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:

Red Ribbon Week Kick Off!

Monday October 28th
3:00pm – 6:00pm
Outside the Dade City Court House
37918 Meridian Avenue
Dade City, FL 33523

Join us for Red Ribbon decorating, entertainment, refreshments, a FREEZE MOB at 5pm (briefing at 4pm all are welcome), and giveaways!!
Free Tee Shirts to the first 50 people participating in the Freeze Mob!



Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enriqué "Kiki" Camarena.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Prescription Drug Take Back Event

Do you have unused or expired medications in your home?

Bring them for safe disposal to Pasco County's
Pill Drop <u>October 26th from 10 am – 2 pm</u>

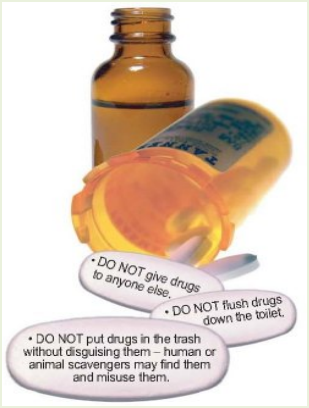
At the following locations:

Gulf View Square Mall
9409 Us Highway 19, Suite 781
Port Richey, FL 34668
Overflow parking lot near the sign on US 19

The Shops at WireGrass
28211 Paseo Drive
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543
Parking Garage Ground Level







What to bring to the Medication Disposal Program:

- Expired or unwanted prescriptions and medicine
- Vitamins & Herbals
- Veterinary medications
- Over the counter medications

<u>NO PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE REQUESTED</u>

Please contact Chrissie Parris 727-597-2284 cparris@pascoasap.com If you need more information or would like to get involved.

The Pasco Sheriff's Office and Pasco County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) are participating in the national DEA pharmaceutical take-back initiative where community members can drop off unused or expired prescription medications for safe disposal.

Pasco County NOPE Candlelight Vigil



Over the course of the evening, we will Show Support for families and friends, Remember the hundreds who have died from substance related incidents in Pasco County and Recognize the thousands in our community who are suffering from the disease of addiction.

Photos of those lost to alcohol or drugs may be placed on the memorial wall on the night of the vigil. Speakers will discuss the various issues of substance abuse facing Pasco County and how you can get involved.



Many lives have been destroyed by substance abuse and the disease of addiction. Too often, this disease is perceived as deserved and shameful, leaving families and friends to grieve in silence or an addict struggling to recover - alone. The NOPE Vigil, strives to raise awareness and open the doors to recovery by eliminating the prejudice that has followed the disease of addiction; a disease that shows no prejudice to any walk of life or background. With the removal of shame comes the hope for survival.

Acceptance of the disease can be humbling to the soul, and, in turn, empowering to those in need, to seek

help. Ultimately, by eliminating the prejudice, the tragic loss of life from drug and alcohol related deaths will diminish. The memory of our children, our relatives and our friends, who have passed, will live on in our hearts, forever honored and memorialized.

May the dreams they had and the lives they lived be remembered always, and may each heart and soul they have touched, though forever changed, be healed.

The evening begins at 6:00pm with exhibits of local resources. A wall for pictures to memorialize those lost and honor those that have recovered will be available throughout the evening.

For more information about this unique event, please contact:
Chrissie Parris (727) 597-2284 or email cparris@pascoasap.com

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RESEARCH

NAS- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

What is NAS?
Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) is a term used to describe a group of problems/symptoms that a baby experiences when exposed to addictive illegal or prescription drugs during pregnancy.
Whatever drugs are used by the mother are passed along to the baby through the placenta. Drugs that can cause an addiction in the mother can also cause the baby to become addicted.

Like adults, babies can experience withdrawal symptoms after being exposed to certain types of drugs. The baby, like the mother, becomes addicted to the drug in the womb and after birth, the baby's need for the drug continues and they begin to show signs of withdrawal.

