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COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU

PROM 2017



It is that time of year again, prom season. Girls are picking out their dresses and guys are picking out tuxedos. The one thing we don't want them picking out is alcohol to be consumed the night of Prom. In an effort to prevent that from happening, the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has enlisted the help of the Edisto Health Coalition's new Youth Squad to get the message out to their peers about underage drinking and its consequences. The Youth Squad consists of youth from Orangeburg, Bamberg, and Calhoun County high schools. They have received training on underage drinking and drug use prevention and are developing peer appropriate strategies to make a difference.

The youth wanted to do something within their schools to prevent underage drinking for Prom and reduce the consequences of it. They came up with a hashtag campaign that they will get others to use to promote awareness of underage drinking and its consequences. "It is unfair to students who go to Prom to have fun to be terrified to drive after Prom due to all the drunk drivers on the roads. Our campaign is to make it safer for them as well as others," said Danielle Riley of Edisto High School and a member of the Edisto Health Coalition who will be using #GetDressedUpNotMessedUp #Team(school name) during her campaign. Since social media is the trend today to reach large numbers of people, the youth will be using it to show the number of people that have been

The Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCCADA) in conjunction with the Edisto Health Coalition (EHC) is bringing in a special program for the Spring Prom season. The ThinkFast Interactive program is an evidence-informed prevention intervention that uses active learning to connect young people with factual, relevant information related to various personal health and safety issues. The program is uniquely designed to educate young people. The staging is of top production value and presents relevant music, trivia, and safety facts for the targeted audience. We work with local health and safety experts and program sponsors to tailor program content for local context factors such as laws, social norms, age of participants, and the focus of the other related prevention efforts that may be going on in the community in order to present clear and consistent health behavior promoting messages.

- Branchville High School – 04/27/17
- Calhoun County High School – 04/28/17
- Denmark-Olar High School – 05/08/17
- High School for Health Professions - 05/08/17



reached and are now aware of the risks of underage drinking. "Our goal is to influence teens to create everlasting memories, not unforgettable tragedies," stated Patryce Mack of North High School. The campaign is running now through the month of April.

Get Dressed Up
NOT MESSED UP!

**MAKE MEMORIES,
NOT REGRETS!**

*Reminder from the
Edisto Health Coalition that*
**ALCOHOL
DOESN'T BELONG**
at the Prom.

For Prom Safety ideas, contact the
Tri-County Commission on Alcohol
and Drug Abuse at 803-536-4900.

Prom

Underage Drinking . . . Is It Worth It?????

Tuxedo/Dress	\$100-\$300.00
Prom Tickets	\$40-\$80.00
Flowers	\$30-\$50.00
Dinner	\$60-\$100.00
Photos	\$50-\$80.00
Limo	\$100-\$300.00

Ticket for Underage Drinking . . .

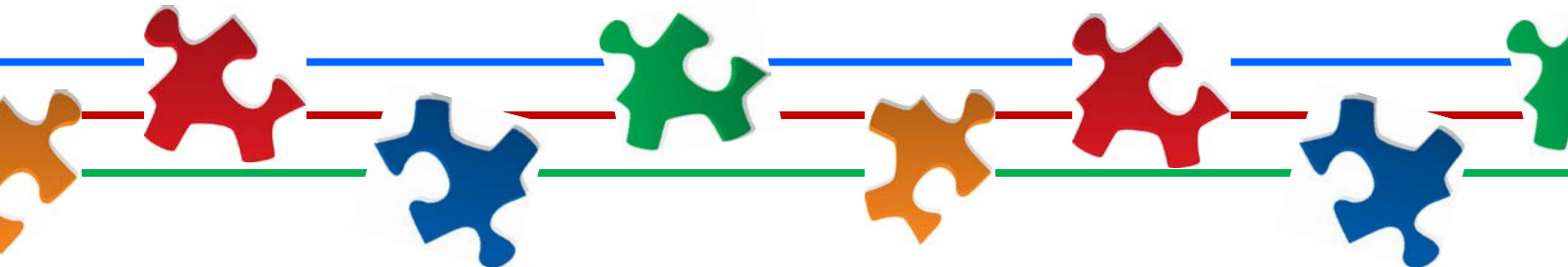
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	\$470.00
Fake ID	\$470.00
Alcohol Education Program	\$150.00
Reinstatement of Driver's License	\$100.00
Loss of Scholarships	\$1000s
Time in Court (Missing School/Work)	\$\$\$\$\$



The Edisto Health Coalition (EHC) has a Prom banner, posters, pocket cards and compacts available free for school Proms while supplies last. Call Kandie Goodwin @ 803-536-4900, ext. 138 for more information about the supplies or joining the coalition.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

The Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCCADA) has a new tool to aid Orangeburg County law enforcement in educating the community and enforcing impaired driving laws. In January, the TCCADA purchased a portable electronic sign with funds from the Empowering Communities for Healthier Outcomes (ECHO) grant. The grant was awarded to the TCCADA to lower the county's DUI crash rates. The grant was awarded for a five-year period. In looking at best-prevention practices, combining aggressive publicity with enforcement acted as a strong deterrent to DUI, according to Tony Ackiss, ECHO coordinator for Orangeburg County. People reading or seeing messages about upcoming DUI enforcement may think twice about driving impaired as a result. "The goal is to get the message out that those who choose to drive impaired stand a good chance of being stopped and arrested," Ackiss said. "Orangeburg County is so rural that we are limited in our media outlets. We had to get creative in getting the message out about DUI's and DUI enforcement happening within Orangeburg County." The electronic sign was used in Ellore during the Ellore Trials, the weekend of March 25th. "We wanted to let the participants of the Ellore Trials know that we want them to have fun and stay safe, but also know that law enforcement will be out enforcing alcohol laws," Ackiss said. The portable sign will be moved to all parts of the county to be used in conjunction with local towns during alcohol-enforcement activities. "The TCCADA hopes in the future to purchase an additional electronic portable sign for use on the other side of Orangeburg County and some attachable radar guns," Ackiss said. If the signs serve to dissuade people from driving while impaired, it's hard to call them anything but a good investment.



