

# Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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## A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Happy new year from the coalition! We are looking forward to another year of activities to prevent and address substance use disorders in Grand Traverse County. We will kick off the year with our coalition meeting on Thursday, January 9 from 4-5pm at Presbyterian Church of Traverse City (701 Westminster Road, Traverse City).

Be well,

Lauren

## STAND UPDATES

The Traverse City West Senior High STAND Club is working hard to prepare for their Drug Free basketball game on January 17. Two representatives from their club will be joining us at our next coalition meeting on January 9 to provide an update on their event and to ask for input from you all.

## YOUTH MARIJUANA PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has created a marijuana youth campaign to educate people between the ages of 14-21 of the legal, educational, health, and social risks that come from underage marijuana use. The campaign will be running on various digital, streaming, and social media sites from now until April 2020. There are 15 and 30 second spots that will guide youth to MDHHS's drug free website. Here are a few links to some of the videos: [https://youtu.be/-va\\_sMteB3Q](https://youtu.be/-va_sMteB3Q), [https://youtu.be/XE5KWE\\_Kumo](https://youtu.be/XE5KWE_Kumo), <https://youtu.be/QLfFxfu8IIA>, <https://youtu.be/4-b9FVc-pVU>, <https://youtu.be/ikekVH9Bluo>, <https://youtu.be/AOBQf-4PJpl>

## NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – Tobacco Product Use and Associated Factors Among Middle and High School Students – Unites States, 2019:  
[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/ss/ss6812a1.htm?s\\_cid=ss6812a1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/ss/ss6812a1.htm?s_cid=ss6812a1_w)

- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – Overdose Deaths Decrease Slightly in 2018, the First Decline in Six Years: [https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29942\\_34762-513063-,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29942_34762-513063-,00.html)
- The New York Times – The Class of 2000 ‘Could Have Been Anything’: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/12/02/us/opioid-crisis-high-school-teenagers.html>

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

**January 2 6:00pm** – 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month\*

**January 9 4-5pm** – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting at Presbyterian Church of Traverse City. \*Note – we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month\*

**January 28 6-7:30pm** – Harm Reduction Michigan overdose prevention and response training at the Traverse Area District Library in the the Thirlby Room. \*Note – trainings occur on the last Tuesday of each month\*

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