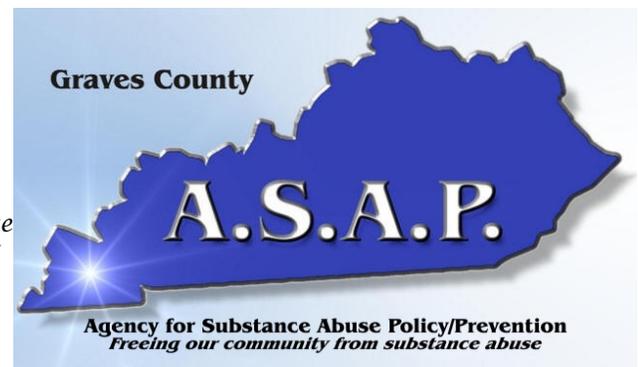


Our Vision - Freeing our community from substance abuse

Our Mission - The Graves County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy board will help our community be free of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) by helping change the culture that approves of and supports ATOD. This will be accomplished by working with concerned community partners to educate, treat, and prevent ATOD use.

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Graves County ASAP Some of our Accomplishments

- Adoption of a board code of ethics.
- Analyzed Graves County Schools Kentucky Incentive for Prevention(KIP) data and made three presentations about the data. (1) Superintendent & administrative team, (2) principals, and (3) board of education.
- Board received training on Prescription Drug Abuse.
- Board received training on the Seven strategies to achieve community change
- Board training on prescription drug abuse issues.
- Board training on Substance Abuse within the Context of Domestic Violence.
- Board training on the social norms approach.
- Board training on Understanding Tobacco's Toll on Individuals, Families, & Community.
- Conducted a social norms campaign at Graves County football games. Whenever Graves County would make a touch down, t-shirts with our logo would be thrown into the audience while the announcer would read a statement regarding our sponsorship of the t-shirts. The statement read by the public announcer was as follows: "Everybody's not doing it! The Graves County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy board encourages Graves county students, friends, and families to be part of the majority in our community who abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use." We had a number of community members to mention hearing this public announcement and how they thought it was a great idea!
- Conducted Common Cause Coalition(community forum/townhall) meetings 8/29/11 regarding combined KIP data and 9/13/11 viewing the Appalachian Dawn movie(about a community overcoming serious drug abuse problems.
- Conducted Common Cause Coalition(community forum/townhall) meetings 10/19/11 regarding Tobacco's Toll in a community and 11/4/11 regarding prescription drug abuse.
- Encouraged participation in Rachel's Challenge.
- Established coordinator policies and procedures to bring better accountability.
- Financial support for 39 individuals transportation to receive substance abuse treatment.
- Financial support for the Graves County High school random drug testing program of 70% of the student population.
- Financial support for the Lifeskills prevention program in the Graves County schools 6th - 8th grades.
- Financially supported 19 Graves County students to attend the Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco D.A.T. don't fit conference in Lone Oak.
- Financially supported 16 Mayfield and Graves County students to attend the Help Teens Overcome Tobacco(HOT) conference at Murray State.
- Financially supported Tobacco Cessation therapy for approximately 100 individuals who agree to complete the Cooper-Clayton program.

