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Pasco County
Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

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ASAP Mission:

"To develop, motivate, and encourage strategic relationships that reduce countywide risk factors, thereby preventing and decreasing substance abuse in a comprehensive and long-term manner that primarily impacts youth in the community ."

Call for Stories

If you have a story you'd like to share in the ASAP newsletter, please make sure to send it to Monica Rousseau at MRousseau@PascoASAP.com by the 10th of the month.

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HEADLINES

Next ASAP Meeting

Please don't forget to join us for our next scheduled ASAP meeting from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Tuesday, April 27, 2015 at the Land O' Lakes Community Center- 5401 Land O'Lakes Blvd. (US 41). Our 2 guest speakers will present local data and provide resources to help parents talk with their children about alcohol.

STAND and SWAT at Sandblast

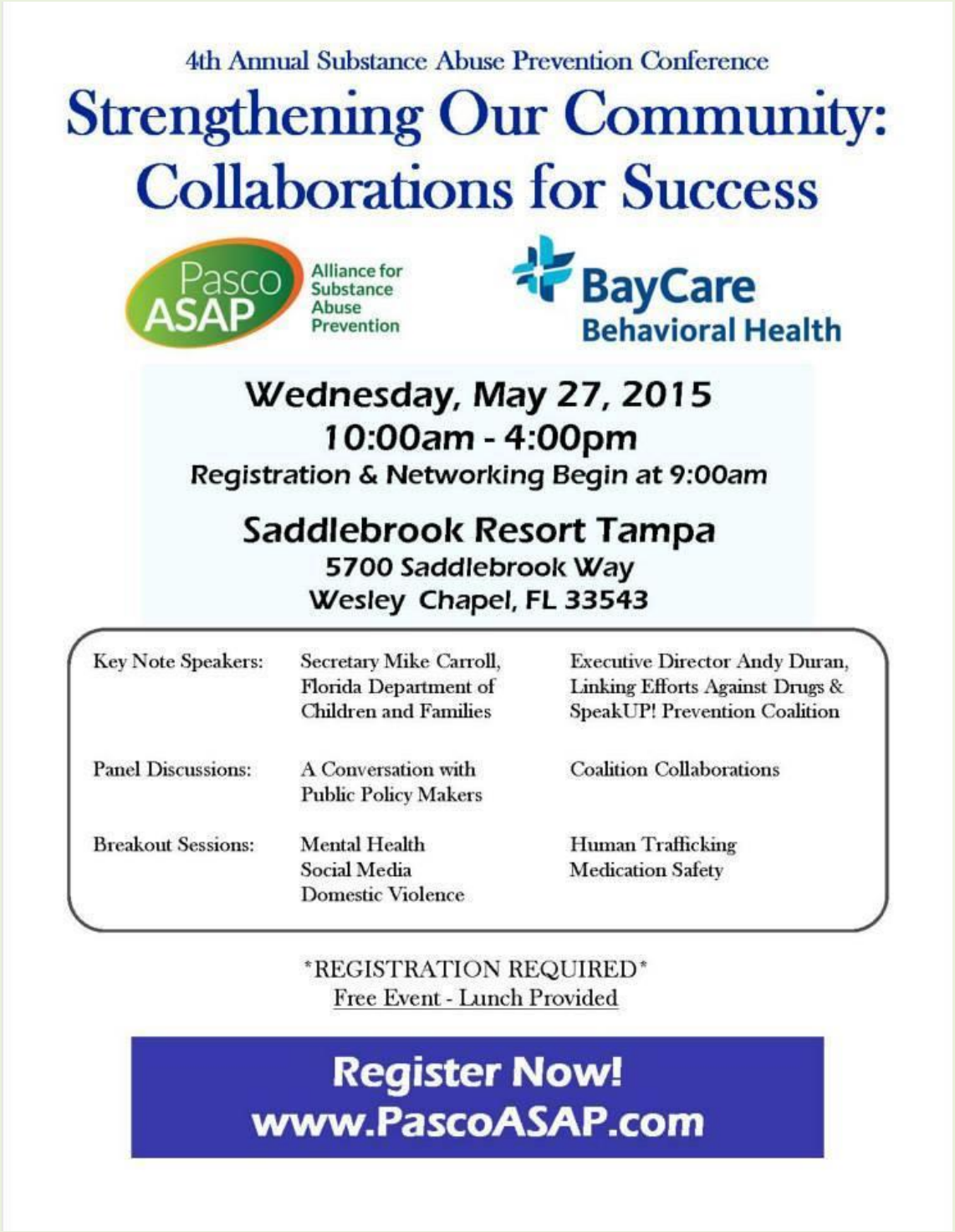
Pasco County's Safe Teens AgaiNst Drugs joined Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) from around central Florida for the annual Sandblast event held on Saturday, May 11, 2015 at Spa Beach in St. Petersburg. Each year, Pinellas SWAT partners with other local youth organizations to provide a day of fun, sun, and educational activities. Foam pits, water jousting, and inflatable water slides were just a few of the features provided. To honor the students' hard work against tobacco use, the St. Petersburg city council presented a proclamation to the students. STAND members and adult mentors look forward to next year's Sandblast.



