



PREVENTION Connection WINTER 2023

A quarterly newsletter by The Alliance for Healthy Communities

And now
we welcome
the new year.
Full of things
that have
never been.



Rainier Maria Rilke

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United Way of Pasco County





Hello prevention champions!

As we start a new quarter and a new year, its time to appreciate last year's progress, and look ahead and create new goals for 2023. We are very proud of what we accomplished in 2022, please review our accomplishments on page 6. Thank you to our coalition members and community stakeholders for attending the Annual Meeting and Brunch on December 8, 2022. It was great to see everyone!

We are extremely proud of our Board of Directors who come from diverse backgrounds and are really helping to guide us into the future. We are so happy to welcome Kellie Rodriguez to our Board, she has been a part of ASAP and AHC for many years and even though she stepped down as our ASAP Coordinator, we are honored that she is serving the Pasco County community in this new role.

We are very grateful for the United Way as they have funded our Deactivating Opioids for a Safer Community Initiative. In 2022 we handed out more than 6,000 kits and plan to keep growing the initiative in 2023. Each Kit contains a Deterra Bag, an Opioid Recovery Resource Guide developed by our RX Committee, Information about the Good Samaritan Act, and a QR Code that links to a quick survey. We are actively gathering data on this initiative. If you would like a kit or several kits for your agency or clients, please visit page 8 in this newsletter and read about a recent presentation to the Trinity Rotary

Club. We would love to present to your agency, civic club or youth serving organization.

At our last Board Meeting, Board Members voted (with two abstaining) to lend support to the Department of Health's IDEA initiative for 2023. The IDEA initiative, or Infectious Disease Elimination Act, would provide a safe space for needle disposal and new needle retrieval for all -- from diabetics to those using IV drugs. This will reduce transmissible disease from Hepatitis to HIV and will overall make our community a healthier place in which to live. On June 27, 2019 Gov. Ron DeSantis signed into law the Infectious Disease Elimination Act which allows county commissions to address this issue, though this program must be funded through grants and donations. There are several steps toward enacting this, and we are just at the beginning stages.

Keep watch for some amazing outreach events and initiatives we are planning including a townhall on Marijuana and Pregnancy, Stronger Together Recovery Walk 3rd Annual Event, Pedal for Prevention, Youth Alcohol Prevention campaign and more as we partner with coalition members to work towards ending addiction in our community.

Thank you everyone for all your support and collaboration.

Thank you for all you do,
Christine Parris, *AHC President*

Thank You to Our 2023 AHC Board of Directors

Chrissie Parris, President
BayCare Behavioral Health

Joseph Resnick
Premier HealthCare Group

Kelly Mothershead, Vice President
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**Alliance for
Substance
Addiction
Prevention**

Pasco ASAP uses local data to direct our prevention programs

ASAP 2023 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

Quarterly starting Tuesday, January 17, 2023 • From then on: 3rd Monday of the month • 3:30pm
Meeting ID: 815 1525 0641 Password: 883088

See Committee Updates on Page 4



ASAP Committee Updates

Alcohol Initiatives Committee and Tobacco Free Partnership

AIC has begun collating data collected from the environmental scans. As we process the information, we are looking for patterns to address signage and advertisements. The committee is also creating a narrative based on the results of the one-on-one conversations. We continue to focus on reducing access to underage youth as well as the upcoming focus on National Impaired Driving Prevention Month in December. Our committee meets the first Monday of the month on Zoom. Please email Bonni.Snider@baycare.org for information.

Cultural Competence Committee

The committee will now be meeting on a quarterly basis. We will meet the first month of the quarter on the 3rd Monday. Because our next meeting will be on Martin Luther King Day, we will meet Tuesday, January 17th at 3:30pm instead. During our meetings we will discuss what we have done in the last quarter and plan for the next quarter. In between meetings, we will be partnering with Tom P. at the Department of Health for health equity trainings, and hosting townhalls related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Tom will also be talking about his Health Equity Training Program slated to launch January 20th.

