



Partners for a Drug Free Jasper County

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Partner's Update

Below is a list compiled by the coordinator of projects and accomplishments completed by the Partners organization for 2008. Don't let anyone tell you that your work is not effective.



Hurrah, winter's almost over!

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1. Funded addiction counselors in the three county school corporations.
2. The Youth Yellow Pages was distributed to the freshman at each of the three county high schools. Through another \$1200 grant from the Jasper Foundation, another 1000 booklets were published.
3. Speakers from Pioneerz presented a program at the Rensslear Rotary and the coordinator gave a talk at the KV/DeMotte Rotary. SAFER personnel gave a presentation at the Rensselaer 1st Presbyterian Church and at Cops Night Out. On April 8, 2008 a drug and alcohol conference with presenter, Isabel Burk, was held in conjunction with Newton Co.
4. A weeklong information booth was available at the Jasper County Fair.
10. The LCC funded an attendance officer for only RCHS since the funding for the KV attendance office is now through the Jasper Co. Sheriff's Office.
6. The LCC partially funded drug testing at RCHS and Tri-County. KV has also started drug testing but the funding is in house.
7. Four "Safety and Survival" presentations were given at four area high schools. Two other presentations were given to the freshman and then to the athletes at St. Joseph College. Another type of presentation was given to the RCMS 6, 7, 8 grades.
8. Three scholarships were presented to Jasper Co. seniors, one from each county high school who publicly pledged to be drug and alcohol free.
9. An Excise training was held on Election Day, Nov. 4, 2008. There were 18 in attendance from both Jasper and Newton Counties.
10. The LCC funded OWI enforcement by each police department as requested.
11. Materials regarding the hazards of tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs and marijuana were distributed at the Fair Booth. Materials were also

- distributed at the Safety and Survival Seminars and other presentations done by SAFER.
12. Members of the RCHS Bombers Against Destructive Decisions placed the POY stickers on paper bags that were later used by local liquor establishments. The Rensselaer Police and the Jasper Co. Police distributed the POY stickers to all establishments that sell alcohol in Jasper Co.
 13. An article submitted by the coordinator was printed in both local newspapers describing the Indiana Code change for furnishing alcohol from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor.
 14. A total of 8 alcohol/drug related articles were printed in the local newspapers.
 15. The local movie theater continued to run the LCC slide for most of 2008 at no charge to the LCC.
 16. Three newsletters were sent via email to many school personnel from each of the county schools and to the county officials.
 17. The LCC brochures were distributed at the fair booth, and sent to the county doctor offices and social service agencies. The brochures were also available at the Isabel Burk conference and distributed at the LCC meetings for members to take back to their school or office.
 18. At the Jasper Co. Fair, individuals were asked to sign up if they were interested in joining the LCC. The coordinator used this list to invite those individuals to the next meeting by sending emails and making phone calls.



Underage Drinking Committee

After meeting several times with the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Committee, and putting together a survey that was used at the fair booth two years, advertising at the Fountain Stone Theater, and using BAD students to apply the POY stickers to bags used at liquor stores, the committee felt in order to move forward a plan of attack needed to be put in place rather than just random projects. Dave Jordon volunteered to chair an Ad Hoc Committee made up of members of the EUDL committee. Having a smaller group hopefully would help the group focus on a plan that could be taken back to the EUDL committee. The Ad Hoc Committee met several times and decided to use six prevention strategies taken from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) pilot project launched in 1995 assisting five cities in developing and implementing comprehensive underage drinking prevention programs. The committee will take these six prevention strategies to the Partners members for input at the next meeting to try to prioritize and brainstorm how the EUDL Committee should proceed.

The six strategies are: 1. Reduce access to alcohol. 2. Establish community laws and norms that disapprove of underage drinking. 3. Increase awareness about the nature and extent of underage drinking. 4. Mobilize communities to develop neighborhoods where atmosphere, appearance, and safety are important. 5. Increase supervision of young people. 6. Provide opportunities for youth to contribute to the community.



" I wish I was somewhere warm."

