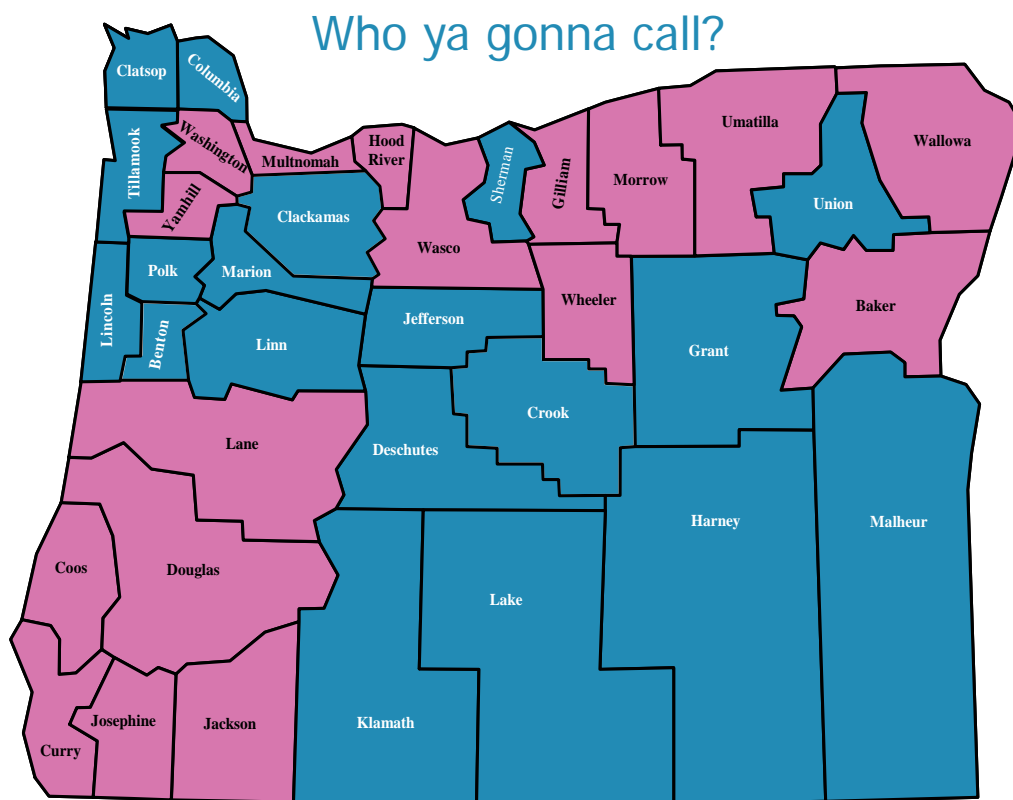


Prevention Partners News

This is the second issue of the Prevention Partners News, a quarterly publication from the Prevention Unit of the Department of Human Services, Addictions & Mental Health Division. We've included some new features this time around, and we encourage your input and submissions for future issues. Enjoy! Jeff Ruscoe, Editor.



With Caroline Cruz moving back home to Warm Springs, the Prevention Unit has re-divided the County and Tribal responsibilities among the remaining staff. In the map above, Jill Dale will have responsibility for all the County and Tribal Prevention Programs falling within the raspberry colored areas, and Jeff Ruscoe will have responsibility for all the blue colored areas. Jill will take over the Drug-Free Communities liaison duties, and Jeff will continue to oversee the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws and Tobacco Retailer Inspection Programs. In addition, Rick Cady will oversee the statewide contracts (Oregon Partnership and WorkHealthy Oregon) as well as continue on with the Safe & Drug-Free Schools contracts. Finally, Wendy Hausotter and Joanne Trzcinski will provide much needed help where it is most appropriate.

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Fall Prevention Summit – Save the Date!!!

The Fall 2009 Alcohol & Drug Prevention Summit and Drug-Free Communities Meeting will be held from September 29 – October 1, 2009 in Hillsboro.

Drug-Free Communities Meeting
September 29, 2009
1:00pm to 5:00 pm

2009 Fall Prevention Summit
September 30 – October 1, 2009
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Event flyer, registration and agenda will be sent out to all prevention coordinators and past attendees in mid-August 2009!