For more information on the program, reach out to Tom at Tom.Panagopoulos@flhealth.gov and Parnia Roghani, MPH, CPH, at parnia.roghani@baycare.org or Bonni Snider at Bonni.Snider@Baycare.org for information on the Cultural Competence Committee.

Recovery Committee

The Recovery Committee is very grateful to Law Enforcement for all they do. In honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on January 9, 2023, the committee will drop off snacks and drinks to several Law Enforcement Agencies

across the county. Our first meeting of the year will be on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 5 pm on Zoom. Log on on page 3. We will be outlining our initiatives for the year and electing new officers. Please join us, you do not have to be in Recovery to attend, everyone is welcome. Please email Eve.Hosley@Baycare.org for more information.

RX / Opioid Committee

The opioid committee has been keeping busy the past few months. We officially have handed out more than 6,000 DOSC kits out into the community! We have been able to drop off kits at major pharmacies, and other community partners such as Meals on Wheels. Reach out to Parnia if you would like a kit or want more information. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month on zoom. Visit empoweredcommunities.org for times and zoom link.

SEN Committee

The Substance Exposed Newborn (SEN) Committee's mission is to Help Support families with substance exposed newborns and provide prevention efforts. We appreciate all the community collaboration and are excited to continue to support our initiatives in Pasco County. If you are interested in learning more, we meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month, and you can find the link on page 3. For more information, please contact Missy Coyle at Missy.Coyle@BayCare.org

Presenters Wanted!

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

Please email: asap@empoweredcommunities.org for more information.

Thank you!



Event Emcee Kylie McGivern (LEFT) pictured with ASAP Event Coordinator Missy Coyle (RIGHT).



AHC President Chrissie Parris (RIGHT) presents ASAP's Community Partner of the Year award to Pasco Hernando State College's Jessica White (LEFT) and Dr. Eddie Williams (CENTER).



Last Year's Volunteer of the Year Justin McPadden (RIGHT) of The Hope Shot, this Year's Volunteer of the Year Winner Jasmine Crayton, of Youth and Family Alternatives (MIDDLE), and AHC President Chrissie Parris (RIGHT).

Annual Brunch Celebrates a Year of Accomplishments

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Brunch on December 8, 2022 at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church. After another year of virtual meetings, the day was about being together in person connecting and networking. Our event was emceed by Kylie McGivern, a 6-time Emmy Award-winning investigative reporter for ABC Action News. Kylie grew up just a few miles down the road, in Tarpon Springs, where she graduated from Tarpon High before going on to the University of Missouri School of Journalism. She has reported on the ongoing national opioid crisis, and has taken an extra interest in our struggle here in Pasco County. We are very grateful for her support of our mission.

Our goal is to inspire innovation. Because of coalition member's participation in meetings, sharing of materials, sponsorships, attendance at events, donations of time and resources, and our partnerships

we have been able to make sustainable and meaningful community level change. Please review our accomplishments on the next page.

Unfortunately, there's still a lot of mission-critical work to be done as we continue to see too many overdoses and fatalities. This alone is why we continue to work to combat stigma. We are building new life into our stigma campaign (see page 10 of this newsletter) and invite everyone here to visit our website and take the pledge! We will not give up the fight to break down barriers to treatment and make a real community level impact in promoting prevention.

We are proud to report that 10 people have been helped with the first month of transitional living through the Jason Daniel Hughes Memorial Fund, in honor of Board Member Kelly Mothershead's son. Please see page 9.

Thank You to our Outstanding 2022 Volunteers and Supporters

Volunteer of the Year 2022:

Jasmine Crayton of Youth and Family Alternatives has put in countless hours representing ASAP in the community. Jasmine and her team often take responsibility for tabling health fairs and community events. She coordinates her team, keeps supplies on hand for events, and can often be found staffing the table. Despite many events being on weekends or evenings, Jasmine remains flexible and reliable when it comes to planning, coordinating, and implementing ASAP representation.

