

SUN STREET CENTERS



PARTS Coalition Newsletter

October 2014

Preventing Alcohol Related Trauma in Salinas

Salinas Prevention Receives SAMHSA Grant!

The OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY announced Friday that Sun Street Centers will receive a \$625,000 federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to support the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse, especially among minors. Recent health strategies implemented by PARTS and its youth component, Safe Teens Empowerment Project (STEPS) include, the Prescription Drug Take Back campaign in April, the Youth Summit last Summer, The Monterey County Social Host Ordinance to mirror the Salinas Ordinance, National Night Out in August, and the Kick Butts Campaign this Spring.

"In recovery It is wonderful to laugh again, may we never forget how we once cried..."

*- Eddie Hathcock
Recovery Month*



"The Road to Recovery"

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Salinas STEPS and Prevention Team at Salinas City Council

18 Years of Mentoring and Prevention

STEPS, the Safe Teens Empowerment Project in Salinas, has been peer mentoring middle school and high school students for about 18 years now. They are trained and skilled on Gateway Trainings so that they can inform and educate their peers on the real truth about drugs, rather than going based on myths.

STEPS students start as volunteers and move their way up to employment opportunities.



These young students want to see a difference in their community and what better way to show youth empowerment than by actually having youth involved. We can say that STEPS does all these things. But actions do speak louder than words and that is how we will get youth involved, by giving them growth opportunities and hands on activities where they feel good about themselves while making a positive impact. We work as a team, not only to create a positive impact, but to create strong individuals.

Proclamation for Recovery Month

Recovery happens in September and every day! September is recognized as National Recovery Month. The purpose of National Recovery Month is to promote the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders.



(Jaime R. (Program Manager) receiving the Proclamation from Gonzalez)



Sun Street Centers is proud to be an essential part of recovery in our community and will celebrate recovery by participating in multiple community events during the month of September.



YES Training Completed

STEPS Participated in the YES Programs. Youth in the Youth Empowerment Solutions for Peaceful Communities (YES) work to change the entire community as a way to prevent youth violence. This program helps youth develop the skills they need to assess their community, and gives them decision-making power in developing and implementing community change projects.

STEPS Employee, Yesenia Sanchez says "I learned to value my community and to not be afraid to speak up on what I believe in." The YES program empowered the STEPS youth to speak out and to work together as a team to create a video that focuses on youth violence, drugs and alcohol. And what they do as STEPS.



Community Member, Police Chief-Paul Miller, Prevention Coordinator-Dee Acosta

Prescription Drug Take Back in South County

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

Washington Attorney General Eric Holder says, "As recently as 2011, more than half of the 41,300 unintentional drug overdose deaths in the United States involved prescription drugs and opioid pain relievers were involved in nearly 17,000 of those deaths."

Gonzales has been the leader in all of Monterey County take backs to date, taking in 500 lbs. of more in the combined last 4 take backs.



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 Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30m-6pm.
Contact Sylvia Ramirez

Salinas Parents Creating Solutions :

Meetings on Wednesday
10am-11am
For more information please
contact Sylvia Ramirez

**Castle of the Dead Haunted
House and Pumpkin Patch**

October 25th-26th, 29th-31st
@Storm House: 185 Maryal Drive,
Salinas CA 93901
[Next to Rabobank Stadium]

**Monterey County PARTS
Coalition**

November 13, 2014
Time: 12-1:30pm
Contact Sylvia Ramirez

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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.



Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation

