

Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Hello coalition members,

Our next coalition meeting is on Wednesday, June 12 from 4-5pm. We will be reviewing and discussing the draft final report of the 2024-2027 Gap Analysis and Strategic Plan developed by the Grand Traverse County Opioid Epidemic Task Force. Everyone is welcome and I hope that you are able to join us! The agenda and Zoom details will be sent out in an email early next week.

Be well,

Lauren

STAND UPDATE

Our Students Together against Negative Decisions (STAND) Clubs are coming to an end for the 2023/2024 school year. The students did a lot of great work this year and we are excited to start up again in the fall!

One of our STAND Club seniors received a \$1,000 scholarship for his great work and leadership as a STAND Club member throughout his high school career. The recipient was:

Ben Schramski – Ben is a senior at Traverse City West Senior High. He has been a member of Student Senate his junior and senior year and is currently the Student Senate Treasurer. This past year he served as the STAND leader at West. Ben has also been a member of the soccer and ski teams. Some of his major accomplishments with the STAND Club include volunteering at the coalition's Stuff a Blue Goose events, organizing and reading drug facts during the morning announcements during National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week, reading statistics and safety tips during prom week, and passing out rally towels with drug free messaging during the West/Central girls soccer game. Ben plans on attending the University of Michigan next fall where he hopes to continue working to advocate for drug awareness.

COLOR FOR HOPE

We have received a lot of community support so far and our Color for Hope fundraiser continues! These 18"x24" colorable posters come in four unique designs, two Traverse City and two Leelanau posters. The designs include businesses, landmarks, and scenery specific to these areas. The local artist, Susan Alexander, spent hours in the natural areas, businesses, and landmarks of Traverse City and Leelanau County areas to capture the beautiful details. Susan Alexander lost her daughter to the disease of addiction. She is a passionate

supporter of this cause and donated these posters as a way to further efforts to curb addiction and increase availability of resources related to education, prevention and treatment. All proceeds from the sale of these posters go to support SUD education, prevention, and treatment in our community.

The cost is \$8 per poster. The posters are currently available at both Oryana locations, ATS' the PORCH, The Red Dresser, Robert Frost, Peninsula Market, both Oleson locations, Burritt's Fresh Market, and the AREA Posters Facebook page. You can also email me directly and I can coordinate a pickup with you. Cash, credit cards, or checks, made payable to Catholic Human Services, are accepted.

We have raised over \$26,000 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, the Traverse City Airport, the Children's Advocacy Center, Boone's Car Wash, the Grand Traverse County Health Department, the Interlochen Center for the Arts, Northwest Michigan Health Services, Fox Motors, Leelanau Senior Services, and Seven Hills.

We recently donated \$5,000 to Addiction Treatment Service's Phoenix house to help support women in recovery. Women can bring their children with them to Phoenix House, so the donation will also support the children that live there. The Grand Traverse Pie Company matched with a \$3,000 donation. We are planning to make another \$5,000 donation in the near future and are seeking community members and organizations that would like to match our donation at any level. If interested in making a donation, please contact Lauren Reed at gtcdrugfreecoalition@gmail.com.



LAW ENFORCEMENT TOOLKIT

The Behavioral Health Initiative Reduce Stigma Against Substance Use Disorders Action Team has developed a stigma education toolkit to share with our law enforcement and first responder partners!

This toolkit is intended to be utilized within an agency to educate on substance use stigma and the impacts of stigma. The materials included can be used together or individually; this resource is designed to be used to fit your needs. A Start Here guide is included to help familiarize yourself with the materials.

They have also developed resource guides for each county that provide quick information on recovery, treatment, and harm reduction services. These can be printed and given to employees or referred to when necessary.

Click Here to access the toolkit! [Law Enforcement First Responder Stigma Toolkit](#).

A feedback form is included within the Start Here guide, please provide your feedback when utilizing this resource. This will help to keep the materials relevant and effective. The link to the feedback form is included here as well. [Toolkit Feedback Form](#)

We hope that you will find this toolkit valuable and informative. If you have any questions regarding the toolkit, please contact Erin Oleniczak at District Health Department#10 (eoleniczak@dhd10.org or 231-383-6552). To learn more about our action team, please visit reducestigma.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calling All Artists!

We need your help. Here's how your art can inspire hope and healing.

Donate a piece of your original artwork to be auctioned off at the inaugural **Addiction Treatment Services Art of Recovery** event this September.