Volunteer of the Year Nominees:

Shannon Kennedy, Chrysalis Healthcare
Jackey Bell Muckle, Recovery Committee.
Jessica White, Pasco Hernando State College

Congratulations to Youth Volunteer of the Year 2022:

Jaylynn Grady, 14, see page 14 for details.

Youth Volunteer of the Year Nominees:

Liam Moore, 15; **Peyton Polick**, 13; **Cristalina Soares**, 13; **Darion Soares**, 14

Community Partner of the Year 2022:

Pasco Hernando State College has been a tremendous supporter of ASAP over the last several years. ASAP is honored to have been selected as a part of the PHSC 50th Anniversary celebration. PHSC has hosted numerous coalition activities including our STAND Youth Summit in July, the annual NOPE Candlelight Vigil: We have also been a community and partner at many of their events and has sponsored our Stronger Together Recovery Walk and Pedal for Prevention.

Community Partner of the Year Nominee:

Trinity Church of Christ and Pastor Jerry Brewster have gone above and beyond and are always the first ones willing to sign up and participate in all of our prevention efforts in the community.

ASAP & STAND ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SUCCESSSES

Year in Review 2022



Alliance for Substance Addiction Prevention



Alliance for Healthy Communities

Quarter 1 January, February, March 2022	Quarter 2 April, May, June 2022	Quarter 3 July, August, September 2022	Quarter 4 October, November, December 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol Initiatives Committee and MADD supported Prom Promise event, encouraging safe driving after Prom Environmental Scans of Pasco County Alcohol Retailers Launched Jason Daniel Hughes Memorial Scholarship to assist with 1st month of Transitional Living Substance Exposed Newborn Committee Launched Marijuana and Pregnancy Education Campaign Started Journey to Healing Hearts Monthly Virtual Support Group for those who lost a loved one to Overdose STAND hosts Youth Leadership Teambuilding Event at Escape Room Opioid/RX Committee finished the Opioid Resource Guide, providing local resources and information on treatment for opioid use disorder to include in Deactivating Opioids for a Safer Community Kits Use Only as Directed Campaign launched on standing settees at Shops at Wiregrass and the Outlets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedal for Prevention outreach event, 2nd Annual SEN Receives Grant to create Care Packages for families with substance exposed newborns in Neonatal Intensive Care Units Virtual Opioid Townhall hosted by the Rx/Opioid Committee attended by 200 people Child Abuse Prevention Committee in Partnership with ASAP, launched Resource Guide with Direct Mailing and Research Survey for zip code 34668 Alcohol Initiatives Committee in partnership with MADD receives Proclamation in honor of National Alcohol Awareness Month from New Port Richey City Council DEA Take back in partnership with Pasco Sheriff's Office - 470 pounds of medication collected Use Only as Directed Public Service Announcements aired on ABC and CW STAND Awareness Campaign launched on standing settees at Shops at Wiregrass and the Outlets STAND Game Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted Countywide Youth Summit STAND with SADD "Change Begins with You(th)" International Overdose Awareness Day Drive-Thru Narcan Giveaway Stronger Together Recovery Walk, 2nd Annual Aired International Overdose Awareness Day campaign with ABC STAND Youth meet with Congressman Gus Bilirakis to discuss Cyber Safety Youth Panel discussion at ASAP's July meeting ASAP sponsored eight Pasco County prevention partner registrations to attend the Prevention Summit held in Tampa Substance Exposed Newborn committee in collaboration with Healthy Start Coalition delivered baby care packages and Lyft gift card for transportation needs to four neonatal intensive care units Leaders from ASAP and BayCare Behavioral Health partnered to present at the Florida Behavioral Health Conference in Orlando. The workshop titled <i>Using Prevention Tools to Create Innovative Outreach Solutions</i> highlighted the innovative strategies utilized in Pasco 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEA Takeback partnership with Pasco Sheriff's Office more than 394 pounds collected between two sites Partnered with Pasco County Schools for Red Ribbon Week Substance Exposed Newborn Virtual Townhall 12th Annual NOPE Candlelight Vigil with keynote Speaker Randy Grimes, in partnership with PHSC Annual Brunch – Volunteer of the Year announcements Substance Exposed Newborn Committee completed the Resource Guide for Professionals A total of 6667 Deactivate Opioids for a Safer Community kits distributed for 2022 A total of 1928 Medication Tinner Caps distributed for 2022 STAND recruitment Marchman Technical School, Community Day AIC launching initiative to reduce underage access to alcohol
<h3>ASAP & STAND Vendor Outreach Totals</h3>			
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NOPE Candlelight Vigil

