

Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Hello coalition members,

I hope that everyone is enjoying summer so far! Just a reminder that the coalition does not meet in July, so our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 12 from 4-5pm.

Be well,

Lauren

COLOR FOR HOPE

We have received a lot of community support so far and our Color for Hope fundraiser continues! These 18"x24" colorable posters come in four unique designs, two Traverse City and two Leelanau posters. The designs include businesses, landmarks, and scenery specific to these areas. The local artist, Susan Alexander, spent hours in the natural areas, businesses, and landmarks of Traverse City and Leelanau County areas to capture the beautiful details. Susan Alexander lost her daughter to the disease of addiction. She is a passionate supporter of this cause and donated these posters as a way to further efforts to curb addiction and increase availability of resources related to education, prevention and treatment. All proceeds from the sale of these posters go to support SUD education, prevention, and treatment in our community.

The cost is \$15 for a set of two posters. The posters are currently available at both Oryana locations, ATS' The PORCH, The Red Dresser, Haberdashery, Premier Floral Design & Gift Emporium, Solitude Float and Wellness Spa, Peninsula Market, The Botanical Gardens, and the AREA Posters Facebook page. You can also email me directly and I can coordinate a pickup with you. Cash, credit cards, or checks, made payable to Catholic Human Services, are accepted.

We have collaborated with the Traverse City Downtown Development Authority for this project. They will be promoting and selling our posters for \$20; \$15 will be going towards our fundraiser and \$5 will go towards the Downtown Relief Fund. You can visit their website (<https://www.downtowntc.com/relief/>) to purchase or stop into Great Lakes Bath and Body or Spice and Tea Merchants.

We have raised just over \$5,000 so far and have purchased Naloxboxes that have been installed at the Woodmere (2nd floor), East Bay, Peninsula, and Kingsley libraries as well as at Living Hope Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Up North Prevention has upcoming virtual Naloxone trainings that are free of charge. To view the full list of trainings, more details, and to register go to <https://upnorthprevention.org/events/>.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' Viral Hepatitis Unit has opened registration for the **2021 Michigan Harm Reduction Summit!** This event will be held on August 23 – August 27, 2021 on the Zoom platform and will feature daily half-day sessions from 9:00AM – 12:30PM following the theme of *Harm Reduction: The Voices Left Behind*. For more information and to register, visit Michigan.gov/SSP.

RESOURCES

- The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services has launched an interactive data dashboard to highlight current trends in drug overdoses among Michigan residents and monitor the use of overdose prevention and substance use disorder treatment services. The dashboard provides the most current data available on fatal and nonfatal overdoses in Michigan through a variety of data visualizations, including graphs, charts, and maps. <https://www.michigan.gov/Opioids>
- The State of Michigan, in partnership with the Connected Nation Michigan, has launched a [statewide Wi-Fi hotspot](#) map to help residents lacking access to broadband internet at home: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf
- The State of Michigan has put together a list of resources if you're feeling emotional distress caused by COVID-19, the page offers many ways to connect to emotional-support services without leaving your home: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_99557---,00.html
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has established a warmline for persons with mental health conditions. The warmline will be operated by Certified Peer Support Specialist. Individuals calling the warmline will be provided with support by peers who have their own lived experience with mental health issues. They will be providing wellness support and a listening ear. Here is the link to the warmline: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941---,00.html. The phone numbers is (888) 733-7753.
- The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has put together a list of resources for people with substance use disorders and those in recovery to address the unique challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/covid-19-resources>
- The NIDA for Teens has a free online toolkit that offers science-based activities and resources on drug use and addiction for educating teens while they are out of school: https://teens.drugabuse.gov/teachers/out-of-school-time-toolkit?utm_source=teeneblast&utm_medium=email&utm_content=nf&utm_term=NPnp&utm_campaign=teen-NDAFW2020

NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- American Medical Association – Biden Administration Boosts Access to Overdose Prevention, Treatment: https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/opioids/biden-administration-boosts-access-overdose-prevention-treatment?&utm_source=BulletinHealthCare&utm_medium=email&utm_term=060321&utm_content=MEMBER&utm_campaign=article_alert-morning_rounds_daily&utm_uid=2339243&utm_effort=MRNRDo
- Up North Live – Families Against Narcotics Holds First Meeting of the New Year: <https://upnorthlive.com/news/local/families-against-narcotics-holds-first-meeting-of-the-new-year>
- The TICKER – First Clues Emerge in Traverse City’s “Healthier Drinking Culture” Project: <https://www.traverseticker.com/news/first-clues-emerge-in-traverse-citys-healthier-drinking-culture-project/>
- Record Eagle – The Invisible Monsoon: Crisis Center Touted as Mental Health Diversion from Jail, Emergency Room: https://www.record-eagle.com/news/the-invisible-monsoon-crisis-center-touted-as-mental-health-diversion-from-jail-emergency-room/article_ob472416-c7be-11eb-88ab-f3a4a54da1cc.html
- The TICKER – Northwest Michigan Works! Lands 3 Million for Employee Hiring , Retention Amid Opioid Crisis: <https://www.traverseticker.com/news/northwest-michigan-works-lands-3-million-for-employee-hiring-retention-amid-opioid-crisis/>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

July 1 6:00pm – Families Against Narcotics monthly forum will be held **IN-PERSON** at F&M Park

Note - this group meets the 1st Thursday of each month

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