

SUN STREET CENTERS



PARTS Coalition Newsletter

March 2016

Preventing Alcohol Related Trauma in Salinas

Marijuana Awareness Month

Marijuana awareness month is a month to educate the community about the use of marijuana. Marijuana has progressed in becoming legal in some states specifically for medical marijuana use. Throughout the month of February, Sun Street Centers Prevention Department focused using radio media outlets to enlighten the community about marijuana. Now more than ever because of the easy access to marijuana the community, specifically the youth, should be informed about the short and long term effects of the use of marijuana. We inform the community by using studies found from specialists and states that have now legalized marijuana. The results of the states are also used to see what are the hardships that they are now facing and aware the community of how we can be affected the same. For example, According to Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, since cannabis was legalized in Colorado, the percentage of marijuana-related exposure for children aged 0-5 has increased to 17.71%, that is more than triple the national average of 5.95%.



"The Road to Recovery"

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P.A.R.T.S. Members and their vision for P.A.R.T.S.



Sergeant Gerard Ross

"I got involved with PARTS through my position as Traffic Sergeant with Salinas Police Department. I am still with PARTS because I think the collaboration between PARTS and Salinas PD is very valuable in continuing efforts to avoid alcohol related trauma in Salinas. I hope to see Salinas PD and PARTS continue to work together."

Sergeant Gerard Ross and two Salinas STEPS at Holiday DUI

Bob Reyes—Probation Services Manager

I have been working with Monterey County Probation Department for 20 years. I supervise probation staff assigned to the Truancy Unit and manage the Silver Star Resource Center in Salinas. I have been a member of PARTS since 2006. It was a meeting that was part of my position when I was promoted and I'm still a member. I would like to see more educational presentations, especially on substance abuse and addiction.



Salinas' Community Alliance for Safety and Peace - Pink Shirt Day

Frances "Pinkie" Weesner

A BIG thank you to Frances "Pinkie" Weesner, Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Coordinator of Harmony at Home for her support and dedication to Pink Shirt Day Campaign. She was able to spread the word and get schools involved with this anti-bullying campaign. The schools and community members that participated incorporated their own activities. For instance, Sherwood Elementary School had a week long of activities focus on anti-bullying.

"Pink Shirt Day was an incredibly fulfilling experience for me. To see so many individuals and organizations in Salinas and Monterey enthusiastically and creatively demonstrate their commitments to ending bullying was overwhelming! And the collaboration I enjoyed with Jorge Rubio of Sun Street Centers has my imagination spinning at the limitless future possibilities for anti-bullying events/observances in our community."

-Frances "Pinkie" Weesner

Special Thanks to...

Safe Teens Empowerment
Project

Harmony at Home

Community Alliance for
Safety and Peace

CSUMB Girls Basketball
Team

Roosevelt Elementary
School

Sherwood Elementary
School

Loma Vista Elementary
School

Salinas Police Department

Local Yoga Class

**For your support and
collaboration with
Pink Shirt Day
Campaign**



Salinas Police Department and Frances "Pinkie" Weesner—Pink Shirt Day

Sun Street Centers Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day 2016

Sun Street Centers staff and volunteers took a stand against bullying by supporting the Pink Shirt Day movement. They wore a pink shirt to show support towards bullying prevention efforts. Sun Street Centers first participated in this campaign in 2015 and with the help and support of local agencies, schools, and community members, Pink Shirt Day 2016 was even more successful.



Sherwood Elementary School, Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day
School Picture 2016

PARTS Coalition Member's Bulletin Board

Save the date!!!

Want to make a difference?
Sun Street Coalitions are looking for new members. New members welcome!

Salinas STEPS:

Meetings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 3:30pm-5:30pm.
Contact Jorge Rubio 831.998.2000

Kick Butts Day

"Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco."

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Monterey County PARTS Coalition

Meetings take place every second Thursday of the month
Time: 12-1:30pm
Contact Jaime Ramirez

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Give us a call for more information about our services and products

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PARTS Coalition Mission

Our mission is to prevent alcohol-related injuries and fatalities, prevent youth access to alcohol and drugs and the initiated use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in the city of Salinas.

