

Coordinator's Update

The month of November brought the holiday season along with the many holiday parties where alcohol is being served. We are working on educating the community on the dangers of drinking and driving and encouraging the community members to take the lead and be a designated driver. It is an easy concept understand, simple to implement, costs nothing, and is effective.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

-Courtney

Events and News:

Staff is in the process of launching our new and improved ICSAI webpage. It should be up and running by the end of January.

If you know of a family that is need of coats this winter the Health Department is sponsoring a Coat Drive and they can be picked in the WIC education room any time.

Leigha Christensen is now the new Regional Community Epidemiology Workgroup (CEW) alternate for the ICSAI.

Meetings and Such:

- Staff along with workgroup member Leigha Christensen attended the Mid South Orientation training.
- Staff met with the Substance Abuse Advisory Board and they participated in the Community Readiness Activity, SPF training, staff presented the MSU Needs Assessment Toolkit, updated them on the Healthy Communities grant and distributed Best Practice guidelines for treatment along with a treatment update.
- Staff participated in the Hubbardston Town Hall meeting to establish policies/procedures for a smoke free community garden.
- Staff attended the Building Healthy Communities training hosted by MDCH. They gained a wealth of information along with a better understanding on how to implement strategies in the work plan.
- Staff attended the Mid South Coordinators meeting.

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1st Quarter Reporting Due to Mid South