Election Day Excise Training

On Election Day, November 4, 2008, Partners for Drug Free Jasper County in partnership with the Coalition for a Drug Free Newton County sponsored an excise training. The Excise District Office provided the coordinator with a list of addresses of establishments from both Jasper and Newton Co. that sell alcoholic beverages. Invitation letters were sent. Officer Jamie Patrick from Wheatfield volunteered to teach the class on his day off. About eighteen individuals from both counties met at the Jasper County Library in Rensselaer and participated in Officer Patrick's Power Point Presentation and explanations of their rights and obligations as sellers of alcoholic beverages. At the end

of the presentation all of the participants voluntarily stayed to take the certification test, which may be required at a cost to the individual in the near future. Coffee and rolls were provided by the Coalition for a Drug Free Newton County.


SERVE KIDS SERVE TIME

WARNING:

Furnishing alcohol to a person under age 21 is a Class C Misdemeanor and up to 60 days in JAIL and a \$500 fine.



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AGAINST
THE LAW!



SAMSHA Grant

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has given Partners for a Drug Free Jasper Co. a \$300 stipend to conduct *Reach Out Now* Teach-Ins (RONTI). Organizations' eligible to receive the stipends are based on their having previously conducted either a *Reach Out Now* Teach-In or an underage drinking prevention Town Hall Meeting.

The *Reach Out Now* (RON) initiative is an effective school-based underage drinking prevention program that can easily be presented to students in public and private

fifth- and sixth-grade classrooms. Teach-Ins are an important component of SAMHSA's *Reach Out Now* initiative. The Teach-Ins are designed to deliver an important message about underage drinking from a community leader whom children recognize and respect. Partners for a Drug Free Jasper County must identify local community leaders who—by virtue of their participation—will help to bring greater community attention to the issue of underage alcohol use. Partners is now waiting on the arrival of the Teach-In materials to the schools.

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Mission Statement:
 Partners for Drug Free Jasper County is a volunteer organization, created to eliminate the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of legally controlled substances.

LOCAL RESOURCES
 Alcohol Hotline 800-ALCOHOL
 Ryan & Ryan 219-866-3331
 Wabash Valley 219-866-4194
 Jasper Co. Health Dept. 219-866-4917
 Healthy Families 219-866-0105
 Crisis Center 219-866-8825
 AL-Anon Thurs. 8:00 pm at the DeMotte Public Library
 Sun. 7:30-8:30 pm at Bethany Free Evangelical Church, Rensselaer

2009 Grant Cycle/Budget

The Partners for Drug Free Jasper Co. accepted applications for their grant cycle for 2009. All funds requested from The Partners for Drug Free Jasper County must be designated in one of three categories: Intervention & Treatment, Education & Prevention, Justice & Law Enforcement. Funding was determined by the amount of money received from the Jasper County Courts and approved by the Jasper County Council by January 1, 2009. Applications were available by calling or from the website, www.drugfreejasperco.com. The application deadline was October 31, 2008. The following is the budget that was approved by the county council and the Partners organization at their December meeting.



INTERVENTION & TREATMENT (1142-609-3000.02)

North Central Indiana Rural Crisis Center – referrals and support services	\$2500
Kankakee Valley H.S. Addictions Counseling	\$4000
Rensselaer Central H.S. Addictions Counseling	\$3000
Tri-County H.S. Addictions Counseling	\$2500
	<u>\$12,000</u>

EDUCATION & PREVENTION (1142-609-3000.01)

SAFER Foundation (Jasper Co. Hospital) prevention materials	\$1000
Rensselaer Central HS – Random drug testing	\$1000
Rensselaer Police Dept. – Attendance Officer	\$2000
Partners for Drug Free Jasper Co.- Pioneerz	\$4000
Rensselaer Elem and Middle Schools.-	
Supplies/awards: drug awareness project	\$1500
\$500 scholarship for each of three county high school corporations-	\$1500
Tri-County Middle/Senior School –Saturday School	\$900
RCHS Pioneerz – Mentoring Program	\$1600
NC Coalition of Drive Alive	\$1000
	<u>\$14,500</u>

JUSTICE & LAW ENFORCEMENT (1142-609-3000.03)

Jasper County Sheriff - OWI Enforcement	\$3500
DeMotte Police Dept. – OWI Enforcement	\$4000
Rensselaer Police Dept. – OWI Enforcement	\$5000
	<u>\$12,500</u>

CAPACITY BUILDING

ADMINISTRATION

Coordinator Services	\$8400
Office Expenses	\$2400
	<u>\$10,800</u>

TOTAL \$50,800