ASAP partnered with Pasco Hernando State College – as part of PHSC’s 50th Anniversary #ItTakesUs Social Justice Series -- for our annual NOPE Candlelight Vigil. More than 200 people attended the event on Thursday, November 17, 2022, from 5 to 8 pm at PHSC West Campus. The event was moderated by beloved Judge Shawn Crane, who oversees the Pasco County Drug Court program. He is a tireless advocate and works to help people enter recovery and get a second chance at life.

Athlete, author, and advocate, Randy Grimes, was our main speaker, sharing his story of experience, strength and hope. A former NFL player whose career spanned 10 years with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Randy Grimes used prescription pills to treat his

career-related injuries. Those pills fed an addiction that would last more than 20 years. Upon retiring from the NFL, Randy fell deeper into his addiction—eventually jeopardizing his family and risking everything—until he found recovery.

A great big Thank You to Rev. Ygenio Booker, of the St. James Missionary Baptist Church, for his beautiful opening and closing invocations, and Latressa Jones who sang a moving rendition of Amazing Grace as the crowd lit candles to honor their loved ones.

The annual event is a place to honor those lost to overdose, and a chance to give those struggling with addiction the hope that they can recover. This year we featured more than 30 vendors who provided much needed resources to families.

ASAP Presents to the Trinity Rotary Club

On November 4th, ASAP Coalition Members Makayla Damato and Sandy Soares, both from the BayCare CHAT Team, had the honor of presenting to the Trinity Rotary Club about the Deactivate Opioids for a Safer Community program, or DOSC. This program offers free kits that contain a Detera Medication Disposal Bag, a Recovery Resource Guide, a Good Samaritan Law outline, and information on how to dispose of medication safely.

The DOSC program focuses on reducing access to medication by Pasco County youth. Those who have access to a friend or family member's prescription medication are more likely to misuse opioids and other prescription drugs. Pasco County has experienced a 20 percent increase in overdose calls from 2021 to 2022 with opioids making up nearly half of all overdoses. Continually, the trends include drug poisonings as the leading cause of unintentional injury hospitalizations among adults ages 20-44 and the second leading cause of unintentional injury hospitalizations among youth ages 15-19.

Finally, they ended the presentation with trends showing how the DOSC kits have helped make an impact in the community. This includes that overdoses in 2022 have decreased since January with the lowest in June at 107 overdoses, that the number of opioid-related or



opioid-involved emergency department (ED) visits in Pasco county residents is the lowest (May & June 2022) since the start of the pandemic in 2020, and 68 percent of those surveyed report changes made in their household due to the medication safety and disposal information.

If you would like a presentation on DOSC, please reach out to Missy.Coyle@Baycare.org. We would be happy to speak to your organization or agency about medication safety. This program is funded by the United Way.

ASAP Appears on Morning Blend ABC... Twice in December!