Your generous donation will be showcased in a special exhibition during our fundraiser and event attendees will have the chance to bid on and purchase your artwork, with all proceeds benefiting our mission and programs at ATS.

Artist Benefits

- Gain exposure and recognition for your artwork within the community.
- Receive gratitude and appreciation for your contribution to the recovery cause.
- Join a network of compassionate artists making a meaningful impact.
- You will receive 5% of the proceeds specific to your donated artwork (the rest will go directly to support our mission at ATS!).

How to Donate

Contact us at info@addictiontreatmentservices.org with a photo of the artwork you wish to donate or if your piece is not yet complete, just letting us know your interest so we can hold your spot. From there, we will work with you on the details and make sure to have your art dropped off no later than August 30th, 2024. (Drop-off will be at The PORCH 1010 S. Garfield, Traverse City Michigan)

ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES
TRAVERSE CITY, MI

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, ONE ICE CREAM CONE AT A TIME

*Cone
with
a
Cop*

Join our neighbors and police officers for an ice cream cone and conversation.

- Bardon's -

The mission of cone with a cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

Date: Monday June 17th, 2024

Time: 5-7PM

Where: 1100 East Front Street

**Mark
your
calendars**



Grand Traverse County



Sheriff's Office



Traverse City will be holding an Out of the Darkness Community Walk through the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention on Saturday, **September 21**. For more information, visit https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1579&eventGroupID=9AA117B3-F522-BB6D-359D1AA2D75A7958&cmsContentSetID=88FE98C1-DDB2-887E-9ABEC377E2B94CAC&gl=1*15mn8iu*ga*MTkoMTcwMDIxOS4xNzA3MzE2MzMx*ga44VZZG2H84*MTcwNzMxNjMzMC4xLjEuMTcwNzMxNjM1Mi4zOC4wLjA.&language=en

RESOURCES

- The Traverse City Police Department has launched their website for the Quick Response Team (QRT). It contains information on how you can obtain a naloxone kit in our area, how to use naloxone, making a referral to the program, and other information about this program.
<https://www.traversecitymi.gov/government/city-departments/police-department/community-policing/quick-response-team.html>
- The OpiRescue app helps anyone, including first responders, prevent opioid misuse and reduce opioid overdose deaths by addressing education, prevention, and tracking of overdose reversals. This free overdose support is available for Android, iPhone, and on the web.
- The US Drug Enforcement Administration’s “Just Think Twice” website provides drug information, news stories, personal stories, consequences, facts, and statistics. <https://www.justthinktwice.gov/>
- The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States.
- 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
- 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 number is (888) 733-7753.

NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- National Community Pharmacists Association – DEA Proposes Rule Rescheduling Marijuana to Schedule III or CSA: [https://ncpa.org/newsroom/qam/2024/05/22/dea-proposes-rule-rescheduling-marijuana-schedule-iii-csa#:~:text=The%20Drug%20Enforcement%20Administration%20\(DEA,potential%20and%20level%20of%20physical](https://ncpa.org/newsroom/qam/2024/05/22/dea-proposes-rule-rescheduling-marijuana-schedule-iii-csa#:~:text=The%20Drug%20Enforcement%20Administration%20(DEA,potential%20and%20level%20of%20physical)
- Second Wave Media – Jail Release Simulation Exercise Illustrates Obstacles to Reentering the Community: <https://www.secondwavemedia.com/rural-innovation-exchange/features/jailsimulation.aspx>
- SooLeader – Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatments Covered by New Law: <https://www.sooleader.com/local-news/mental-health-substance-use-disorder-treatments-covered-by-new-law-8774285>
- Michigan Medicine – What Parents Should Know about Teen Drug and Alcohol Use: <https://www.michiganmedicine.org/health-lab/what-parents-should-know-about-teen-drug-and-alcohol-use>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

June 6 6-7pm – Families Against Narcotics (FAN) monthly board meeting, in person at Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City. All are welcome.

June 12 4-5pm – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting, in person at the Grand Traverse County Health Department (2600 LaFranier Rd, Traverse City); Virtual option:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89210306992?pwd=MojRjNOcmhXiGLp7ktLhyKtAykqkxc.1> *Note – we meet on the 2nd WEDNESDAY of each month*

Mission: To create a community-wide culture of awareness and action in the prevention, treatment and recovery of substance use disorders.

Vision: A substance use disorder free Grand Traverse County (SUD free GTC)

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