

# Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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## A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

I hope that everyone has been enjoying the beautiful fall colors and now our first snowfall! October has been a fun month here at the coalition, with a lot of time spent with our students. Our STAND (Students Together against Negative Decisions) Clubs are getting settled back in since the start of the new school year and are meeting regularly. We also spent a lot of time preparing for our Youth Summit, which is a fun event that allows students from multiple schools in Grand Traverse County to come together to network, learn, and have fun.

Be well,

Lauren

## YOUTH SUMMIT

Our annual Youth Summit was held on October 30 at the Great Wolf Lodge. This half-day event brought together students from TC Central High School, TC West Senior High, Kingsley High School, and some student presenters from Manistee. The students had fun while learning from their peers and left with many resources to ensure that their STAND Clubs have an eventful year!





## SFCNM CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

The Substance Free Coalition of Northwest Michigan (SFCNM) launched their “Know the Dangers” prevention campaign on October 3. This multi-year campaign aims to get the message out about the dangers of prescription opioids. The campaign will include a website (<https://knowthedangers.com/>), television and radio ads, billboards, and testimonials from people whose lives have been affected by addiction.

## NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- NPR – The Real Cost of the Opioid Epidemic: An Estimated \$179 Billion in Just One Year: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/10/24/773148861/calculating-the-real-costs-of-the-opioid-epidemic>
- 9&10 News – Northern Michigan Coalition Launches New Anti-Opioid Campaign: <https://www.9and10news.com/2019/10/03/northern-michigan-coalition-launches-new-anti-opioid-campaign/>
- UpNorthLive – Moms on a Mission: New Campaign to Curb Opioid Use in Northern Michigan: <https://upnorthlive.com/news/moms-on-a-mission/stories/moms-on-a-mission-new-campaign-to-curb-opioid-use-in-northern-michigan>
- Record Eagle – Judges, Former Inmates, Clergy Share Ideas at BDAI: [https://www.record-eagle.com/news/local\\_news/judges-former-inmates-clergy-share-ideas-at-bdai-event/article\\_ca56edf4-e6ca-11e9-86c9-a75ebaacc798.html](https://www.record-eagle.com/news/local_news/judges-former-inmates-clergy-share-ideas-at-bdai-event/article_ca56edf4-e6ca-11e9-86c9-a75ebaacc798.html)
- UpNorthLive – Addiction Treatment Center Opens New Recovery Building: <https://upnorthlive.com/news/local/addiction-treatment-center-opens-new-recovery-building>

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

**November 7 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month\*

**November 7 7:00pm** – Opioid Town Hall at Milliken Auditorium

**November 14 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\*

**November 26 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\*

### Friendly Reminders

- Don't forget to turn your clocks back for the end of Daylight Saving Time on November 3
- Your voice is important, make sure that you vote on November 5
- As we enter the season of thankfulness, consider volunteering to give back to your local community

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