Pasco County
Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

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www.PascoASAP.com

Check us out on Facebook at:
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pasco-County-Alliance-for-Substance-Abuse-Prevention-ASAP/108740345811062

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@ASAP_Pasco

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

HEADLINES:

Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch!

You are invited to the 5th **Annual**
Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP)
Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon!

Please join us to recognize our amazing members and celebrate our substance abuse prevention and education efforts in Pasco County!

Tuesday, December 3, 2013
12:00pm to 1:00pm

Aquafinz Seafood and Steakhouse
16553 Point Village Dr
Lutz, Fl 33558

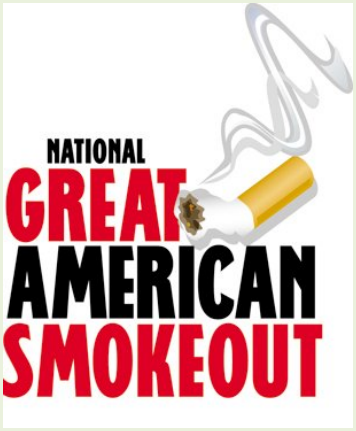
Please RSVP to Chrissie Parris at cparris@pascoasap.com or Shelah Neece at sneece@pascoasap.com by **Wednesday, November 27, 2013.**

We wish you and your families a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!



COMMUNITY CORNER

2013 Great American SmokeOut



The Great American Smokeout, on November 21, 2013, encourages smokers to use the date to plan a quit attempt, even if it's for one day. For free resources to quit smoking, call the Florida Quitline at 1-877-822-6669, go to www.tobaccofreeflorida.com or call the Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center at 813-929-1000. Employers interested in celebrating the day with their employees can contact Samantha Brighton with the Florida Department of Health in Pasco County at 727-861-5250, ext 161.

Stuff the Bus with Food this Holiday Season



The Volunteer Way and *Pasco County Public Transportation* are inviting all the community to help us to "stuff the bus". A child, a needy family or an elderly person is depending on your generous heart and giving nature, to help them feed their hunger and lift their spirits during this Holiday Season.

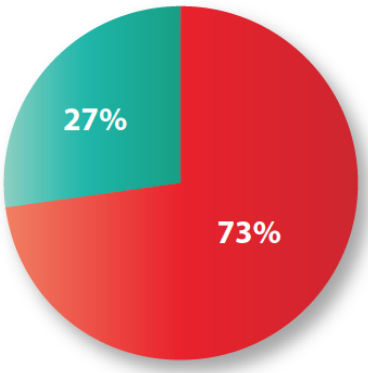
Donations of non-perishable food items are requested. Buses will be at the following locations to collect the food.

- Sweetbay at Morningside Plaza, 12530 U.S. 301 in *Dade City* on *Saturday November 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
- Publix at Southgate Shopping Center, 5127 U.S. 19 *in New Port Richey on Saturday November 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

All the food collected will be donated to The Volunteer Way Food Bank, which provides food every month to over 20,000 low- income, homeless, seniors, children and needy families. The Volunteer Way has been distributing food free of charges or fees for over 21 years.

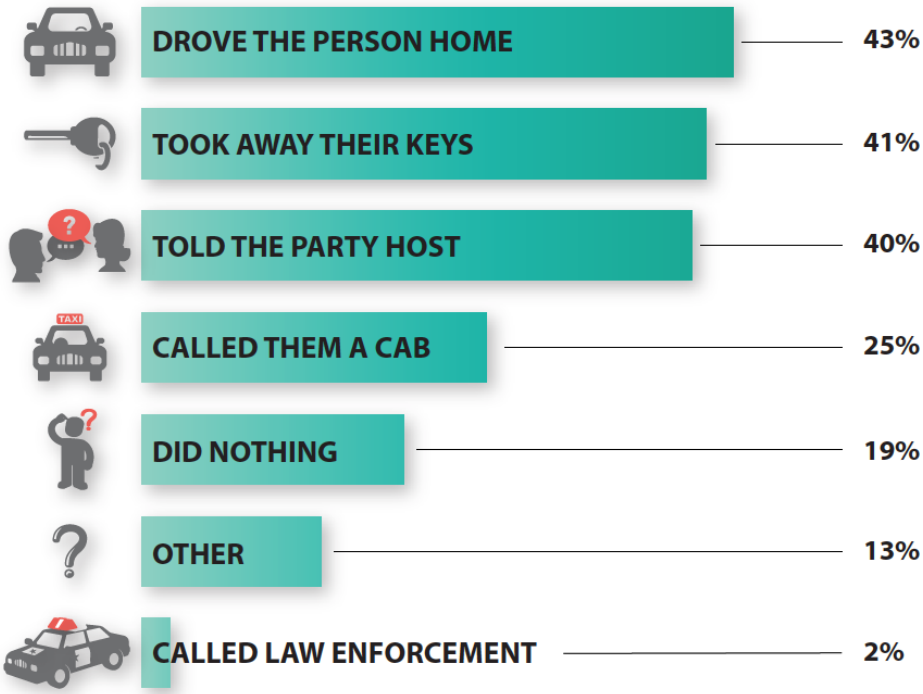
We welcome volunteers at this event. To volunteer please contact us at 727-815-0433 or email us at martha@thevolunteerway.org

Save Lives this Holiday Season by Prevention Drunk Driving



73% of people said they'd been at an event and seen someone try to drive home after drinking too much.