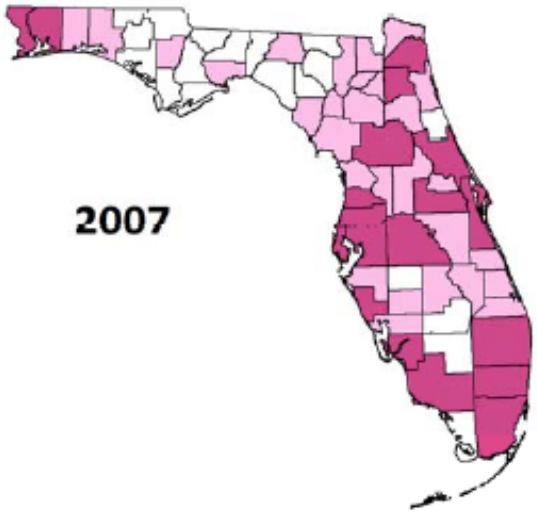
What causes NAS?
The kinds of medications that may cause NAS in infants include opioids (painkillers) or benzodiazepines (which help with anxiety or sleep). Illicit drugs such as cocaine may also cause withdrawal.
Addiction and withdrawal can occur when a pregnant woman is:

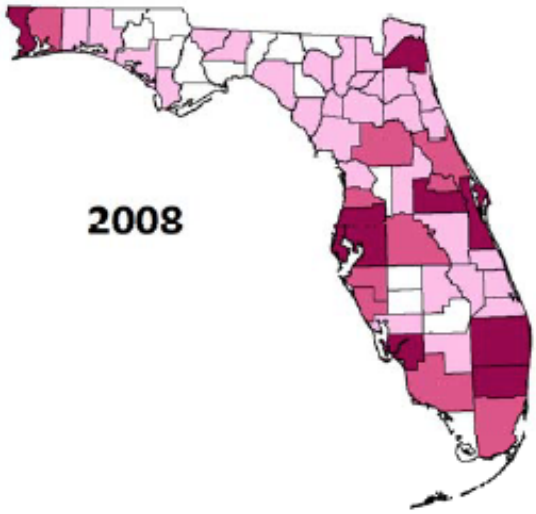
- Using a medication as prescribed. For instance, when she is receiving treatment for pain or addiction.
- Using a prescription medication incorrectly using too much of a medication, taking the medication too often, or taking someone else's prescription).
- Using an illegal drug.

