

Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Hello coalition members,

Happy holidays! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoys the holiday season. Our coalition does not meet during the month of December, so our next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 13.

The National Summit on Opioid Awareness is a national effort to prevent the spread of opioid misuse, presented by DEA 360, Operation Engage, and the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation. They are organizing a series of virtual town hall discussions addressing the topic of “What Every Family Needs to Know about Opioids.” Visit their website at <https://www.drugfreeisuptome.org/> to learn more about their efforts and to watch previously recorded town halls, including one that took place in Michigan.

Be well,

Lauren

STUFF A BLUE GOOSE

On Wednesday, December 8, our coalition will be collaborating with the Michigan State Police to hold a Stuff a Blue Goose event. We will be collecting new unopened toys and non-perishable items that will be donated to Single MOMM, a local non-profit with a mission to ignite hope, healing, and confidence within single moms. Please drop off toys and non-perishable items on 12/8/21 between 5 and 7pm in the Target parking lot (3130 S Airport Rd W, Traverse City, MI 49684).



(<https://www.downtowntc.com/relief/>) to purchase or stop into Great Lakes Bath and Body or Spice and Tea Merchants.

We have raised over \$8,500 so far and have purchased Naloxone Safety Kits that have been installed at the Woodmere (2nd floor), East Bay, Peninsula, & Kingsley libraries, Living Hope Church, Salvation Army, the 86th District Court, the 13th Circuit Court, the Goodwill Inn, the Friendship Community Center, Central United Methodist Church, the Northwestern Michigan College Library, the BATA Bus transfer stations, and the Traverse City Airport.

RESOURCES

- The State of Michigan, in partnership with the Connected Nation Michigan, has launched a [statewide Wi-Fi hotspot](#) map to help residents lacking access to broadband internet at home: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf
- The State of Michigan has put together a list of resources if you're feeling emotional distress caused by COVID-19, the page offers many ways to connect to emotional-support services without leaving your home: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_99557---,00.html
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has established a warmline for persons with mental health conditions. The warmline will be operated by Certified Peer Support Specialist. Individuals calling the warmline will be provided with support by peers who have their own lived experience with mental health issues. They will be providing wellness support and a listening ear. Here is the link to the warmline: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941---,00.html. The phone numbers is (888) 733-7753.
- The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has put together a list of resources for people with substance use disorders and those in recovery to address the unique challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/covid-19-resources>
- The NIDA for Teens has a free online toolkit that offers science-based activities and resources on drug use and addiction for educating teens while they are out of school: https://teens.drugabuse.gov/teachers/out-of-school-time-toolkit?utm_source=teeneblast&utm_medium=email&utm_content=nf&utm_term=NPnp&utm_campaign=teen-NDAFW2020

NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- The Ticker – How Many Liquor Licenses Do and Should Exist? It's a Riddle Wrapped in a Mystery Inside an Enigma: <https://www.traverseticker.com/news/how-many-liquor-licenses-do-and-should-exist-its-a-riddle-wrapped-in-a-mystery-inside-an-enigma/>

- 9&10 News – ACLU Files Lawsuit Against Grand Traverse County for Inmate Access to Opioid Use Disorder Medication: <https://www.9and10news.com/2021/11/03/aclu-files-lawsuit-against-grand-traverse-county-for-inmate-access-to-opioid-medication/>
- Michigan.gov – Michigan Expands Opioid Health Home Services to Additional Counties: https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29942_34762-573117--,00.html

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

December 2 6:30pm – Families Against Narcotics monthly forum will be held in person at Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City (face masks required) and can also be attended virtually on Zoom

(https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001c6J6-k1GZ9LDpUnkeojYNGuLXBgosO8nyviZY5A2dCiokeWl3sMWRxwcod_6ivX_5ihlNC7Jn2EmKvZE72fqu74uvctb1RPZJ6LULS9C_4IioVfl1UyPuZ-LqhcTGH6Umi3XCCs4IWrOONCZo3dRa9Tfh-K92G8ktE7lOL2MGTRcxw_RmnlNCCufxdTfw7HjrC7PrXliwqOgV7qjT27mO==&c=Au-Bs3uj_vABYANW-SLEzsRL7YdKj5do8dtdfyzUBxELJPx5bVCoAA==&ch=AzwRMpqQyoiGiZoKQmQdk45aVqj3rNAfdNdY9huVRHQm1MWnoNtmCg)

Note - this group meets the 1st Thursday of each month

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