



Protecting Children from Substance Abuse!

Dear Coalition Partners,

This month you're invited to join the voices, speak up and reach out as part of **National Recovery Month**. There are millions of Americans of all ages whose lives have been transformed through recovery. We celebrate these successes and encourage citizens to take action to help improve prevention, treatment and recovery services for those in need. With more than 40 million individuals in the U.S. who still need help, support and understanding to achieve recovery, we know that there's still work to do.



In this newsletter, you'll find ways to get involved and make a difference. We hope you'll join us in protecting our children from substance abuse! For a list of resources on where to get help check out these **LOCAL OPTIONS**. More choices can be found at SAMHSA's **National Treatment Locator**.

Sincerely,
 Your Friends at Drug Free Collier

September 17 -The Hidden Epidemic for Boomers & Older Adults: Substance Use, Misuse, and Abuse


Join us for a Free Luncheon and Educational event at Moorings Park Center for Healthy Living to discuss addiction among older adults and how professionals can effectively address these issues in treatment. With unprecedented access to powerful prescription medication along with a natural decline in the ability to metabolize alcohol and other drugs, baby boomers and

FREE LUNCHEON AND CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

The Hidden Epidemic for Boomers and Older Adults: Substance Use, Misuse, and Abuse

Please join Brenda Hill, executive director of Hazelden in Naples, Florida, and Denise Kison, Director of Clinical Services at Park Royal Hospital in Ft. Myers, Florida, for an informative presentation exploring the unique addiction issues that baby boomers and older adults face and how professionals can effectively address these issues in treatment. More than ever, baby boomers and older adults are at risk of developing addiction. Unprecedented access to powerful prescription medications along with a natural decline in the ability to metabolize alcohol and other drugs make adults over age 50 particularly vulnerable to addiction. Presentation will focus on special issues and sensitivities specific to the boomer and older adult population.

Brenda Hill
Denise Kison

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 This event will be held at 

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 Hospital
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adults over 50 are particularly vulnerable to addiction. For details or to **RSVP** contact **Mary Campbell** at **239-659-2351** or marycampbell@hazelden.org

Lunch will be provided by Park Royal Hospital. 452 Moorings Park Dr, Naples, FL 34105. drugfreecollie.org 239-377-0535. To assist in planning for this educational event please RSVP to Mary Campbell at 239-659-2351 or marycampbell@hazelden.org.

Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Moorings Park Center for Healthy Living - 132 Moorings Park Drive
11:30 Registration Noon - 2 p.m. Luncheon & Event

[Click Here for a Flyer](#)

September 22 - National Family Day

Hectic work schedule? Always on the go with after-school activities? Do outside influences interfere with your family's dinnertime?

Family Day is a national initiative created by CASAColumbia to promote simple acts of parental engagement as key ways to help prevent risky substance use in children and teens. Make everyday, Family Day! Check out the [Tools You Can Use](#) at CASAColumbia's Family Day website.

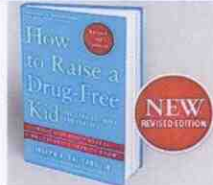


[Family Activity Kit.](#)

Follow this link to learn how Informed Families - [Stand Up for Sitting Down to Dinner!](#)

Read [How to Raise a Drug-Free Kid: The Straight Dope for Parents](#). New and updated copies of Joseph Califano's book are now on sale.

[Order Copies Here](#)



September 25 -Annual Recovery Month Awards Celebration

David Lawrence Center is hosting its Annual Recovery Month Awards Celebration to honor individuals and organizations that lend their voices to foster better understanding and acceptance of behavioral health conditions.

You are invited to join us to honor the following:



PAWS ASSISTANCE DOGS

Volunteer Pet Therapy Partner

VIVIAN PARZIALE

DLC Alumni Association & Volunteer

BILL GONSALVES

CIT Officer, Naples Police Department

GULF COAST RUNNERS

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New Hope Community Center
7675 Davis Blvd. • Naples, FL 34104

Educational Tables
Dinner • Entertainment
Awards Presentation

Please RSVP to Emily Naranjo
at emilyn@dlcmhc.com

Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 5 p.m.

New Hope Community Center

7675 Davis Boulevard

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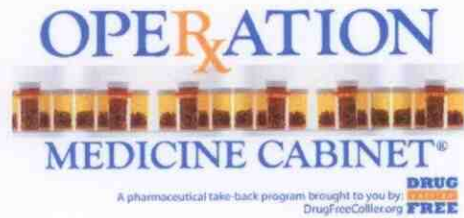
Click below to view:

[Recovery Dinner Invitation](#)

September 27 - National Pharmaceutical Take-Back

This month, the Drug Enforcement Administration is coordinating its ninth National Pharmaceutical Take-Back Day to help residents dispose of unwanted household medication. *With 11 permanent locations now available throughout Collier County, there's no reason to wait.*

Drug Free Collier encourages local residents to clean out their medicine cabinets and dispose of any unwanted prescription or over-the-counter medication by taking them to any of the following [locations](#) for safe disposal throughout the year. Please refer to the flier for hours of operation. For specific information on disposal of "sharps" read this [brochure](#).



Operation Medicine Cabinet is a Prescription for Safe Kids & Clean Environment!



Recent headlines about teens overdosing on over-the-counter medication have made local news. We encourage parents to be aware of these confirmed incidents and provide the following information to help you learn more about "Triple - C."

Click [here](#) for the local story that aired on WINK News.



[Learn More About Triple C - Here](#)

E-cigarette Rates Triple Among Youth



More youth have now used electronic cigarettes, according to a CDC study published in the journal *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*. This number reflects a three-fold increase, from about 79,000 in 2011, to more than 263,000 in 2013. To read more of this report click [here](#).

Among previous non-smoking youth who tried e-cigarettes, 43.9 percent said they intended to smoke conventional cigarettes within the next year, compared with 21.5 percent of those who had never used e-cigarettes.

Regardless of whether our youth are smoking conventional cigarettes, e-cigarettes or other tobacco products, the impact on their health is real. Information on these electronic devices can be found on the National Families in Action website. Click [here](#) to learn more. Parents should know that these devices can also be used to smoke marijuana.

Don't Let Florida Go To Pot - Updates

Marijuana is understandably a hot button topic right now. A recent video surrounding this debate has both sides talking.

Click [HERE](#) to find out why.



For specific information on efforts to legalize marijuana in Florida, Drug Free Collier is directing calls to a local grassroots initiative led by some incredible volunteers. Contact **Veora Little** at veoralittle@gmail.com to learn more. Their calendar is filling up quickly!

Volunteers Needed

Drug Free Collier's Annual Community Awareness Luncheon and Fundraiser generates a surge in local interest each year from members of our community. Our Luncheon Committee has already begun planning another sell-out event. *Do you have an eye for details? Are you a great party planner & fundraiser? Do you want to make a real difference?*

If so, please contact **Melanie Black** at **239-377-0516** or mblack@drugfreecollier.org

The committee meets once a month



Highlights from our 6th Annual Luncheon.

Our 7th Annual Community Awareness Luncheon & Fundraiser is scheduled on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at the Ritz Carlton Golf Resort. It's sure to be our best yet! Stay tuned for more details.

Join Our Social Media Circles to Learn More...



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