Alcohol Initiatives Chairperson Bonni Snider appeared on the Morning Blend Show on ABC on two consecutive days. The appearances focused on the great work ASAP does within our communities as well as the work with community partners. ASAP is a proud sponsor of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign and on Monday, Bonni was able to appear on the Morning Blend to talk about the importance of Prevention and its impact in the community. Many of us see the bell ringers around town during the winter holiday months, collecting donations for those less fortunate. On Tuesday, Bonni highlighted a brand new campaign the Alcohol Initiative Committee is launching for 2023 focused on reducing access for underage youth. Alcohol is still the most misused substance for teens. Keep an eye out for the new campaign in the coming months, campaign shown at right.

TO GET TO ALCOHOL

TEENS HAVE TO GET THROUGH US

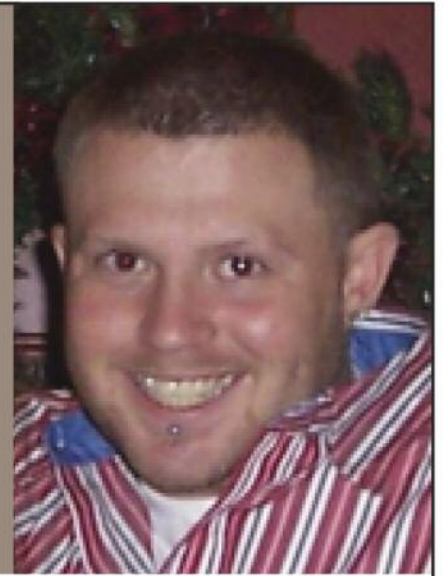
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JASON DANIEL HUGHES *Memorial Scholarship*

Transitional living assistance for those seeking recovery from addiction
Honoring our esteemed board member, Kelly Mothersheads, son who lost his struggle with addiction.

HELP US REDUCE BARRIERS TO PERSONS SEEKING LONG-TERM RECOVERY BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND ACCESS TO TRANSITIONAL LIVING TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES.

**Funds will assist with transitional living costs*



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Addiction
Prevention

3 WAYS TO DONATE

**Thank you
for making
a difference!**

Text 'Prevention' to 243725 or visit: www.empoweredcommunities.org and click Donate. Please write in the "Donor Name" line, Your Name as well as the words, "FOR JASON"

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

Journey to Healing Hearts

Virtual Support Group
First Thursday of the month | 6:00pm

Zoom Link:
Meeting ID: 820 5783 1059
Passcode: 442098

For inquiries:
ASAP@empoweredcommunitites.org



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!



**Free Virtual
Groups
Wednesdays
from
1:00pm - 2:00pm**

Topics Such As:
Marijuana and Pregnancy
Resource Correction
Relationship Skills and More

Please register on EventBrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/knowledge-is-power-converse-with-nurse-free-virtual-group-for-families-tickets-153672513625>

Email: Missy.Coyle@Baycare.org



COMMUNITY PARTNER

Join DOH's new Physical Activity and Nutrition Coalition

The Department of Health in Pasco County is partnering with The Alliance for Healthy Communities to establish a Physical Activity and Nutrition (PA & N) coalition. This coalition will consist of partner agencies who are actively engaging in healthy nutrition and physical activity work or have interest in learning and/or contributing to the efforts of this new coalition.

Pasco County once had a coalition called "Get Healthy Pasco" that focused on PA & N but it disassembled back in 2018. Since then DOH-Pasco has conducted two (2019 & 2022) Community Health Assessments (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP) that gathered primary and secondary data from a variety of sources, including a community survey which collected over 3,000 responses, key informant interviews with community members and leaders, and analysis of local statistical data from several sources. Through the community assessment process, DOH-Pasco, along with community partners and residents, identified five key areas as health priorities:

1. Mental Health/Behavioral Health
2. Substance Use
3. Nutrition and Physical Activity
4. Access to Care
5. Infectious Disease and Immunization

If you are interested in being a part of this new coalition to help increase access to healthy nutrition and safe physical activity, please complete the short survey below to receive an invitation to the coalition's first meeting. We are tentatively planning our first meeting for Tuesday, January 31st, 2023 at The Department of Health, 10841 Little Road, New Port Richey.