- Formed a grant revision committee after we received the noticed of non-funding through DFC. The committee began meeting in November to update the DFC grant proposal for 2012 & 2013. Those on the committee are Jennifer Smith, Carla Whitis, Paul Schaumburg, & Joseph Williams.
- Forum for local medical doctors regarding prescription drug abuse.
- Forum for local youth ministers regarding substance abuse prevention in youth.
- Forum for the community on drug abuse prevention issues.
- Forum regarding underage drinking.
- Gave a presentation to the Mayfield Lions club in March about substance abuse issues in our middle and high school youth.
- Mayfield Messenger article on Bath Salts.
- Mayfield Messenger article on Prescription drug abuse.
- Meeting with the Graves County District and Circuit Court Judges to bring about increased collaboration regarding substance abuse.
- Monthly meetings have been a forum for local leaders to share, discuss, and implement drug prevention strategies in our community since June 2005.
- Prepared for and spoke to the Tobacco Settlement Oversight committee in Frankfort about the effectiveness of our board.
- Promoted the Drug-Take back program in April and October.
- Promoted the idea of a community organizing against drugs at the Mayor's prayer breakfast in May 2011. Used a video about the march against drugs in Manchester, KY in '04.
- Sent resource emails (3 per month) related to ATOD prevention or treatment issues. As of January 2013 our email distribution list has approximately 200 local individuals and it continues to grow as people request to be put on it.
- Spoke to Mayfield Graves County Senior Citizens.
- Spoke with Dale Jones, MD regarding prescription drug abuse in adults and discussed some of drug abuse issues in our local schools using KIP data.
- We have a much better faith representation on our board thanks to the efforts of our common cause coalition subcommittee. The common cause coalition subcommittee met four times, training topics included - Alcohol Marketing to Youth in the Digital Age, JPMC ER MD Gerald Russell to give a presentation on the type of ER visits related to substance abuse issues, & Synthetic & Herbal Substances Targeting our Students.
- We spear headed the effort for Mayfield to have a synthetic marijuana ordinance. A few weeks after it became law a BP convenience mart violated the ordinance and was shut down for a few days.
- Worked with local churches forming the Common Cause Coalition a subcommittee of our organization. This coalition is to help promote drug prevention in and beyond the local faith community. Organizational meetings were held on May 25, 2011 and June 8, 2011, with about 50 in combined attendance. These meetings were a community forum/town hall style format.
- Wrote an article that was published in the Mayfield Messenger supporting a smoke free Kentucky law in the legislature.
- Board training on the scientific process of evaluating the effectiveness of our strategies.
- Board training on smoking in children.
- Several board/coalition members attended the Beyond the Red Ribbon training to understand more about how boards/coalitions can be effective with their community prevention efforts.
- Our coordinator and board chair attended a board governance training. It was about board governance and capacity building. This will help the board to be more effective and sustainable.
- Participated in the Graves County Health Department Needs Assessment second meeting in February. One of the needs decided was to focus on substance abuse in our community. We had several new faces join our efforts as a result of this meeting.

- Presentation given to our local board regarding the results of our Kentucky Incentives for Prevention student surveys in June 2013. The presentation also focused on what needs to be addressed in the area of substances with students in our schools.
- Coordinated a community effort to gain the approval of the Mayfield City smoke free ordinance. This was a successful effort. The ordinance was approved in July 2013 by the Mayfield City Council and will be put into effect November 1, 2013. This ordinance will help Mayfield in many areas such as community and employee health, new job recruitment, and the future health of our children. Mayfield will be a better place to live in the future because of things like this happening.

Graves County ASAP
Accomplishments 2005-2017
As of July 2017

The following is some repetition but it is in timeline order.

2005

- Fall we had our first drug forum. Invited all public officials and community. A provider of treatment services from Tennessee with an organization named “180 Degrees” made a presentation. As a result one of our coalition members Lin Harris became a local referral source.

2006

- We had a conference with medical professionals to educate them about substance abuse prevention.
- We funded for 10 to receive transportation to a drug abuse treatment center at a Branson, MO.

2007

- We obtained the first combined KIP data to understand better our youth’s substance use patterns.
- The Word of Faith Restoration Center had a substance abuse treatment center pilot project for several months of this year. We helped with some of the cost of 20 to receive help through this program. Noel and Joseph Williams toured the center in June of 2007. The facility was clean and organized. The yard was well kept as well. The assistant director Mr. Turner described the program and the participants involved. There were 6 participants in the program on the day we visited. Mr. Turner was a graduate of the program in Branson, MO. Later in the year, it was decided by the leadership of the Word of Faith Restoration Center to close because the program put too much financial strain on their small church.

2008

- Launched our informational website – www.gcasap.org
- Had a townhall meeting regarding Underage alcohol use. Invited all public officials and community.

2009

- We funded for 20 to receive transportation to a drug abuse treatment Center at a Branson, MO.

2010

- Hired Joseph Williams as a part-time coordinator to help organize and coordinate our prevention effort.
- Updated our strategic plan in the fall.

2011

- Formed the Common Cause Coalition- This is a faith based sub-committee that focuses on taking the prevention message into the church community. About a dozen local pastors joined in this effort.

2012

- Took the lead to get an ordinance to make synthetic drugs in Mayfield and Graves County illegal. The city council and county fiscal court both approved and implemented it in February and March 2012. The coalition's wide support, including among community leaders, led to its unanimous passage within only a few weeks of its first discussion in our January coalition meeting. On Friday, March 30, 2012, a BP convenience store across from the Mayfield middle school was shut down for three days for violating this ordinance. Our coalition and the community were thrilled to see the owner of this store face justice for selling such products in our community. This is a policy change our coalition directly brought about.

2013

- Our coalition supported the Smoking ordinance in Mayfield. Joseph Williams made a presentation to the Mayfield City Council regarding the importance of supporting this ordinance. This is a policy change our coalition helped bring about.
- We received drug free communities support program grant for \$125,000 for five years.
- Hired Andrea Hoskins as our full-time coordinator to help organize and coordinate our prevention effort.

