

Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative

Coordinator's Update

Events and News:



On May 1, Michigan becomes the 38th state to enact a smoke-free law which bans smoking in all worksites, including bars and restaurants.

Free smoking cessation classes are taking place at the Health Department. 6 individuals are currently participating in the classes. Numerous calls have come in regarding the classes since the smoke-free law went into effect.

Teen Intervene had 8 individuals participate in the sessions in the last month.

The Family Anonymous Support Group is aimed to help program participants cope with a loved one's addiction to alcohol or drugs. The group takes place on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Ionia County Health Department. Attendance numbers are slowly growing week to week.

Kicked off the "Parents who Host, Lose the Most" Campaign at the Belding Community Showcase. Over 2,000 people came through the event.



Meetings and Such:

- Attended the Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) training on May 11th and May 12th. TIPS is the global leader in education and training for the responsible service, sale, and consumption of alcohol. Proven effective by third-party studies, TIPS is a skills-based training program that is designed to prevent intoxication, underage drinking, and drunk driving.
- Prevention staff attended the Mid-South 6 month review and received positive feed-back and will continue to move forward in this years Implementation Plan and creating the 2010/2011 Implementation Plan.