Pasco ASAP

Pasco County
Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

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ASAP Mission:
"To develop, motivate, and encourage strategic relationships that reduce county risk factors and decrease substance abuse rates among youth and adults."

HEADLINES:

Don't Roll Up, Roll Out: Florida's Youth Keeping it Real about Marijuana POSTER CONTEST!

The Youth Poster Contest is a way to further youth appreciation in drug-free activities and educate, through illustration, about the harmful impacts of marijuana use.
The Youth Poster Contest is open to all Suncoast region students ages 9 - 17.

Posters will be judged by a panel of community leaders who will choose one over-all grand prize winner from the 9-13 age group and one from the 14-17 age group to receive an iPad mini. Additional prizes for *creativity* and *messaging* will be awarded in each age category.

The theme is "Florida Youth *Keeping it Real* about Marijuana."

Grand prize = free iPad Mini!

For content rules and submission instructions, visit http://dfaf.org/Poster%20Contest%20Rules.pdf

Drug Free AMERICA Foundation, Inc. HCADA Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance DON'T LET FLORIDA GO TO POT S.O.S Save Our Society From Drugs

Join us on Facebook for updates on our campaign to educate Floridians on the impacts of marijuana.

We are a youth-led movement and a coalition partner of *Don't Let Florida Go to Pot.*

COMMUNITY CORNER

Medication Safety Project: More than Side Effects

Lunch and Learn Training Opportunity
Friday, August 1st, 2014
12:00pm-1:30pm
Florida Department of Health in Pasco County 10841 Little Road New Port Richey, FL 34654

Training Objectives:

- Identify the misperceptions of prescription medications in the community.
- Discuss the Medication Safety Checklist and Project Findings.
- Define methods to educate patients using the Generation RX program techniques.
- Identify key patient care plan goals and interventions related to medication safety and side effects.

This event is free and open to all interested healthcare, substance abuse and mental health providers. 1 CEU will be provided. Seating is limited. Please RSVP today: (727) 597-2284 or register at https://www.justsurvey.me/546868146374

BayCare Behavioral Health

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Florida HEALTH Pasco County

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Free Tobacco Free Signs for Campuses and Businesses

The Tobacco Free Partnership of Pasco County has new tobacco free campus signs and tobacco free business window clings available to community partners at no cost. These signs are available to worksites that already have signs in place to avoid "signage burnout" or to business who are interested in creating a tobacco free policy. Please contact Samantha Suffich at 727-861-5250, ext 161 or Samantha.Suffich@flhealth.gov to make arrangements.





RESEARCH

Results from the 2010 and 2013 Pasco County Alcohol and Policy Prescription Drug Use Survey

	2010		2013	
	N (457)	%	N (309)	%
Have you, a family member, or a close friend:				
Ever had a drinking problem	293	70%	176	62%
Ever been seriously injured in an accident involving a drunk driver	140	33%	73	20%
It is acceptable for those under age 21 to drink	61	15%	27	10%
It is okay for parents to provide alcohol to their underage children	38	9%	22	8%
You know parents who lock up their alcohol to prevent teens from trying it	130	31%	84	30%
You think any drinking is acceptable before driving	58	14%	57	20%
Your doctor/pharmacist spends adequate time on prescription safety when prescribing	178	43%	87	31%
Taking prescription drugs is acceptable before driving	162	39%	64	24%
You or a family member or a close friend were addicted to a prescription medication	210	50%	127	45%
Know someone who died from a prescription overdose	190	45%	104	32%
Pasco County is doing enough to address prescription drug abuse	68	17%	81	30%
Pasco County has enough resources to address prescription drug abuse	91	23%	83	30%
Prescription drugs are much safer than illegal drugs, even if not prescribed	20	5%	24	9%
Prescription narcotics (Oxycodone, Vicodin, Percocet, etc.) are addictive	407	97%	272	95%
Xanax is addictive	390	94%	265	95%
Doctor talked to you about how medication(s) will interact with each other and alcohol	199	48%	157	57%
It is acceptable to take someone else's prescribed medication	23	6%	10	41%
You have spoken to your child about prescription drug abuse	196	75%	119	63%

Survey completed by ASAP

SPOTLIGHT

Medication Safety Talk on CW44-WTOG Tampa Bay



Be sure to mark your calendars or set your DVRs on July 26th to see CW44 - WTOG Tampa Bay's Bayside Show at 6:30am! ASAP partners from Pasco Sheriff's Office, Poison Information Center-Tampa, FL, Operation PAR, Inc., and Morton Plant North Bay Hospital talk about medication safety and highlighting the prevention efforts in Pasco County accomplished through the joint Substance Exposed Newborn with the Healthy Start Coalition of Pasco and the Rx Committee.

Screening of "Eternal High"

NAMI Pasco is partnering with North Tampa Behavioral Health and the Pasco County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention. Join us on Monday, August 4, 2014 for a screening of the 30-minute documentary, "Eternal High," written and directed by teenager Bryce Mackie. Bryce details his experience with addiction, depression, suicide, and recovery.

Screening to be followed by a Q & A with Chrissie Parris, Coalition Coordinator, Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Pasco County.

Bryce received the National Welcome Back Award for De-Stigmatization and his film received the SAMSHA Honorable Mention Voice Award for raising awareness of mental health issues.
Date: Monday, August 4, 2014
Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Location: North Tampa Behavioral Health, 29910 Florida 56, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

Registration not required but helpful as we plan for this event.
To RSVP by Friday, August 1, go to the Contact page.

Lawmakers Want Safety Caps on Liquid Nicotine for E-Cigarettes

MEDIA RELEASE: July 10, 2014
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Legislation proposed after spike in poisoning reports

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The stuff is called Cotton Candy, Fruity Loops and even Gummi Bear.

But this particular stuff is not a pack of bubble gum or bag of fruit chews you might see as you check out at your local convenience store.

It is, in fact, a highly toxic and still-unregulated form of concentrated liquid nicotine for use in vapor devices including so-called e-cigarettes. And it's hitting the marketplace nationwide in easy-to-open vials and small eye-dropper bottles available for purchase in stores and online.

"There's enough nicotine in some of these bottles to kill small children, and even if a small amount spilled on a child's skin it could make them extremely ill," said U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL), a senior member of the Senate Commerce Committee who's filing legislation to child-proof the containers.

Ingestion of liquid nicotine can cause vomiting and seizures and even death, a leading pediatricians' group says. And a recent New York Times report stated that a teaspoon of highly diluted liquid nicotine, whether ingested or absorbed through the skin, could kill a small child.

It's already contributing to a surge in the number of reports of liquid-nicotine-related child poisonings.

Nationwide, according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, there have been more than 1,500 calls regarding liquid nicotine exposure so far this year – a pace that will double last year's total. And the 1,351 cases reported last year represented a 300 percent increase from 2012.

In response, a group of lawmakers Thursday filed legislation aimed at child-proofing the small bottles. The legislation is a simple but significant step toward assuring children's and product safety, the lawmakers said.

Specifically, the Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2014 would direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue rules requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for any liquid nicotine sold to consumers. The bill already has drawn a number of cosponsors and here's what some of them said:

"We require child-proof packaging for items like Tylenol, Drano, and mouthwash, but not liquid nicotine," said Sen. Mark Pryor (D-AR), a former state attorney general. "I have been working with industry on solutions, and was hopeful they would step up on their own. However, we are seeing more and more children poisoned and even sent to the emergency room as a result of liquid nicotine. We can't afford to keep waiting. Requiring child-proof packaging for these products is a common-sense solution to keep our kids safe."

Said Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), who is the number-two ranking Democrat in the U.S. Senate, "There is a word for the toxic candy-flavored liquids found in electronic cigarettes: poison. Protecting our nation's children from exposure to poison is basic common sense, especially when it can have dangerous and fatal consequences like liquid nicotine."

Added Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA), chairman of HELP, or the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, "A recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed a recent, alarming spike in e-cigarette poisonings - more than half of which affected young children. This comes as no surprise given the growing popularity of e-cigarettes and candy- and fruit-flavored liquid nicotine that is enticing to children. We have child-proof containers on everything from vitamins to ibuprofen, so it's just plain common sense that we place child-proof mechanisms on highly-toxic and poisonous liquid nicotine. Robust FDA regulation of e-cigarettes is absolutely essential to protect our children from these products. In the meantime, however, this simple step would give peace of mind to parents and help protect our children from accidental ingestion or a fatal poisoning."

And Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, said, "Our important child-proofing bill deals with the alarming increase in poisonings involving e-cigarette liquids, since children are drawn to brightly colored packaging and flavorings that smell like candy."

The bill's other initial co-sponsors are: Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Edward Markey (D-MA), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Michael Bennet (D-CO).

"For any parent, the process of child-proofing your home to make sure your kids don't get into anything that can harm them can be a big project," said Bennet, who is a member of the HELP Committee. "Thankfully, many household products are manufactured with child-resistant packaging to help make things a little easier.

"With the popularity of e-cigarettes on the rise, this commonsense bill will ensure that liquid nicotine is among the products sold with child-resistant packaging to keep our kids safe," he said.

Besides the lawmakers, others, including the president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, are advocating for quick passage of the legislation.

"Liquid nicotine containers are not required to have the same child-proof packaging standards that pediatricians and parents depend on to keep children safe from products like household cleaners and prescription drugs," said Dr. James M. Perrin, head of the pediatrics group.

"We cannot afford to wait any longer to protect children from potentially deadly nicotine ingestions," Perrin said.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities to volunteer with ASAP! To get involved in an upcoming event, contact Chrissie Parris cparris@pascoasap.com or 727-597-2284.

Event Date	Event Name	Time and Location
Saturday, August 16th	Kids Health and Safety Fest	Alice Hall 38116 5th Ave., Zephyrhills, FL 9am -2pm
Saturday, August 30th	Kids Health and Safety Day	J. Ben Harrill Recreation Complex 2830 Gulf Trace Blvd. Holiday FL 34691 10am – 2pm

2014 ASAP Meeting Dates

Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month from 10am to 12pm at: Land O'Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O'Lake Boulevard (US 41), Land O'Lakes, FL 34638

July 22, 2014

August 26, 2014

September 23, 2014

October 21, 2014

Annual Luncheon TBD

2014 ASAP Executive Committee



Debbie Antioco, Tracey Kaly, Art Rowand, Paula Green, Phil Cohen, Chrissie Parris (Not Pictured: Chris Wittmann and Leslie Gervase)

Tracey Kaly, Chair
Art Rowand, Vice Chair
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