



Edisto Health Coalition

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The Edisto Health Coalition's Youth Squad initiative has had a great beginning, but we have much more work to do. Our lofty goal is to have at least two representatives from each of our area high schools serve on the youth community sector of our coalition. While we would like school referrals, community referrals are also welcome. Here are some altruistic reasons that youth should serve:

- *Want to make a better, safer community
- *Want to learn about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs
- *Want to prevent the loss of their peers to alcohol or other drugs
- *Want to encourage youth from our area to be successful in life
- *Want to be a positive influence in their school

While these reasons are noble and represent a good cause, what can the Youth Squad do for the individual student? It can:

- *Provide community service hours
- *Improve their resume and college appeal
- *Introduce them to new people their age both locally and nationally
- *Provide training in leadership and strategic planning
- *Give experience in working in a health-care related field
- *Provide new experiences through field trips
- *Provide leadership training at CAROWINDS
- *Provide a week-long national summer leadership training in ORLANDO
- *and if that's not enough.....
a free t-shirt and food!

So if you know a teen between the ages of 15 and 17 who may be interested, contact Tashena Livingston or Kandie Goodwin for an application and more information.

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The Edisto Health Coalition is not just looking for youth members. The national organization, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), recommends for effectiveness that a coalition have representatives from 12 sectors of the community.

- Law Enforcement
- Schools
- Health Providers
- Parents
- Youth
- Businesses
- Government
- Social Service Agencies
- Civic Groups
- Faith-based Groups
- Media
- Other Organizations

**NEXT
 COALITION
 MEETING**

**July 12th, 2017 @
 1:00 PM**

**Common Ground
 Café
 Cornerstone
 Community
 Church**

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We have finally met that goal and have representatives from each of the sectors, but as experience has a way of teaching us, life changes and so do commitments. Therefore, we are constantly looking for community individuals whose interest and possible resources can enhance our coalition and our prevention efforts. Joining the coalition will provide you with many of the same benefits that our Youth Squad receive including a free shirt and food! So if you know of an adult who may be interested in substance abuse prevention, please give us a call or send us an e-mail. We'll be happy to send you a coalition brochure and application. Be sure to visit and like our Facebook page. Visit the Edisto Health Coalition to see what else we have been up to this past year.

SQUAD ACTIVITIES SPRING AND SUMMER 2017

The Youth Squad was officially formed in January of 2017. We initially started out with 11 youth representing Calhoun County, Hunter-Kinard-Tyler (HKT), Branchville, Edisto, North and Health Professions High Schools. Of these 11, 9 were consistently active. Activities included a values assessment game, a special guest speaker from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), a t-shirt project and community/school initiatives for PROM. Four Squad representatives attended the 2017 Leading to Change Youth Leadership Day at Carowinds in April and reported that it was “cool and different from what they expected a training to be”. There is potentially another one being planned for the Fall of 2017 and all previous youth attendees have indicated that they want to go back. The Squad came up with a hashtag campaign for PROM which went along with the theme “Get Dressed Up, Not Messed Up”. Winners were Jala Gilmore of HKT and Patryce Mack of North High School. Both young ladies reached a total of 256 people via social media and won a \$60.00 Visa gift card. Tracking indicated that the campaign reached as far as Greenville. HKT, North and Calhoun County High Schools’ Squad members set up or assisted with Prom Promise tables. Each table setup was posted on the Coalition’s Facebook page and accumulated

473 likes, shares, interactions and views. The Youth Squad also participated in the ThinkFast program that the coalition in collaboration with the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCCADA) brought in for underage drinking awareness and drunk driving prevention to several of the area schools. Five Squad members representing Edisto, HKT, Branchville, Calhoun County and Health Professions High Schools will



PROM PROMISE TABLES AT HKT, CALHOUN & NORTH

be attending the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's (CADCA) Youth Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, July 23-27th, 2017. As a new youth group they will participate in the Key Essentials Course which will equip them with the foundational tools needed to take the first steps in solving their communities' problems around drugs, underage drinking, prescription drugs and other social ills using the Strategic Prevention Framework.

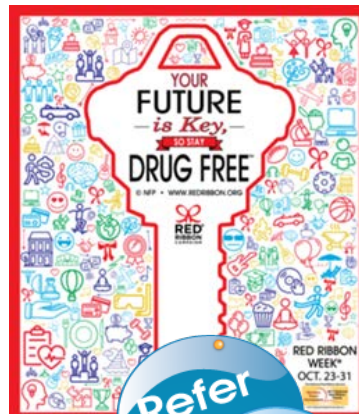
KEY ESSENTIALS OBJECTIVES

- Become more engaged youth leaders
- Learn and apply the Strategic Prevention Framework process
- Learn and apply components of a Community Assessment
- Conduct a Problem Analysis
- Learn the 7 Behavioral Change Strategies for a Comprehensive Intervention
- Develop an Action Plan for next steps for a "Youth- In-Action" project

But it won't be all work and no play. In addition to the conference's youth mixers, our Youth Squad members will be checking out the Atlanta Aquarium and an escape room with themes such as "The Newsroom", "The Apartment", "The Rec Room", "The Sorcerer's Secret", "The Superheroes" and "Lost in Time".



Youth like to be trendy and therefore, so do the adults on the coalition. Apparently, one of the big things to do now is to participate in a themed escape room. They're not only fun, but fit right into our plans for leadership development, communication building, teamwork and problem-solving in a new and exciting way. Basically, the group is locked in a room and debriefed with a mission. The group has 60 minutes to escape and there is only one way out. They have to find clues, solve puzzles, and crack codes before the time runs out. Only one thing is for certain, they'll have fun trying. Treasure Hunt, Zombie vs Army, Espionage and Missing are just a few of the adventure titles available in nearby Columbia. This will most likely be one of our first youth outings, but will depend on whether or not Leading to Change holds another Youth Leadership Summit at Carowinds in the fall and whether our Atlanta bound youth enjoy it. The Youth Squad is planning prevention activities around football and basketball season, as well as, training to provide presentations to the younger youth during Red Ribbon Week which will be held October 23 -31st, 2017 and participating in the YOLO – Be Drug Free photo contest. They will also be planning activities around families eating together as part of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse's "Family Day", September 25, 2017.



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