

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY DRUG FREE COALITION (GTCDFC) NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 27TH 10AM- 2PM IS NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Be sure to check out the link below for take back locations in Grand Traverse County thanks to the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's office!

<https://www.grandtraverse.org/1830/Rx-Drug-Take-Back>

For other locations across the state, be sure to check out the following resource from the DEA:

https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Happy Fall! The leaves are starting to change and school is back in session. At our September coalition meeting, we mapped our community from the perspective of our five workgroups. During this activity law enforcement, medical community, prevention, treatment/recovery, and our students broke out into groups to map what they see in the community. This activity is the first step the coalition has completed as part of the Community Needs Assessment using the CADCA model.

This month a press release went out to local media to promote our Youth Summit event that will take place Monday, October 8th. See page 2 for full information. Other recruitment includes the recommendations from our Youth Engagement Liaisons in each of our high schools. This event will take place Monday, October 8th 9:30am-2pm at the Great Wolf Lodge. The event is free to students thanks to the grant funds we received from the Kiwanis Foundation in July.

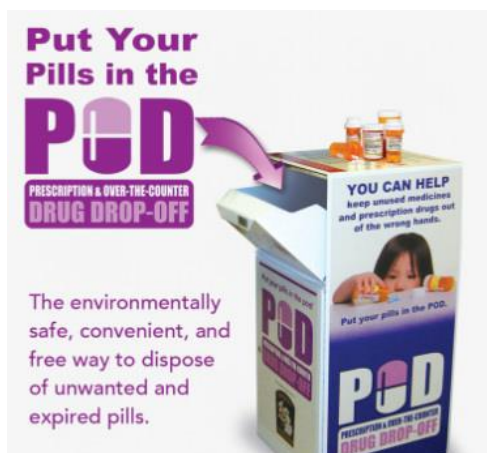
Stay tuned for an update in early October regarding a new location for our monthly coalition meetings