HEADLINES *(CONTINUED)*

Substance Abuse Prevention Conference

It's that time of year! It's time to register for the annual Substance Abuse Prevention Conference! Registration has been open for only a little over 2 weeks and there are already 230 people registered. Make sure to reserve your seat today! Please also join in on the conversation on social media by using the hashtag #PascoSOC2015. Together, we can Strengthen Our Community!



COMMUNITY CORNER

Safe Kids Day Success!

Preventable injuries are the number 1 killer among kids in the United States. Safe Kids Day is a national campaign to raise awareness to protect kids from injury. On April 11, the Safe Kids Pasco Council celebrated Safe Kids Day by hosting a FREE community event to help promote awareness about child safety through injury prevention activities. The event, hosted at the Shops at Wiregrass in Wesley Chapel, was a great success and featured many Pasco organizations. To be involved in next year's Safe Kids Day, please reach out to Gabby Flores at gflores@healthystartcoalitionpasco.org.









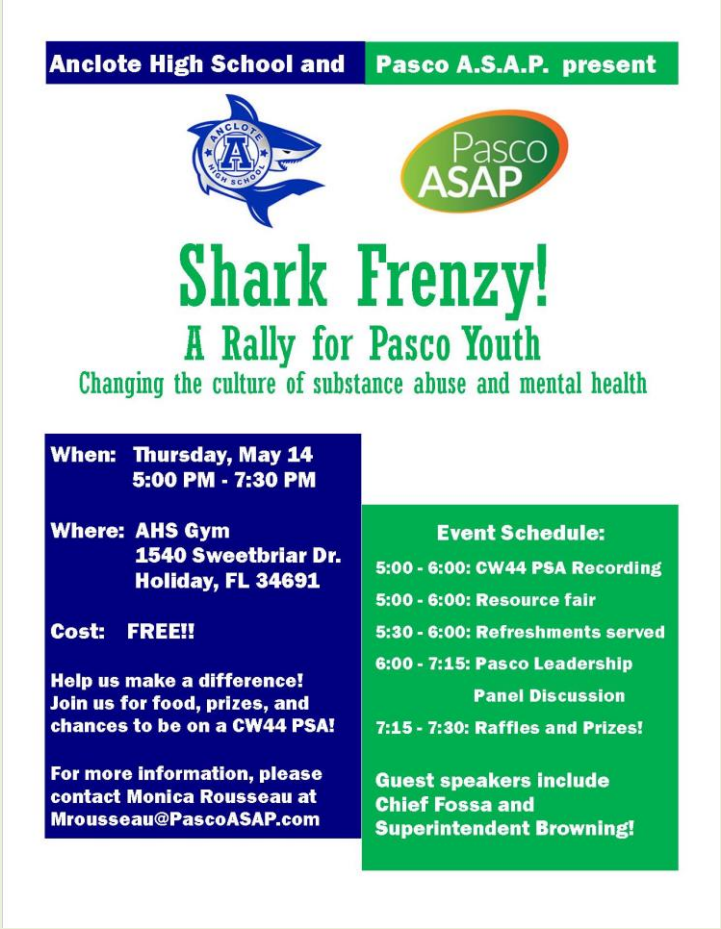




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Upcoming Events



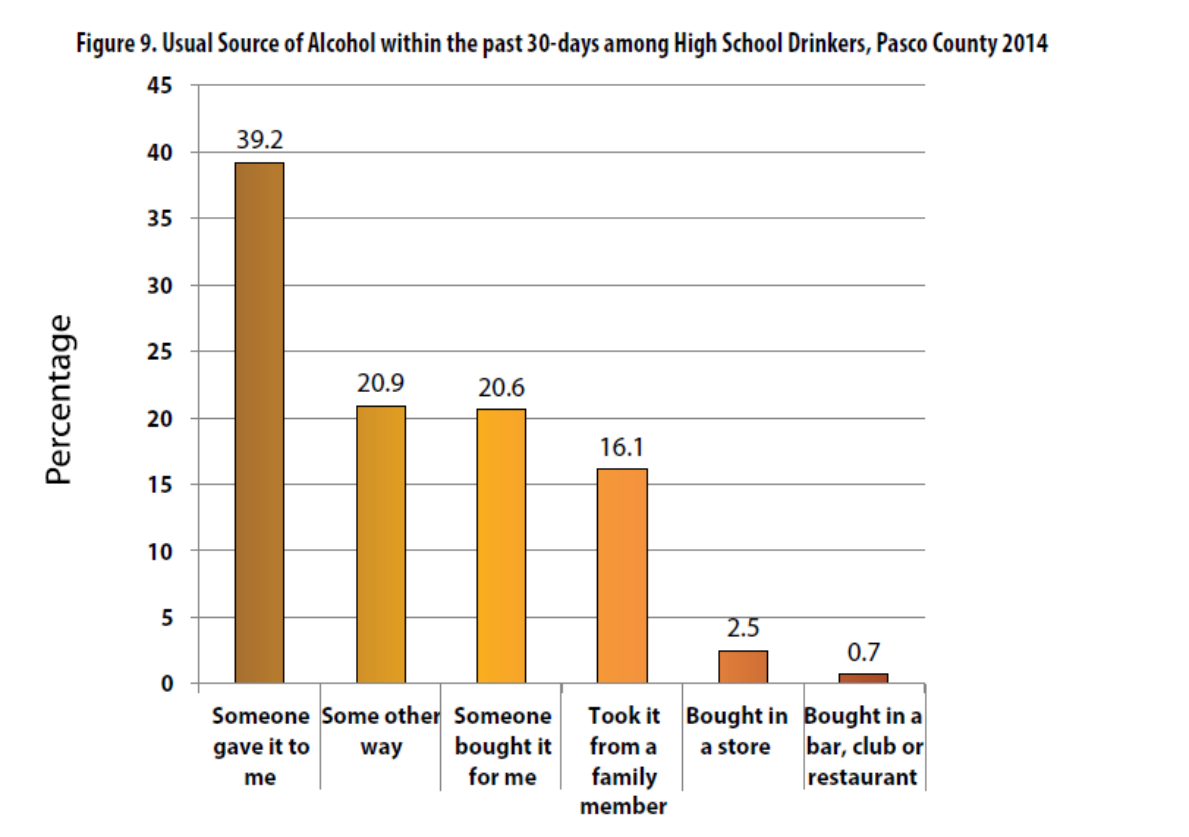


RESEARCH

Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey Data

Data from the 2014 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS) was released in early December. The ASAP data team is currently collecting the most important data points from FYSAS and other data sets to include in the 2015 Profile of Alcohol and Drug Indicators. Please see below for an intriguing FYSAS table that demonstrates how Pasco youth are accessing alcohol.

If you have data that you think ASAP should include in the indicator report, or if you would like to assist in the creation of the indicator report, please contact Monica Rousseau at Mrousseau@PascoASAP.com



Overall, it appears that the majority of students receive alcohol via social networks. About 76% of students report either taking alcohol from a family member or receive it from someone who gave it or bought it for them. In contrast, only 3.2% of Pasco County students report purchasing alcohol.

SPOTLIGHT

Tom Sheehan Retires!



Congratulations to Tom Sheehan, who is retiring from his work as Program Director of Operation PAR-MAPS Pasco! Everyone who knows Tom knows that he has been tireless in both his work and in his ASAP efforts to promote substance abuse awareness and to secure resources for client populations.

Tom has been involved in key committee initiatives such as the recommendation to Pam Bondi's Task Force on Substance Exposed Newborns that Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome become a reportable disease, the development of presentation to OB offices on the importance of screening pregnant women, and the creation of a medication safety awareness campaign. He has also been invaluable during the planning of the annual conferences. We are thrilled for Tom as he ventures into this new chapter in life. We are also secretly hoping this means he will have MORE time to hang out with us. :D