

YEAR IN REVIEW 2020

Allegan County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

While 2020 has been a year to remember, there has also been some moments to celebrate as a coalition as we look forward to 2021. We were able to provide marijuana and vaping presentations to several schools last fall and early winter before transitioning to pre-recorded sessions for schools. While the pre-recorded presentations aren't ideal, I'm grateful to be able to still provide some level of education to schools and families.

Here's a snapshot of our accomplishments this past year:

- * We were able to provide the Prime for Life class to 101 participants. A few of the classes had to move to the virtual setting, but many were still offered in person.
- * The number of locations that were able to offer Tips training (responsible beverage service training) to their employees was significantly reduced this year with the closure of bars and restaurants. We trained 43 employees from 7 businesses. This may have contributed to the amount of retailers that were cited for selling to a minor during alcohol compliance checks this fall. Out of 254 checks, 39 locations sold to the decoy.
- * The tobacco compliance checks were a bit more positive overall. Out of the 82 checks completed, only 2 locations were cited for selling to a decoy.
- * We applied for a mini grant through Tobacco Free Michigan and received the grant for \$1000 in August. With that funding we purchased three more vape sensors for two schools in the county.
- * We contracted with a few different national experts to create several videos that can be shared with schools, families and any other audience that is interested in using them for educational purposes, or simply to share with families. These are all available via a google drive. Contact Heidi to gain access to the links. (hdenton@accmhs.org)

Funding for 2021:

Stop Act Grant- primary focus is underage drinking.

SOR funds— provides funding for PFL classes.

Waiting to hear on the LARA funding-medical marijuana education/prevention focused on youth.

I would like to pay tribute to a friend of ASAP that passed away unexpectedly this year. Kirk Latimer of Kinetic Affect was an amazing presenter, friend and advocate for so many youth. He will be deeply missed by so many people.

Thank you all for your partnership and support this past year. Although we haven't been together as a group since last winter, your support of the coalition is appreciated!

Happy Holidays to all of you!