

Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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ADDICTION + RECOVERY IN THE SERVICE INDUSTRY

by Addiction Treatment Services

MAY 2ND
6:00PM-8:00PM

This educational event is aimed at managers and employees of the service industry and community members who are interested in knowing more about addiction and recovery in our community. This free event is being held at the Park Place Hotel and Conference Center. For more information, or to register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/addiction-recovery-in-the-service-industry-tickets-59008588276>.

A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Happy spring!

At our March meeting, Ken Kaufman gave an educational and passionate presentation on the Prevention through Education Initiative that he developed. If you would like a copy of the presentation or would like more information on this initiative, please contact me.

Thank you to those that completed the SurveyMonkey last month. The results are being reviewed and changes will be made accordingly in order to make our meetings as productive and meaningful to you as possible!

Health and Happiness,

Lauren

HEALTHY CHOICES ASSEMBLY

The Traverse City High School STAND (Students Together against Negative Decisions) club, in collaboration with other local organizations, held a Healthy Choices Assembly on March 13, 2018 for all of the students at their school. The students watched Predator and Prey and then had a panel discussion. The panel consisted of an individual in recovery, a previous student, a staff member, and local professionals. The students asked thoughtful questions which led to great conversations.



NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- NPR – Fentanyl-linked Deaths: The U.S. Opioid Epidemic's Third Wave Begins:
<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/03/21/704557684/fentanyl-linked-deaths-the-u-s-opioid-epidemics-third-wave-begins>
- Michigan Radio – The 'Gold Standard' for Addiction Treatment that many Patients can't get:
<https://www.michiganradio.org/post/gold-standard-addiction-treatment-many-patients-cant-get>
- The Washington Post - As the Opioid Crisis Explodes, few Youth get Drug Treatment – Especially Youth of Color:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/03/25/opioid-crisis-explodes-few-youth-especially-youth-color-get-drug-treatment/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.02c1d2946204
- UpNorthLive –Community Comes Together for Suicide Awareness and Prevention:
<https://upnorthlive.com/news/local/community-comes-together-for-suicide-awareness-and-prevention>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

April 4 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*

April 11 4-5pm – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting at TC Central High School room F146. *Note – we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month*

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