**Reminder: County/Tribal financial agreements include a requirement for Coordinators to attend two meetings per year.

Prevention-Related Training

Ever wondered what prevention trainings are being offered in the near future? The Addictions & Mental Health website may be just what you've been looking for. Greta Coe continues to keep known training opportunities updated on the AMH website for easy access to the prevention workforce. To see what's being offered, point your web-browser to:

<http://egov.oregon.gov/dhs/addiction/prevention.shtml#training>

And if you've got a training or workshop coming up that you'd like listed, please feel free to send the information to: greta.l.coe@state.or.us.

Sustainability Training Success!

Fifty-eight individuals from 38 coalitions and agencies from around Oregon attended the June 2009 training with Paul Evensen from Community Systems Group, Inc. for Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA).

Sustainability has become a buzz word for everything from the global environment to business management. Coalitions have to plan for sustainability for their volunteer membership base, their process of assessing, analyzing, planning, intervening, evaluating and adjusting to current community conditions, coalition relevance to community interests and concerns AND financial and other resources needed to do the daily work.

Mr. Evensen provided tools to inventory current resources, and to break down a six step planning process into manageable tasks. First, to maintain an intervention, inventory current resources, identify what material resources will be required, then select funding strategies, identify potential sources and donors, create case statements and make an action plan for contact and requests. The same steps and processes apply to coalitions and sustainability planning for longevity of the coalition. Participants laughed, shared stories and managed to gain new skills in planning for sustainability – it was an outstanding training!

Special thanks to the Army National Guard for allowing us to utilize the Anderson Readiness Center, an excellent location! And we must give a shout out to Kevin Sutherland of Beaverton School District for coffee!



Minimum Data Set Monitoring

Recently, AMH sent out to all Tribal and County Prevention Coordinators our new MDS Monitoring Policy. The policy has been implemented to increase the timeliness and accuracy of the data being submitted to AMH through MDS. MDS data is an essential reporting mechanism for the Oregon Prevention System, and is utilized to report funding sources (e.g., Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant), to develop reports on prevention services, and to create special reports for the legislature (e.g., SB 267 information regarding evidence-based practices). If you have questions about the monitoring policy, please contact your Prevention Team representative.

MDS Help Needed

The Prevention Staff needs your help in getting our MDS database back to providing clean data. Part of that process includes ridding the system of all the old invalid codes which are still in use by county and local providers.

We have gone into the MDS system and provided a report which can be run by any user in the system, and which will identify records in the data that are using these invalid codes. In many cases, the codes have been inadvertently typed in using numbers instead of letters or vice-versa. In any case, it would be very helpful to your state prevention staff if each of the coordinators would run the “Invalid Codes 2009” report (found on the reports menu under the “Recommended Reports” tab) to see if there are any of these codes being used in your county. If so, please go back into each of the records using these codes and make sure the correct code is used.

If you need help in identifying which code is the proper one for a service you are providing, your state contact would be glad to walk you through that process.

Coordinator's Corner

Another new piece we would like to include in future editions of the Prevention Partner's News, is “*The Coordinator's Corner*.” This is your opportunity to write a “feature” article for the newsletter regarding something you are doing in your community.

Think of it much like the sharing time at prevention summits, but in written form. If you are interested in writing up something that you're proud of in your community, please consider submitting your project, program or activity for inclusion in a future edition. And if there's a community coalition or Drug-Free Communities grantee that might want to share what they're up to, feel free to include them as well.



Question of the Quarter

This new column in the Prevention Partner's News will be an opportunity for you to ask your fellow prevention workforce colleagues a question and see what responses you get. Each quarter, we'll print a new “Question of the Quarter” and ask you for your thoughts. Answers will be printed the following quarter, along with a new question.

This quarter's question is: “How have you been able to rejuvenate a local coalition, define volunteer roles and facilitate ownership from new members?”

Please feel free to email your responses to jeff.rusco@state.or.us and we will make sure they get included in the next Prevention Partner's News!

