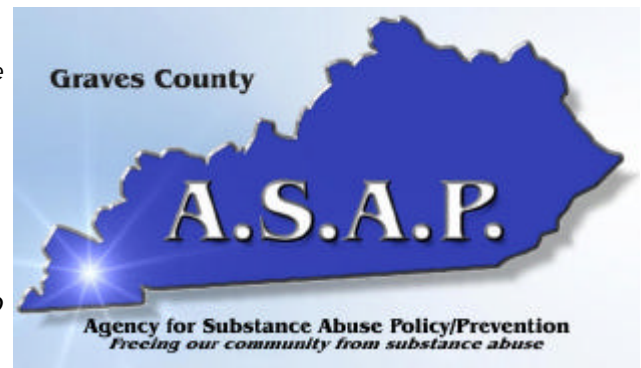


Our Vision - Freeing our community from substance abuse

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.