Register Here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHJM9MK>

Physical activity and nutrition play an important role in the prevention, reduction, and treatment of addiction and we hope you'll join us! For questions, please contact Tatiyana Badal (727) 619-0279 DOH-Pasco Health Educator Consultant.

COMMUNITY PARTNER

Live Tampa Bay's Second Annual Regional Leaders Luncheon to End Overdose

Join regional leaders, local celebrities, families impacted by the epidemic, subject-matter experts and statewide decision makers for this luncheon at the beautiful Hotel Alba in Tampa, FL. Please save the date for Thursday, March 9th, 2023. Registration is limited this year, please RSVP today at: <https://bit.ly/3tEqV8F>. Sponsorships are available. If your organization is interested in sponsoring, please contact JW@livetampabay.org.



LIVE TAMPA BAY
PRESENTED BY THE TAMPA BAY PARTNERSHIP
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR
**REGIONAL LEADERS LUNCHEON
TO END OVERDOSE**
Thursday, March 9, 2023
11am - 1pm
Hotel Alba
Tampa, Florida

COMMUNITY PARTNER

Take ASAP's Stigma Pledge, You Might Win a Prize!

A few years ago, in an effort to reduce stigma, Pasco ASAP removed the term 'abuse' from our name, replacing it with the word 'addiction'. This small change was the first step to bring awareness to language and how it may inadvertently stigmatize those with substance use disorder or a mental health diagnosis. We launched a campaign to challenge each of us to transform the dialogue on addiction and reduce stigma in our community. It started with a pledge, and in 2023 we are reinvigorating this campaign and are asking you for your help. Please visit our website at empoweredcommunities.org and take our pledge as well as our stigma survey. You will be entered into a drawing to win a prize! We also have a downloadable toolkit that features a power point presentation and other materials. If you would like us to come and talk about stigma to your organization, we are available to do that as well.

#EndStigmaASAP #ChangeTheLanguageASAP

Change starts first with ourselves...

When stigma is reduced, lives are saved. Be a part of the change to turn conversations about mental health and substance use into those that help and allow people to heal, rather than those that hinder and humiliate.

"I pledge to be an advocate to change the conversation on substance use; to assist in re-educating those around me regarding the stereotypes and stigma and the barrier it creates in seeking treatment and care. I pledge to use person-first language to help clear the path to health-seeking behavior."

DEA TakeBack



Twice a year, the DEA holds events to allow individuals to safely dispose of unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications. The most recent event, held on October 29, collected 394 pounds. The event was held at two Pasco County locations: The Sheriff's Office Administration Building in New Port Richey and The Shops at Wiregrass in Wesley Chapel. The collection events help reduce the potential of accidental overdoses or drugs seeping into the environment.

COMMUNITY PARTNER



#WearBlueDay
January 11th

January 2023

Slavery & Human
Trafficking Prevention
Month



MORE PASCO
STOP Human Trafficking

Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking

HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

- **Is the exploitation of one person by another for financial gain**
- **Involves both commercial sex and forced labor**
- **Is happening in Florida**
- **Victims can be men, women and children from any race, nationality or socioeconomic group.**
- **Children are more likely to be trafficked by someone they know than a stranger.**
- **Most traffickers groom victims over time to be exploited rather than kidnap them. Most grooming takes place via social media and other forms of technology.**
- **Trafficking occurs in places you visit everyday. Your job is to observe and report. Do NOT get involved. Call 911 if there is imminent threat or a child is involved.**

Get Help
Report A Tip

**National Human
Trafficking
Hotline**

1-888-373-7888
Text "Be Free" (233733)

24/7 * Toll Free
Confidential
200+ Languages



RESEARCH AND COALITION METRICS Q4 (October, November, December 2022)

ASAP Coalition Metrics

Check out our outputs for the quarter:

Outreach Initiatives: ASAP reach a lot of folks this quarter at the following ASAP Tabled events, thank you to our partnership with Youth & Family Alternatives and Baycare CHAT who tabled many of these events: Out of the Darkness Walk, New Port Richey, 10/1/22; Halloween Spooktacular, Holiday, 10/14/22; Trunk or Treat at Achieve Center, 10/14/22; Pack the Park, Sims Park, New Port Richey, 10/15/22; Halloween Not so Scary Spooky Trail and Festival, Dade City, 10/19/22; Pasco Community Night Out, Wesley Chapel, 10/20/22; Gulfside Elementary Trunk or Treat, Holiday, 10/21/22; Fall Festival BSA Troop 24, New Port Richey, 10/22/22; Community Resource Fair Marchman Technical College, 10/26/22; Friday Night Lights Sunlake High School, 10/28/22; DEA Takeback in partnership with PSO two locations Wesley Chapel and New Port Richey, 10/29/22; PHSC 50th Anniversary Celebration, New Port Richey, 11/5/22.

Social Media: ASAP reached 11,000 from October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Total number of individuals educated through social media/traditional media campaigns to enhance awareness of locking up medication: 49,402.

News Media Generated: WFTS ABC from June to December 2022: 5,000,000 impressions; WTOG CW Campaign June to December 2022: 4,102,388 impressions.

SEN Knowledge is Power Virtual Group: Our weekly Virtual Series has reached 40 people for the quarter.

Total Number of Training(s) for Prescribers: 1 The Substance Exposed Newborn Committee hosted an educational roundtable with 58 attendees on October 12, 2022 to hear from a variety of professionals who care for and work with substance exposed newborns and their mothers.

Total Number of Townhall(s) for Parents on Medication Safety: 1 The NOPE Candlelight Vigil incorporated messages for medication safety in their vendor fair.

Total Number of Medication Timer Caps distributed: 600

Total Number of Deterra Bags (DOSC Kits) Distributed for the Quarter: 1,200; 6,667 for the year of 2022.

Medication Poundage Collected: Pasco Sheriff's Office: 215.10 pounds; Dade City Police Department 300 pounds; DEA Takeback Event with Pasco Sheriff's Office on 10/29/22: 394 pounds

Narcan Deployments: Pasco Sheriff's Office deployed 18 Narcan 4 mg; 17 were successful OD reversals; 1 subject passed due to overdose. As of 11/22/22, 3683 kits have been distributed in Pasco County during 2022, with 140 reversals reported by Jennifer Williams, CRPS-A, Statewide Overdose Prevention Coordinator. ASAP direct distribution of Narcan kits (each box contains 2 doses): NOPE Candlelight Vigil 200 boxes; Farmer's Self Help 100 boxes; Adult Treatment 35 boxes.

Jason Daniel Hughes Memorial Scholarship: YTD 2022 10 people first month - Transitional Living

Spotlight on Impaired Driving Awareness Month

December is designated as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month and National organizations like SAMSHA and the US Department of Transportation remind drivers to celebrate the holidays safely. December is recognized as National Impaired Driving Month due to the increased number of DUI related incidents around Christmas and the New Year. It remains important to continue the conversation throughout the year, to continue to reduce access to those underage, to not engage in activities that allow youth to drink. Parents are considered the first line of defense and their actions (or inaction) could have a significant impact. As a reminder, on average, 30 million Americans drive under the influence of alcohol and 10 million, under the influence of illicit drugs. Among our youth, 12.2 percent of those age 16 or older have driven drunk and 4.3 percent were under the influence of illicit drugs. It should also be noted that among age groups, younger drivers (age 16 to 25) tend to drive impaired at rates higher than those aged 26 or older. (Data from youth.gov and SAMSHA survey)





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YOUTH COALITION



STAND in Pasco County #STANDUpPasco



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STAND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 16, 2023 - MLK Day: STAND Visioning 2023 Event, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm – plan STAND Initiatives for 2023 with bowling, pizza, ninja course and laser tag. This event is FREE and open to all middle and high school youth. 30 youth, must register in advance on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stand-above-the-influence-visioning-for-2023-event-tickets-499022558907>, Lane Glo North, 6935 Ridge Road, Port Richey

Thursday, February 2, 2023 - 5:30 to 6:30 pm: STAND Club Monthly Meeting at the New Port Richey Recreation Center (Oak Room), 6630 Van Buren Street, New Port Richey, 34653.

