Coalition for a Healthy Darke County

Leading our community in a collaborative effort to impact health, wellness and social issues

Founded in 2016, the Coalition for a Healthy Darke County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the Darke County area. Currently 63 individuals and 42 businesses and organizations are part of this thriving collaborative, all working to make a positive impact on the lives of our community members.

MISSION: To bring our entire community together to create and maintain healthy lifestyles for all residents and businesses in Darke County.

VISION: A healthy, vibrant, safe and secure community that thrives together at home, school and at work.

"The Coalition will continue to share information and financial resources through grants with local schools to incorporate substance abuse prevention education that presents data driven, evidence-based information, and youth-led prevention dialog from groups like We Are The Majority," said Sharon Deschambeau, president of the Coalition and Darke County Chamber of Commerce. "The Coalition is working to change the future and culture in Darke County in a positive way."

Approximately 850 Greenville High School students in grades 9-12 attended assemblies to learn about addiction and substance abuse such as alcohol, marijuana, pain medication and heroin. The Coalition organized the program to provide scientific data, evidence-based information, and youth-led prevention dialog. Speakers included Anna Hatic, D.O., Family Health; Timothy Kathman, M.D., VP of Medical Affairs, Wayne HealthCare and Darke County Coroner; Darke County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Mark Whittaker; and, Molly Hunt, Greenville High School student and member of We Are The Majority, under the direction of Kelly Harrison, Prevention Specialist, Recovery and Wellness of Midwest Ohio.

"Our first responders and law enforcement have been on the front line of the addiction crisis and working with The Coalition has provided an opportunity to share information and tackle these issues together as a community," noted Chief Deputy Mark Whittaker, Darke County Sheriff's Office.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Check out our website at:

COALITIONDARKECOUNTY.COM

ACCESS RESOURCES

SHARE IDEAS

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Facts Support Changing Trends

Like others regionally and across the State of Ohio, Darke County saw a 46% decline in the number of accidental drug overdose deaths in 2018 (13 deaths) compared to 2017 (24 deaths). The Coroner's office believes there are multiple factors contributing to this welcome trend.

One of the main factors is the use of Narcan, a drug used by medics and law enforcement first responders to rapidly treat overdoses. Narcan is also being made available free to the public through such projects as the Xchange program at Family Health. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) with Vivitrol and Suboxone helps those who struggle with substance use disorders reduce or eliminate high risk behaviors.

Rapid organization and deployment of numerous community resources and services throughout the county are having visible impact on the drug overdose crisis. The efforts of the Coalition for a Healthy Darke County and programs in our schools hold the promise of steering our youth away from the path of drug use, abuse, and addiction.

Coalition Positive Action = $50,440
Substance Abuse Prevention Education Grants

2017-2018 Impact
5,819 Students; 75 Adults

- Arcanum-Butler Elementary
- Arcanum-Butler Middle
- Franklin-Monroe Schools
- Greenville Elementary
- Greenville Middle
- Mississinawa Valley Schools
- St. Mary's Catholic School
- Tri-Village Schools
- We Are The Majority Youth Group

2018-2019 Impact
5,041 Students; 2,600 Community & Family Members

- Arcanum-Butler Schools
- Council on Rural Services- Gateway Youth Programs
- Franklin-Monroe Schools
- Greenville Elementary
- Greenville Middle
- Mississinawa Valley Schools
- Tri-Village Schools
- Versailles High School
- We Are The Majority Youth Group

COLLABORATING PARTNERS