The new spring Driving Under-the-Influence (DUI) enforcement billboard is up. Be sure to keep an eye out for it around the Santee area. They are posted at US 15 N 0.1 mi S/O SR 6 WS and US 301 1.3 mi S/O US 15 WS. Don't think you can miss the orange.



<http://www.scoutoftheirhands.org>



Recognizing that problems associated with underage drinking cannot be addressed by focusing solely on youth, the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Brabham Oil Company and the Edisto Health Coalition have been increasing efforts to educate parents and other adults about the Out Of Their Hands statewide initiative during the month of April. Parents tend to dramatically underestimate teenage binge drinking and their own children's drinking in particular and, in some cases, parents enable and/or condone underage drinking. Nationally, 65 percent of teenagers report getting their alcohol from family and friends; and research proves that parents are the most influential person in their child's life and are the key to preventing underage drinking. The campaign emphasizes that providing alcohol to minors is against the law and that together we can keep it "Out Of Their Hands." Be sure to check your local convenience stores for the signage. If you're socially inclined, please feel free to have a conversation with the clerk about the campaign. Also, be sure to look for the news article coming out in the Times and Democrat newspaper.



YOUTH SQUAD UPDATE

Along with the Prom Hashtag campaign, the Youth Squad will be sending Tashayla Fields from Calhoun County High School, Jala Gilmore from Hunter-Kinard-Tyler High School, Destiny Stroman from Edisto High School and Javon Robinson from the High School for Health Professions to the Leading to Change Youth Leadership conference on April 28th, 2017 at Carowinds. Rumor has it that Project Positeen will be sending 20 youth from our area as well. The Youth Squad has finalized their group t-shirt. For a sneak peak, see the picture below.



TIME	ACTIVITY / LEARNING FOCUS
9:00am	Welcome & introductions
9:15am	The DIVERSITY of Leadership: Students will learn the value of finding both <i>pear similarities and differences</i> .
9:45am	The DECISIONS of Leadership: Students will learn the value of making accurate decisions in the moment.
10:15am	The VOICES of Leadership: Students will learn the value of standing up for their beliefs amidst peer pressures.
10:45am	The TOOLS of Leadership: Students will practice their increased skill sets in public speaking, problem solving, coping with drama and conflict, and working in multiple teams of diverse perspectives!
11:15am	The ROCKSTARS of Leadership: Students will showcase their presentation and team work skills in a final presentation.
11:30am	LUNCH and afternoon ticket distribution. Enjoy the park for the rest of your visit!

MARIJUANA EDUCATION

How Many Other Medicines that people take:

- ❖ Are Smoked? **ZERO**
- ❖ Come in unmeasured Doses? **ZERO**
- ❖ Have unknown Strengths? **ZERO**
- ❖ Are taken as often as the patient thinks it is needed? **ZERO**
- ❖ Are taken in crude form (like aspirin from tree bark, penicillin from bread mold, etc.) **ZERO**
- ❖ Are voted on instead of going through a medical approval process? **ZERO**
- ❖ Circumvent the safety of the FDA? **ZERO**
- ❖ Contain no warnings of harm? **ZERO**
- ❖ Are purchased from a dispensary not a pharmacy? **ZERO**
- ❖ Are "recommended" by doctors, not prescribed? **ZERO**

ONE exception to any of the above would be amazing, but ALL of them? **DON'T BELIEVE THE LIE... MARIJUANA IS NOT MEDICINE**

SUPPORT LEGITIMATE, APPROVED RESEARCHED BASED ANSWERS TO MEDICINE

- There is not enough research to know IF components of Marijuana are effective as medicine. **MORE RESEARCH IS NEEDED.** (National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, The Health Effects of Cannabis and Cannabinoids, 2017)
- True Marijuana based medicines are already in the FDA approval pipeline. (Epidiolex, Sativex clinical trials)
- 77% of South Carolinians think that "Medical Marijuana" should be regulated by the FDA (2016 September Winthrop Poll)
- Having access to "Medical Marijuana" in South Carolina means growing and selling Marijuana in our communities.
- "Medical Marijuana" states are among states with the highest incidence of use among youth ages 12-17. (SAMHSA, Survey on Drug Use and Health 2014)
- Marijuana is addictive. Behind alcohol, it is the 2nd most diagnosed chemical dependency in South Carolina. (DAODAS, Patient Substance Use Profile 2016)

IN OTHER NEWS

National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal
Saturday, April 29th.

Orangeburg Department of Public Safety

10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
835 Chestnut Street
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Encourage your local police or sheriff's department to become a site. It's not too late.



NEXT COALITION MEETING

May 10th, 2017 @ 1:00 PM

**Common Ground Café
Cornerstone Community Church**

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