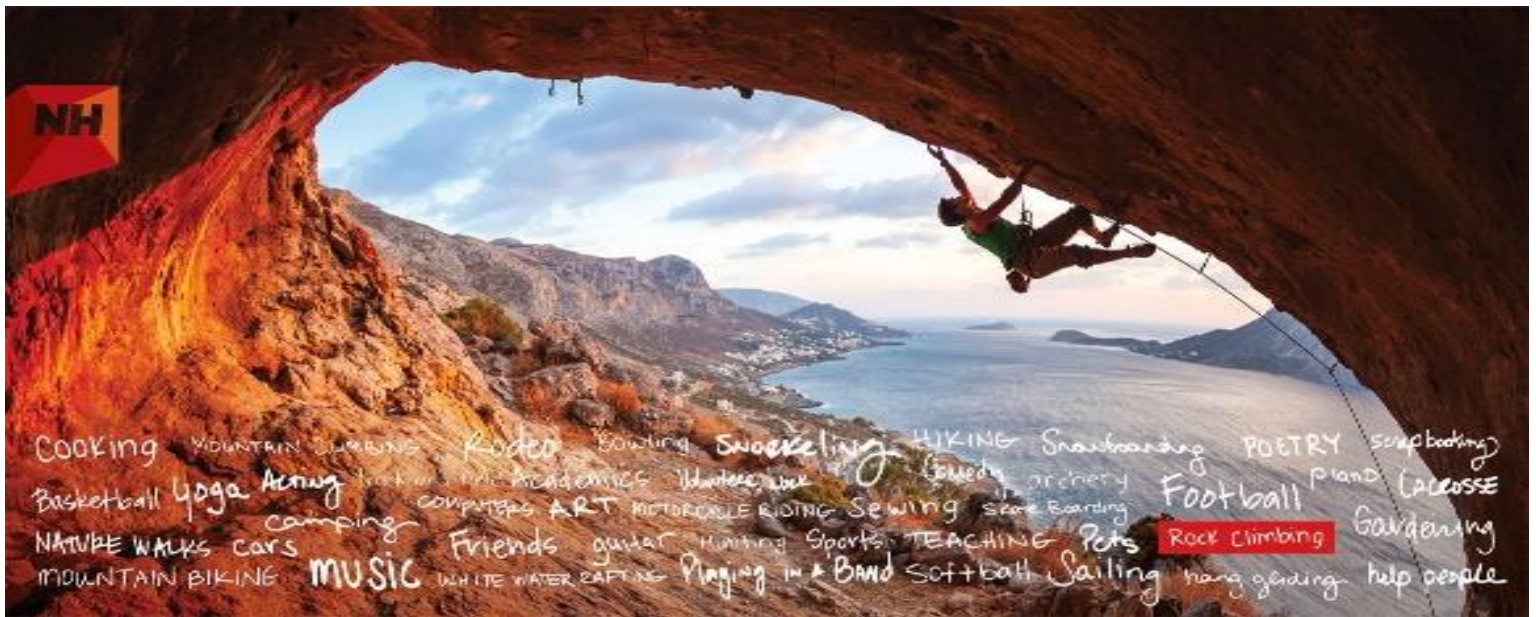
Be well,

- Renae

LIQUOR TAX FUNDING APPROVED

The Northern Michigan Regional Entity approved the requested proposal for funding for the Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition for another year. The requested and approved funds total \$87,994 and will cover staff costs including a coordinator salary and stipends for six youth engagement liaisons. It will also cover conference expenses, supply expenses for STAND clubs and the coalition, and other miscellaneous needs. Thank you NMRE for your support and partnership!





TOO SMART TO START

2018 Grand Traverse County Youth Summit

Who? High School Students in Grand Traverse County grades 9-12

What? 1/2 day event to kickoff student STAND Clubs (Students Together Against Negative Decisions) and promote healthy decision making among peers

When? Monday, October 8th 2018 9:30am-2pm

Where? Great Wolf Lodge 3575 N. U.S. Hwy. 31 S. Traverse City, MI 49684

How? Contact the Youth Engagement Liaison at your school for a sign up and permission form and return to them no later than, Friday October 5th

OR Contact Renae Fogarty at Renae.Fogarty@gmail.com



NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- NBC News – Senate passes sweeping legislation to combat opioid epidemic: <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/senate-passes-sweeping-legislation-combat-opioid-epidemic-n908901>
- Harvard Medical School – Teens and drugs: 5 tips for talking with your kids: <https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/teens-and-drugs-5-tips-for-talking-with-your-kids-2018081614565>
- Michigan Radio – Data still coming in, but Michigan drug deaths are trending up for 2017: <http://www.michiganradio.org/post/data-still-coming-michigan-drug-deaths-are-trending-2017>
- Fox News – Calling teen vaping ‘epidemic,’ officials weigh flavor ban: <https://www.foxnews.com/health/calling-teen-vaping-epidemic-officials-weigh-flavor-ban>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

October 4th 6:30pm – Families Against Narcotics monthly forum meeting at Central United Methodist Church, Traverse City. <https://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/copy-of-grand-traverse> *Note this group meets the 1st Thursday of every month

October 6th 7am-12:30pm – CMU College of Medicine in Saginaw is hosting a free event, Opioid Crisis & Pain Management Forum Register HERE:

<http://cmetracker.net/SYNERGY/Login?FormName=RegLoginLive&Eventid=23791>

October 8th 9:30am-2pm – Grand Traverse County Youth Summit, “Too Smart to Start”, Great Wolf Lodge Traverse City. For further information, contact Renae Fogarty Renae.Fogarty@gmail.com or

<https://www.facebook.com/196330557661828/photos/rpp.196330557661828/271001700194713/?type=3&theater>

November 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 9th, 10th, 11th – NMSAS Peer Recovery Coach Academy at Michigan Works, Traverse City. Questions about the training or application should be directed to Tory Werth, twerth@nmsas.net or Shannon Peek speek@nmsas.net or by calling NMSAS Recovery Center at 989-732-1791.

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If you have news or events you would like to share or are interested in participating in the Coalition, please contact Renae Fogarty via email at Renae.Fogarty@gmail.com