

# **SUN STREET CENTERS**

**PARTS Coalition Newsletter** 

January— March 2017



**Preventing Alcohol Related Trauma** 

## **Tobacco Free 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. Salinas Prevention Department participated by educating parents, children and teenagers about the dangers of tobacco usage at Cesar Chavez Library. Brochures, flyers, and fun activities about the effects of tobacco use and awareness about how tobacco companies are targeting our kids were the highlight of March 15th, 2017.









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### **WELCOME!**

"I am Danelle Hernandez a new member to the Sun Street Centers family as Prevention Coordinator for South County. I am a roll model, leader, and mother with the passion to help others. I look forward to working with at risk youth, for I was once one myself, giving them hope and the tools they need to reach their goals and be successful."

"My name is Juan Santiago and I am working in South County as a Case Management Specialist. I will be working in Soledad and Gonzales along with police officers providing services to the referred youth and their family. I will meet with the juvenile and a guardian and set up a plan for them to become more informed on factors that lead to drug and alcohol abuse. I am excited to working with the youth and helping them better their lives."



Danelle Hernandez



Juan Santiago



WYSM Mission: TO REDUCE ACTS OF VIOLENCE BETWEEN THE POLICE AND COMMUNITY.

Peninsula conducted a WYSM training for Greater Victory Temple Church in Seaside with an attendance of <u>75</u> community members.

Local law enforcement, youth and parents attended the training to learn more about how to create a better relationship with local law enforcement to increase public health and safety.







Youth during WYSP, WYSM Staff w/ local law enforcement, and Prevention/DUI staff



# RAVA Ranch Health and Safety Fair

South County
Prevention participated
in a two day RAVA
Ranch Health and
Safety Fair by providing
ATOD (Alcohol,
Tobacco, and other



Drugs) information to over **200** agricultural workers.

# Community Education

Harden Middle School

Sun Street Centers presentation 17 Parents

El Sausal Middle School

Substance Abuse and Bullying presentation 25 Parents

Washington Middle School

Sun Street Centers Presentation 26 Parents

Harden Middle School

Gateway Drug Training 210 students

Gonzales Fairview
Middle School

Gateway Drug Training 340 Students



Gateway at Harden Middle School

Pictures include agricultural workers at RAVA Fair. Lower Left: Prevention Staff

#### Boys and Girls Club: Cross Roads Gang Prevention Summit

Salinas and South County STEPS participated in the youth summit where they met with eight panelists that spoke about their personal experience with drugs, gangs, and violence.

In addition, STEPS gave out Sun Street Centers and ATOD information to parents, youth, educators and other community members present during the event.





STEPS during Resource Fair / Panelist: Armando Elizondo with STEPS students

# Marijuana 101 Workshop

In honor of Marijuana Awareness Month in February, Salinas Prevention staff conducted a Marijuana 101 Workshop for youth to learn more about the dangers that marijuana use has on the developing brain. Students learned about the effects of edibles, smoke consumption, information on driving under the influence of marijuana and Proposition 64 (legalization of marijuana). The event consisted of an ice breaker, a Jeopardy Game (which included DUI, Strains and Edibles, Myth or Fact, Prop 64, and the Human Body), followed by a focus group where students gave staff a better understanding about marijuana usage and perception among high school students.

19 students attended.



## No Name-Calling Week

Name calling may not seem very harmful. However, according to Hazelden Foundation, someone being bullied can experience depression, low self-esteem, health problems, poor grades, and suicidal thoughts. Substance abuse may often be a way to self medicate. Let's

put a spotlight on no name-calling and no bullying in your school and/or work. Show you care, give positive compliments to your peers for a whole week.

Prevention Team conducted a Name-Calling survey. Results are shown on the right side.



## **Pink Shirt Day**

Prevention staff participated in Pink Shirt Day campaign by educating the community on the different types of bullying, how it affects peers and communities, and how students involved in bullying (bully victim or bully) are at high risk of mental health problems and drug abuse.



Thank You for supporting Pink Shirt Day!

- Harmony-at-Home (Olweus Bullying Prevention Program)
- Safe Teens Empowerment Project (STEPS)
- Local Parent Groups
- Sherwood Elementary School
- Family Resource Center
- Community Alliance for Safety and Peace
- Community of Salinas

Salinas Prevention presented to <u>920 students</u> at Sherwood Elementary and <u>25 parents</u> on Substance Abuse and Bullying.

STEPS gathered **50 pledges** from high school students.

## **PARTS Coalition Community Board**

# PARTS Coalition

Want to make a difference? Sun Street Coalitions are looking for new members. New members welcome! Contact: Gina Marin P: 831-753-5150

#### 11th Annual Prescription Drug Take Back

Prevent drug abuse and theft by ridding your home of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Date: April 30th, 2017 For more information: https://www.montereysheriff.org/dea/

## STEPS Youth Program

Drug and alcohol prevention program for teens 14-18 years old Prevention Department (Salinas, Seaside and South County) P: 831-753-5150

# Know Your Rights Immigration Forum

Juntos Podemos estará llevando a cabo un diálogo comunitario para que residentes de la región conozcan sus derechos en el <u>tema migratorio</u>. Expertos, abogados y lideres de la comunidad formarán parte del panel para responder a las inquietudes de los residentes. El evento será en Español con interpretación al Inglés.

Location: Hartnell College Date: April 23rd, 2017

#### Alcohol Awareness Month

Each April since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) has sponsored Alcohol Awareness Month to increase public awareness and understanding, reduce stigma and encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues.

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Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation

#### **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.