

Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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JUST MERCY

With special presentations by Judge Robert A. Cooney (FAN), Anna M. Dituri (ACLU Smart Justice Campaign), & Deacon Tom Bousamra (Before, During, & After Incarceration)

**FEBRUARY 5
6:30PM**

Just Mercy, a compelling film about criminal justice reform, will be playing at the Bijou in Traverse City on February 5 at 6:30pm. Following the movie there will be a 30-minute presentation. Tickets are available for purchase at the box office or online at stateandbijou.org. Special free tickets are available for members/clients of BDAI and FAN by contacting the organizations.

A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

The executive committee has been working hard to set the coalition's 2020 strategies and we are excited to share them with you at our next meeting on Thursday, February 13 from 4-5pm at Presbyterian Church of Traverse City (701 Westminster Rd, Traverse City, MI 49686).

Health and Happiness,
Lauren

STAND UPDATES

The Traverse City West Senior High STAND Club collaborated with our coalition and the Michigan State Police to host a Drug Awareness Basketball Game on January 17 during the boys' basketball game versus TC Central. During the game, "A Healthy Me is Drug Free" rally towels

were passed out to students from both schools and money was raised during a bucket blitz for the STAND Club. The coalition, Up North Prevention, FAN, and Hope Not Handcuffs also had information tables outside of the gym during the event. Reagan Graham and Madelynn Johnson, STAND Club members, did a great job planning the event! They will be joining us at our February coalition to share details on how the event went and how much money was raised for the STAND club.



NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- Up North Live – Students and Police Team up to Promote Drug Awareness through Basketball Game: <https://upnorthlive.com/news/local/students-and-police-team-up-to-promote-drug-awareness-through-basketball-game>
- Bridge Magazine – Students Drinking Less at MSU and U-M, but Still More than National Average: <https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/students-drinking-less-msu-and-u-m-still-more-national-average>
- 9&10 News – The Other Traverse City: Vaping Exhibit at City Opera House <https://www.9and10news.com/2020/01/29/the-other-traverse-city-vaping-exhibit-at-city-opera-house/>
- 9&10 News – Traverse City Addiction Outreach Group Working to Save Lives: <https://www.9and10news.com/2020/01/09/traverse-city-addiction-outreach-group-working-to-save-lives/>
- Michigan Department of Health & Human Services - Michigan Syndromic Surveillance Overdose Report: December 2019: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIDHHS/2020/01/22/file_attachments/1363478/December%202020%20Nonfatal%20Overdose%20Report.pdf

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

February 6 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 each month*

February 13 4-5pm – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting at Presbyterian Church of Traverse City. *Note – we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month*

February 25 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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