2014

- Had a townhall meeting regarding Underage alcohol use. Invited all public officials and community.
- We took eight (six adults and two youth) to the CADCA Mid-Year training conference.

2015

- In April we had an event at GCHS. Almost 100 parents of at-risk youth participated in prevention messaging for about a two hour period.
- Hired Lauren Carr as our full-time coordinator to help organize and coordinate our prevention effort.
- Hosted teacher training for 89 Mayfield/Graves County teachers on latest trends for drugs and substance abuse.
- Staff attended the CADCA Mid-Year training in Indianapolis, IN.
- Awarded KY Harm Reduction competitive grant for the first time.

2016

- Formed Graves County ASAP Youth Council.
- Took 8 youth and 3 adults to Washington, DC CADCA training, met with legislators.
- Published Graves County Substance Abuse Resource Guide.
- Took 8 youth and 3 adults to CADCA Mid-Year training conference.
- Successful implementation of Friday Night Done Right, an alternative event for youth, average of

75 youth per event in attendance.

- Advised the City Council on potential ABC ordinance, (5/7 of what we asked for was written into ordinance)
- Fully awarded KY Hard Reduction competitive grant for \$20,000.

2017

- Took 8 youth and 3 adults to Washington, DC CADCA training, met with legislators.
- Presented a Naloxone training for law enforcement.
- Held first substance abuse and suicide prevention awareness walk, over 100 community members were in attendance.
- Hosted teacher training for 71 Mayfield/Graves County teachers on latest trends for drugs and substance abuse.

Some of the People Involved

Jennifer Smith – Director of Pupil Personnel at Graves County Schools
Diana Brown- Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet
Tommy Scott- Director of Pupil Personnel at Graves County Schools
Carla Whitis – Assistant Superintendent Graves County Schools
Christy Puckett - Director of Pupil Personnel at Graves County Schools
Gavin Thompson – Director of Pupil Personnel at Mayfield City Schools
Karla High – Director of Department for Community Based Services
Susan Jackson – Court Designated Worker
Joseph Williams – Counselor with Williams Christian Counseling
Christy Harris – Counselor with Tree of Hope
Camilla Smith - Counselor with Tree of Hope
Ellen Walsh – Prevention Coordinator, Four Rivers Behavior Health
Samantha Powell – Prevention Coordinator, Four Rivers Behavior Health
Joyce Butler - Director of Four Rivers Behavior Mayfield Center
Brook Charlton – Assistant Director of Four Rivers Behavior Mayfield Center
Joe Hansen – Pastor, First United Methodist Church
Windell Lain – Pastor, Word of Faith Church
George Hurd, Jr. – Pastor, Faith Miracle Temple of Glory
John Davis – Sheriff, Graves County Sheriff
Dewayne Redmon – Sheriff, Graves County Sheriff
Jeremy Prince – Deputy of the Graves County Sheriff Department
Nathan Kent - Chief, Mayfield Police Department
Brent Farmer – Officer of Mayfield Police Department
Petra Crutchfield – Mayor’s office representative for the City of Mayfield
Codie Courtney – Treasurer in the Graves County Judge Executive’s office
Carol Bradford – Nurse Instructor at Western Kentucky University
Jeff Carrico - Family Practice Medical Doctor
Jennifer Connell - Executive Director of Recovery Works
Randy Haley – Graves County Jail
Donnie Reed – Graves County Jail
Eric Hamilton – Graves County Jail
Hawkins Teague – Reporter at the Mayfield Messenger
Kevin Brown – Reporter at WYMC radio
Sharon Green – Court Advocate, Murray State Regent
Alex Miller – Prevention club sponsor GCHS
Jean Ann Miller – Prevention club sponsor GCMS
Alisha Grover – Prevention club sponsor MMS
Vanessa Fisher – Prevention club sponsor MHS
Kaye Horn - Youth Services Coordinator GCHS
Lori Beyer - Family Resource Coordinator Mayfield Elementary
Eva Rodriguez - Migrant Educator for the local schools
Kim Wheeler - Director of Community Education
Lauren Couch - Coordinator for Grandparents raising grandchildren at the PADD
Noel Coplen – Director of Graves County Health Department
Riley Beth Willett - Prevention at Graves County Health Department
Tara Straub - Marketing at Jackson Purchase Medical Center
Tracy Tubbs - Director of KY Cancer Prevention

Alexis McClure - Youth GCHS
Alvaro Say - Youth MHS
Bailey Ramage - Youth MHS
Courtney Williams - Youth GCHS
Daisy Ramirez - Youth MHS
Jazlin Guerrero - Youth MHS
Barry Newsome - Concerned Citizen with Woodman of the World
Chelsey Clark - Representative of Anthem Insurance
Janet Smith- Concerned Citizen