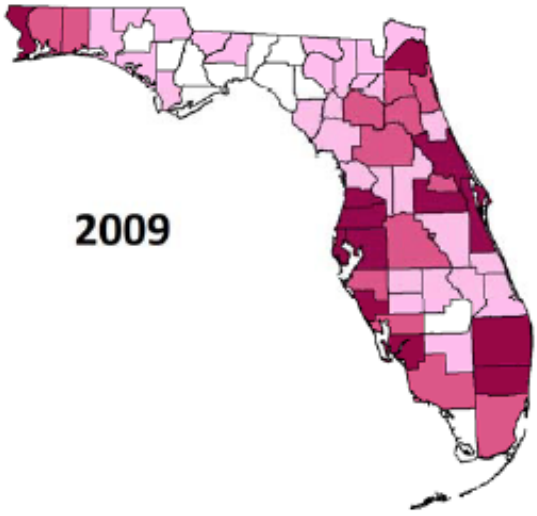
How to Prevent NAS

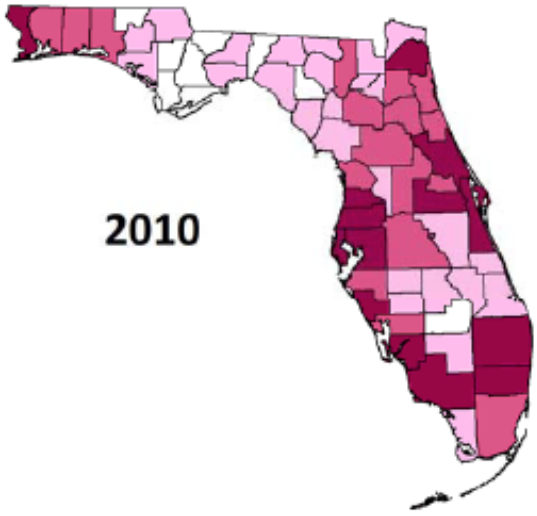
- Stop using drugs before you get pregnant.
- Seek treatment for any substance abuse problems and consult your doctor about how prescription medications may impact your pregnancy.
- Use birth control to prevent pregnancy if you have a substance abuse problem.
- Seek medical treatment if you think you are pregnant. Do not stop taking any drugs you are on without talking to your doctor first! Your doctor will direct you as to which drugs can be safely stopped or weaned during your pregnancy.

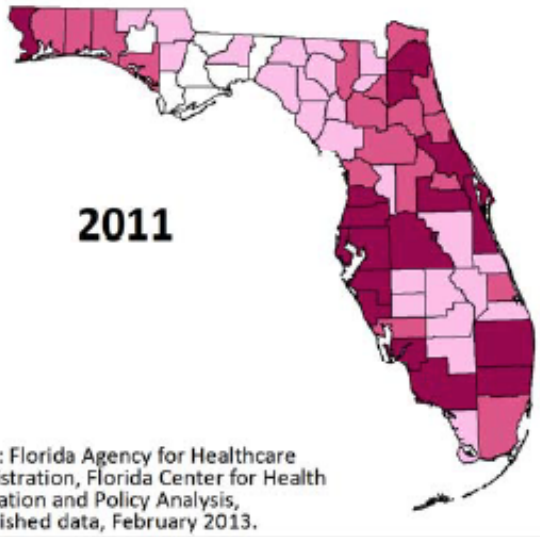
Number of Newborns Exhibiting Signs of Drug Withdrawal in Florida by Mother's County of Residence, 2007-2011











Number of Newborns*

- none
- fewer than 10
- 10 to 25
- greater than 25

*Livebirths with ICD-9 codes 779.5 and/or 760.72.

Source: Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration, Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis, unpublished data, February 2013.

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SPOTLIGHT

New Port Richey Leaders Consider Allowing Alcohol at Rec Center Events

By Robert Napper, Times Correspondent, Tampa Bay Times- Friday, October 11, 2013 10:44am

NEW PORT RICHEY — The City Council is considering allowing alcohol at the New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic Center during after-hours special events.

In an effort to generate revenue, the council has flirted with the idea of allowing special events at the recreation center on Van Buren Street to include use of the gymnasium and pool deck. But debate is taking shape over whether event planners will be allowed to serve alcohol.

At a work session last week, Mayor Bob Consalvo made it clear he doesn't want to see alcohol in the center, citing liability issues if someone drives from the facility where alcohol was served and causes an accident.

"I just don't think it's the proper place," Consalvo said.

The council is likely to take up the issue during a future meeting to approve allowing special events in general at the center.

"We can debate (the alcohol issue)," council member Chopper Davis said.

The council in recent years has relaxed other rules governing alcohol in the city. In 2008, the council made a controversial decision to allow alcohol in Sims Park during special events, and in early 2012 voted to allow patrons to take beer and wine out of downtown bars and onto the street in certain designated areas during special events.

Last week, Consalvo recalled serving as a council member during the Sims Park debate five years ago and said some in opposition predicted that allowing alcohol in the recreation center would be next.

"Now here we are," he said.

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

2013 ASAP Meeting Dates

October 22, 2013

December 3, 2013-***Save The Date***
for ASAP's Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon! ASAP's November and December monthly meeting will be collapsed into our annual meeting and holiday lunch on December 3rd 11:30am - 1pm Location TBD.

2013 ASAP Executive Committee



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

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