Survey Monkey Results

To those that responded to the trainer survey – Thank You! We have started an inventory of trainers across the state who can provide their expertise to others. For those that agreed, we will post their names and programs they are qualified to train on our prevention web site. For your records, the following coordinators reported being certified or soon to be certified to train trainers:

- *Maija Yasui*, Hood River County – Incredible Years
- *Pauline Martel*, Douglas County – Strengthening Families, CTC, SAPST, Cultural Competency
- *Joe Koziol*, Clackamas County – CTC, Life Skills, Project Alert, Reconnecting Youth
- *Debbie Jones*, Wasco County – Strengthening Families, Not My Kid, Life of an Athlete
- *Mandi Puckett*, Jefferson County – Too good for Drugs

In the interests of facilitating strength networking, several coordinators also shared their strengths with us:

- *Phyllis Miller*, Burns Paiute Tribe – Evaluations, reports, listening
- *Debbie Utley*, Lake County – Marketing, problem solving
- *Mandi Puckett*, Jefferson County – Public policy, coalitions
- *Debbie Jones*, Wasco County – Branding, communications
- *Nancy Martin*, Multnomah County – Collaborative planning, writing prevention plans, coalitions
- *Joe Koziol*, Clackamas County – Organization, schools, teaching, computer
- *Pauline Martel*, Douglas County – Adolescent and adult learning theory, learning circles
- *Maija Yasui*, Hood River County – Community mobilization, resource development, best practices

Thanks you for participating in the survey! Joanne Trzcinski will be keeping tabs on the survey responses for another week or so.

Problem Gambling Prevention

Learn more about problem gambling prevention quickly, easily...and without leaving your office!

If you have a phone and computer with internet access, you can participate in our problem gambling prevention resources webinar on September 23, from 10:00 am-noon. You'll connect with others who are working on the issue of problem gambling prevention and learn about some great resources for incorporating problem gambling into the work you are already doing. If you want to be included on the notification list, email wendy.hausotter@state.or.us. You'll also receive 2 CEUs for your effort!

New Website & Addictions and Mental Health Data

State epidemiological data about alcohol use, drug use and mental health will be posted to the web at the end of July. The data will be posted to a new location and will include 50 measures important for local communities to better understand substance use and mental health of their population. Come August, check out the "Data" section at this location: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/mentalhealth/data/main.shtml>

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Update

Oregon was just notified of our 2009 Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Block Grant Award. The \$360,000 award will allow the state to continue efforts in the area of underage drinking prevention.

The Face it parents media campaign will continue through the 2009 funding stream, providing statewide and local media messages aimed at parents of youth 10-14 years of age. In addition, some funding will be utilized to pilot a project in Central Oregon utilizing the Positive Community Norms process of Jeff Linkenbach at Montana State University.

Additional funding opportunities for community enforcement grants may also be available during the current funding cycle. More information to follow in future editions of the Prevention Partners News.

Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) Exam: Are you ready?

The deadline for the next CPS exam is approaching quickly. The application deadline for the September 12, 2009 CPS exam is August 1, 2009. Download a CPS application from the ACCBO website at <http://www.accbo.com/certifications.php#cps>.

The next exam will be offered March 13, 2010. If you need prevention related trainings to fulfill your training hours, visit the Prevention webpage at <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/prevention.shtml#training> for classroom trainings, distance learning courses and home study courses.

If you have questions on the requirements of CPS certification or assistance with completion of your application, contact Greta Coe at (503) 945-6187 or greta.l.coe@state.or.us.

County Prevention Pages

County prevention pages continue to be posted to the AMH website. Area specific contacts and prevention efforts are available for viewing from the AMH website at:

www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/prevention-countymap/main.shtml

The map you find on this page is a clickable map that will take you to the information we have for each county. If you find a blank page, it means that we have not received anything from your county to include in this section.

To insure that the most accurate and up-to-date information is on your county's page, please contact Joanne Trzcinski at joanne.trzcinski@state.or.us.

Who are Oregon's Prevention Coordinators?

Have you ever wondered who the Prevention Coordinator was in a specific County or Tribe? The AMH Prevention Staff would like to dedicate a large part of the Fall Prevention Partners News to this topic by "sharing" who you are with everyone else in Oregon's prevention workforce.

Please take a few minutes to jot down a few things about you so that we can publish this information in the next edition. Specifically, we'd like to include the following information about each County/Tribal Coordinator:

- Name
- County
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Length of time as the Prevention Coordinator

Please email your responses by September 1, 2009 to jeff.rusco@state.or.us.