

Orleans United Drug Free Communities

Coalition Update

October, 2015

There are many awareness campaigns, but none more popular than **National Red Ribbon Week**, which is Oct. 23-31.

Promoted nationwide, the campaign focuses on educating everyone to the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. Red Ribbon Week commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by DEA Special Agent

Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who died at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico while fighting the battle against illegal drugs to keep our country and children safe. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for

communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of drug free America.

Please welcome **Sarah May** as the new DFC Program Assistant. In December she will graduate from SUNY Brockport with her degree in Public Health. She is looking forward to working with coalition members and fulfilling requirements of the grant. She is currently part-time and will become full-time in December.

NEW! Website & Facebook Launch

See our new Orleans United website at

www.orleansuniteddfc.com

Follow us on our Facebook page

Orleans United DFC

If you have any suggestions or comments please feel free to let us know.

Drug Take Back Day Results: On September 26th, 633 pounds of unused and expired pills and needles were collected at the three Orleans County disposal sites. Thank you to all who helped.

Upcoming Events

Orleans United Community Board Meeting

November 16th, at 9:00am in the GCASA Community Room.

Free Family Swim

Starting November 18th from 6:30-8pm at Wise Middle School in Medina

Free Roller Skating

Tuesday, December 29th -1-4pm Orleans YMCA



For more information contact:

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Training Invitation!

Developing a Social Media Strategy

Learn how to pick your platform and understand that all social media platforms are not created equal.

November 18th 11:00am-3:00pm

Terry Hills Restaurant and Banquet Facility
5122 Clinton Street Road, Batavia, NY

RSVP by November 10th 2015 to:

Shellye Dale-Hall at (585) 815-1876 or
sdale-hall@gcassa.org

A graphic for the underage drinking tipline. It features a green background with a smartphone icon on the left. The text reads: "underage drinking tipline 1-800-851-1932". Below the phone number is the quote "You know you care...make the call". At the bottom, it says "Supported by Orleans United Drug Free Communities Coalition".

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High Schooler's use E-cigarettes to vape Marijuana: U.S. Study

According to the U.S Centers for disease Control and Prevention, about 2 million middle– and high-school students tried e-cigarettes in 2014, triple the number of teen users in 2013. Nearly on in five high school students who said they used electronic cigarettes to vaporize nicotine also used them to vaporize pot. This study, published on Monday in the Journal Peduatrixs, is the first evidence that teens are using electronic cigarettes to vaporize cannabis. This raises concerns that the rising popularity of e-cigarettes may encourage teens to use that devices to vaporize cannabis, potentially exposing them to higher concentrations of tetrahydrocannabinol or THC, the main psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. “Form of cannabis that can be vaporized, like hash oil, can be many times stronger than marijuana that is smoked. This same study suggested that U.S. teens who try electronic cigarettes may be more than twice as likely to move on to smoking conventional cigarettes than those who have never tried the devices.

National Night Out

We are forming a committee to start planning the 2016 NNO scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Please sign up today or see Albion Police Chief Roland Nenni for more information. We will start meeting in January. We want to make this event bigger and better than last year!



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Flakka Use Expanding From Florida to Other States

Flakka, the synthetic drug that has hit Florida hard, has been spread to states including Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio. Flakka, also known as gravel, is highly addictive and outpacing cocaine in popularity in south Florida. Flakka is cheaper and easier to obtain than cocaine. The drug is available for \$5 a vial or less. Its main ingredient is a chemical compound called alpha-PVP. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), alpha-PVP is chemically similar to other drugs known as “Bath Salts,” and takes the form of a white or pink crystal that can be eaten, snorted, injected, or vaporized in an e-cigarette or similar device. Vaporizing, which sends the drug very quickly into the bloodstream, may make it particularly easy to overdose, NIDA notes. Alpha-PVP can cause a condition called “excited delirium” that involves extreme stimulation, paranoia, and hallucinations that can lead to violent aggression and self-injury.

Next Meeting– Our next Orleans United DFC Coalition Meeting will take place in February. We are looking for a location– please let us know if you can help us out! Email Pat or Sarah.

We are working to keep kids drug and alcohol free....Are you?