



Monthly Newsletter

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Protecting Children from Substance Abuse!

Meet Some of Our Newly Elected Board Members!



Treasurer

Laurence Hulbert
Senior V.P., BB&T

"At one time or another we have all been touched by the heartbreaking drug related tragedies that have fallen upon families we know and love. Families whose children had been caught up in the web of drugs. If I can help to stop one family from experiencing that tragedy, and play a part in shielding one child from embarking down that dark path, then all the time spent on this effort will be worthwhile, as sitting on the sidelines is not a viable option."

- Laurence Hulbert

Teen Driving Campaign Aims to Save Lives this Summer!

Dear Coalition Partners,

Summer break for Collier County high school students began with an important presentation about the real dangers that teen drivers will face on the road. A powerful program, known as *Street Smart*, provided young drivers with some straight talk about numerous risks behind the wheel - many of which can have tragic consequences.

The program made possible through the generous support of Coastal Beverage helped to kick off the Collier County Public School's Summer Driver's Education Program.

More than 100 students and parents listened intently as the Street Smart presenters shared real-life scenarios with the audience. "If we changed the behavior of just one person, we know this was a success," said Shawn McGrail; Vice President of Operations, Coastal Beverage.

The program also included a brief presentation by Nick Healey, the Barron Collier High School student who lost his leg during a vehicle crash over Spring Break. Learning to overcome new challenges each day, Nick remains positive and is determined to help others. He shared his story and urged students to remain vigilant behind the wheel.

Drug Free Collier reminds parents that motor vehicle crashes remain the number one killer of teens and the Summer months are particularly dangerous for young drivers as the National Safety Council shows a spike in deaths involving teen drivers during this period. Click [HERE](#) for an infographic with details and valuable [TIPS](#) for parents of young drivers.



A student volunteer is used to demonstrate the life-saving attempts by first responders



Director

Dr. Jeffrey Panozzo

Chair, Emergency
Medicine/NCH
Medical Director,
North Naples Fire & Rescue

"In my 25 years of practice as an Emergency Department physician I have personally witnessed the tragic effects of drug and alcohol abuse. I am shocked that all too often the persons involved have had very little knowledge of the abused substances- even at times feeling that the effects are insignificant. I hope that as a Board Member for Drug Free Collier I can help to provide to our community evidence based/scientific-medical facts regarding the effects of these substances and prevent a tragic outcome from occurring- especially in our children."

- Dr. Jeffrey Panozzo

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A special thanks to
Larry Dulski,
outgoing Treasurer and
dedicated supporter of

As residents of Southwest Florida, we are also reminded about the importance of safety around water recreation activities. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports that 1 out of 2 water recreation deaths of teens and young adults involves the use of alcohol. To avoid putting a chill on your summer fun, click [HERE](#) to see the report and read some basic safety tips.

We wish you and your families a safe and wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Your Friends at Drug Free Collier

17-Year-old Nick Healey Shares His Story and Urges Students to Drive Safely during *Street Smart* Presentation.



The event raised **\$1,000** to support Nick's continued recovery. Special thanks to everyone who gave and a HUGE thanks to Coastal Beverage for providing a matching gift.

We also wish to acknowledge the **Collier County Public School's Driver's Education Department, Collier County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, Il Primo Pizza** and **Culver's** for their role in keeping our teens safe this summer!



POT or NOT? Edibles Are A Growing Cause for Concern

Marijuana products made to resemble Goldfish Crackers, Gummies, Cereal, Lollipops, Cookies and Brownies are just some of the products with high levels of TCH that are raising concerns in states that have legalized marijuana.

The Hershey Company sues Colorado Edible Company:
[Concern over Hershey-like Edibles](#)

Here's an investigative report and experiment with children:

Drug Free Collier. We appreciate your commitment to protecting children in Collier County! We wish you continued success.

Special thanks to members of the **38th Annual Great Dock Canoe Race** for selecting Drug Free Collier as this year's beneficiary. This generous award will support our local school-based prevention clubs known as the CORE Society. You are helping us keep local teens *Clean to the CORE and in Control!*



Melanie Black, Frank and Gabrielle Nappo and Mimi Scofield at this year's Great Dock Canoe Race

In Search of Summer Fun?



Click [HERE](#) to see a list of all the Free activities sponsored by the Collier County Sheriff's Office this summer.

[Impact of Pot Edibles on Children](#)

Preventing Underage Drinking

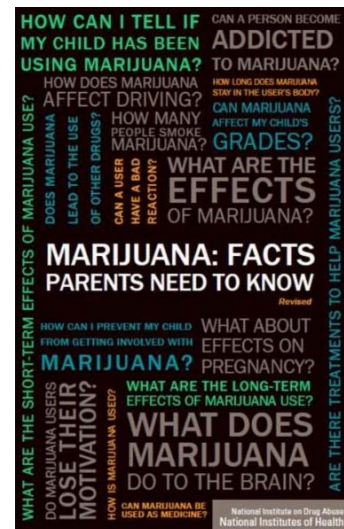
Today, most parents know how important it is to keep medication out of reach from young children and teens. However, the same is also true for alcohol. According to the most recent *Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey*, more than 55 percent of Collier County teens report getting alcohol from someone else's home. And about 26 percent said they consumed alcohol in their own homes. Studies also show that more children take their first drink of alcohol during the summer months compared to other times of the year. With this in mind, parents are reminded about the importance of keeping alcohol out of the hands of kids, especially during long periods when they might be home alone. For more help in answering tough questions about alcohol, click [HERE](#).



OTHER PARENT RESOURCES:



If you suspect your child is drinking or using drugs, click [HERE](#) for a valuable parent guide to answer some of the questions you may have.



Click [HERE](#) for a parent resource on marijuana

Click [HERE](#) for a list of permanent locations to safely dispose of unwanted household medication. It's a Prescription for Safe Kids & A Clean Environment!

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Learning Opportunities and Other News

Cigarette smoking among U.S. high school students is at its lowest level in 22 years, according to a teen behavior survey just released by the CDC. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

E-cigarette health risks emerge in new study. Click [HERE](#) to read about the new findings.

Essay contest for young adults: "Preventing and Minimizing the Damage of Drugs." Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Join us, Florida!

at SAM's National Marijuana Action Summit in Orlando

This year, SAM's National Summit is featuring Sheriff Donald F. Eslinger of Seminole County for a conversation on marijuana policy in Florida

Also speaking, Amy Ronshausen, Executive Director of the Florida Coalition Alliance & Interim Deputy Director of the Drug Free America Foundation

Reception: July 19, 7pm
 Summit: July 20, 8:30am-4:30pm

Preceding the CADCA Midyear Conference at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek

Also featuring:

Dr. Kevin Sabet, University of Florida Drug Policy Institute
 Patrick J. Kennedy, Former Congressman One Mind for Research
 David From, The Atlantic The Daily Beast

Space is limited!

Registration fee starts at \$200
 Visit <http://midyear.cadca.org/samsummit> for more details!

Click [HERE](#) for a printable version of the National Marijuana Action Summit in Orlando - June 19 & 20th

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