

Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative

Coordinator's Update October 2010

Events and News:

On September 13th and 14th staff attended the Annual Substance Abuse conference.

On September 21st staff and a coalition member attended a *Capacity Building Training*.

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 the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Ionia County Health Department.

Alcohol and Tobacco establishment who were in compliance received a congratulatory certificate from the ICSAI and the Sheriffs Department.

Press release and awareness on: *Smoking is the leading cause of Preventable Death*



Meetings and Reporting:

- Hosted a training on "How to be an effective coalition" on September 16th.
- Attended the Mid-South Regional Epidemiology workgroup meeting on September 22nd.
- Attended the ICSAI Advisory Board meeting on September 28th.
- Attended an Ionia County Employee Wellness meeting on October 7th.
- Submitted the end of the year Gambling Report to Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission.
- Submitted 4th Quarter Implementation Plan narrative, expenditure and data system reporting to Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission.
- Teen Intervene had 4 individuals participate in the sessions in the last month. Prescription Drug abuse is on the rise in referrals to the program.



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