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 7 & 8: STAND Youth attend Prevention Advocacy Day in Tallahassee.

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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.

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STAND Youth Volunteer of the Year 2022



Jaylynn Grady, 14, (Left) has been a member of STAND for almost a year and has jumped in feet first. She is pictured above the STAND Vice President Maddie Horn (Right), former Youth Volunteer of the Year. They are hosting the STAND table at the annual NOPE Candlelight Vigil. Jaylynn is a member of the Young Marines and throughout the year has brought the skills and character she has learned in the program to STAND projects. A consistent attendee at all meetings, has been a part of all the STAND PSA filming days and even recruited many of her young marine peers, has helped at multiple ASAP events. Jaylynn cares about her community and brings creativity, passion, and energy to STAND. Jaylynn is in 9th grade and attends the Dayspring Early College Academy. Congratulations!!!!

STAND Car Wash Raised Funds for Children's Charity

STAND is all about making the community a better place, and in that spirit, STAND youth voted to raise money for Helping Children in Need Inc., a Pasco County charity that supplies families experiencing financial hardship with children's holiday gifts. To raise that money, STAND youth organized their first ever car wash on Saturday, November 19th at the Advance Auto Parts on Little Road. The STAND youth want to thank both Advance Auto parts for allowing them to host the fundraiser there, as well as all those who came out to get their car washed and support the cause.

The students had a lot of fun promoting the car wash to everyone driving by, washing the cars, explaining what STAND does, and hanging out with each other in between washes. They raised a total of \$240 to donate to Helping Children in Need Inc, which will ensure that five children receive Christmas gifts.

The check was presented to the charity at the STAND Holiday Party, see below.



STAND Holiday Party

On December 1st, the STAND youth hosted their annual holiday party at the New Port Richey Recreation Center. The students enjoyed food while they made ornaments to take home as well as cards. They also voted for the 2022 ASAP youth volunteer of the year which was announced at the AHC Annual Brunch.

STAND Youth had fun playing games, including a white elephant gift exchange, and a candy cane pick-up game. The youth were proud to present a \$240 check, all monies raised from the Car Wash, to a representative from Helping Children in Need Inc.



STAND Advisors Deliver Hygiene Products to Local Family Shelter

The STAND youth began a hygiene drive this past summer to collect cleaning supplies and hygiene items for a family shelter. Pictured here are STAND Advisors Bonni Snider (right), Makayla Damato (left) and Catholic Charities Program Director Krista McIntosh (center). We would like to thank all donated, especially Adam Fuller at Cadence Bank for allowing a collection box to be placed in their lobby.



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STAND PSA's Are Live

The STAND Youth Coalition is happy to announce that the brand new STAND Public Service Announcements have been OFFICIALLY released to the Tampa Bay area. You can view them on the STAND YouTube channel and they are also airing on the CW, Paramount Plus, Pluto, as well as the social media sites Instagram and Facebook.

The PSA's focus on the STAND youth's outlined initiatives regarding Youth Mental Health, Breaking down Stigma, as well as Substance Misuse Prevention and Prevention of Underage Drinking. Our hope is to grow STAND membership, increase Youth Advocacy Participation and empower Youth to be agents of change for Pasco County.

Please check out our new STAND channel on TikTok (@stand_pasco) as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you all for the support. STAND Youth and advisors wrote the PSA scripts, and STAND Youth and friends acted in all the videos. This is an amazing creative accomplishment for the STAND Youth, please share with your family and friends.

See STAND PSA videos here:
<https://www.youtube.com/@standpasco/playlists>

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