to be added to the conversation



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## STAND Leadership Summit This Spring

Our annual STAND Youth Training Summit will be held later this spring. The summit will include fun team building and engaging presentations aimed at creating lasting relationships while developing advocacy skills. Youth will learn how to effectively communicate and plan for their future and the future of their community. Updates to come! If you would like to partner on this event, please let us know. This event is open to all Middle and High School students. If you have any questions please email [stand@empoweredcommunities.org](mailto:stand@empoweredcommunities.org)

# Walk Like MADD



STAND Youth Darion Soares, Liam Moore, Iker Dorta and STAND Advisor Sharon Schmidt hosted a table at the Walk Like MADD event on 10/8/21