What did they do?



If you see someone about to drive or ride with someone who is impaired, take the keys and help them get home safely.

Get tips at www.madd.org/preventiontips

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Help Feed the Homeless this Holiday Season!



RESEARCH

New Drug Threat: Krododil

What is Krokodil?

Medical name: Desomorphine. Desomorphine is an opioid (a synthetic narcotic that has opiate-like activities but is not derived from opium) first patented in 1932 by the United States. It's a derivative of morphine that has sedative and analgesic effects and is 8-10 times more potent than morphine. It is a classified as a Schedule I substance under the federal Controlled Substances Act. Schedule I means:

- The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse.
- The drug or other substance has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.
- There is a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug or other substance under medical supervision.

The name Krokodil comes from the word crocodile and was named as such because of the greenish and scale-like skin condition that occurs as a result of injecting the drug. At $6 to $8 a syringe, it's roughly three times cheaper than the price of heroin.

How is it produced?
Krokodil is produced using over-the-counter codeine-based pills and mixing them with gasoline, paint thinner, hydrochloric acid and red phosphorous (scrapped from the tips of matches). The ingredients are boiled, distilled, mixed and what remains is a caramel colored liquid that can be injected.
Prevalence of use began in 2007 in Siberia and spread throughout the Russia. In 2011 the Russian Federal Drug Control Services confiscated approximately 65 million doses of Krokodil.

Krokodil is also referred to as: Waling Dead, Crocodile, Krok and Zombie Drug.
Effects of Krokodil:

- High lasts from 1-1.5 hours and is similar, but more powerful, than the effects of heroin
- Causes flesh to rot from the inside out
- Skin becomes scaly; blood vessels burst causing the surrounding tissue to die
- Results in gangrene and amputations
- Exposed bone
- Kidney and liver damage
- Rotting teeth
- Blood poisoning
- Brain damage
- Death; average lifespan of users is 2-3 years, 3 year expectancy after first use

Withdrawal symptoms:
Could last as long as 30 days
Painful due to the blood vessel destruction and tissue damage
Articles and Resources:
The Curse of the Crocodile: Russia's Deadly Designer Drug Time World 2011
Krokodil: The drug that eats junkies (Independent, UK June 2011)
www.krokdildrug.com
Krokodil, the Drug That Eats Your Flesh: 5 Fast Facts You Need to Know [WARNING: GRAPHIC] (September 2013)
DEA Now Monitoring Krokodil, a Deadly Morphine Derivative (Fox News 2011)

Alcohol and Prescription Drug Use Survey

Please take a moment to complete an Alcohol and Prescription Drug Use Survey. This survey was created as part of a Drug Free Community grant received by ASAP. If you took the survey in 2010, please take the time to submit responses again, we are looking for trend data over the last three years. The Alliance wants to find out what YOU really think about different alcohol policies and prescription drug use. The results of this survey will be used to seek funding, drive ASAP's prevention efforts in Pasco County and help improve laws and local policies related to alcohol and prescription drugs.

Data will be collected from **Tuesday, September 4, 2013 through Friday, December 6, 2013.** All responses are confidential. We will not be sharing the identity of those participating in the research. However, the data collection results may be shared more broadly through publications and conferences. It is optional to list your phone number or email that will serve as your entry into the gift card prizes for randomly drawn participants.

This survey is usually completed in approximately 15-20 minutes. Thank you very much for your time. We value your opinion!
http://cbcs.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b7Y5ru58R7tnKiU

SPOTLIGHT

2013 Red Ribbon a Success!



Thank you to everyone who made 2013 Red Ribbon Kick Off and Freeze Mob a Success!
Freeze Mob Video Link: http://youtu.be/wQuZ-VF-lvE

2013 NOPE Candlelight Vigil



Thank you to all attendees and partners on this year's NOPE Candlelight Vigil.
Blog write up from Renew Pasco:
http://www.renewpasco.com/renewpasco-blog/2013/10/23/renewpasco-remembers-those-in-suffering-from-the-consequences-from-the-disease-of-addiction/
Video of special guest speaker, Kelly Mothershead:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOzB3KdSBso

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

January 28, 2014

February 25, 2014

March 25, 2014

April 22, 2014

May 27, 2014

June 24, 2014

July 22, 2014

August 26, 2014

September 23, 2014

October 21, 2014

Annual Luncheon TBD

2013 ASAP Executive Committee



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

Tracey Kaly, Chair
Art Rowand, Vice Chair
Paula Green, Secretary
Debbie Antioco, Treasurer
Chrissie Parris, Coalition Staff
Phil Cohen, Board Member at Large
Chris Wittmann, Board Member at Large