



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
**DRUG FREE COMMUNITY  
 COALITION**

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

2:00 PM

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651 N LEGLEU, NOGALES, AZ 85621

MEETING ID: 843 0616 2192

**Meeting called by:** Jessica Gallego

**Type of meeting:** Monthly meeting

**Facilitator:** Aissa Acuña

**Note taker:** Claudia Hernandez

- Attendees:**
1. Claudia Hernández- Constructing Circles of Peace
  2. Jessica Gallego – Constructing Circles of Peace
  3. Indhira Curlango – Holy Cross Hospital
  4. Jasmin Ayala – Constructing Circles of Peace
  5. Aissa Acuña – Boys and Girls Club
  6. Officer Marina Duran – Nogales Police Department
  7. Channing Velasquez – Constructing Circles of Peace
  8. Veronica Corella – Constructing Circles of Peace
  9. Stephanie Zepeda – Mariposa Community Health Center
  10. Alicia Delgado – Child Care Resource & Referral
  11. Rosa Lopez – HOPE inc.
  12. Georgina Parra – Santa Cruz County Superintendent’s Office Los Padres Program
  13. Luis Gaxiola – HOPE inc.
  14. Arely Zavala – Mariposa Community Health Center
  15. Alexa Lopez – Mariposa Community Health Center
  16. Edgardo Muñoz – 0s3 Movement/ We ❤️ Nogales
  17. Yara Castro – Mariposa Community Health Center
  18. Suzette Campos – Constructing Circles of Peace
  19. Marlene Tabardillo – Constructing Circles of Peace

**MISSION** To empower Santa Cruz County's communities to live a drug-free lifestyle by providing substance abuse prevention, education, establishing support to local government agencies, and empower parents and youth for success!

**VISION** To reduce drug abuse in the community, strengthen community partnerships, and maintain healthy and drug-free lifestyles by establishing community values.

**PURPOSE** Coalition seeks to increase perception of harm related to substance abuse and underage drinking in Santa Cruz County.

**Minutes**

**Agenda item:** WELCOME-INTRODUCTIONS

**Presenter:** Chair Aissa Acuna

**Discussion:**

To start meeting, Aissa gave a welcome to the members and encouraged everyone to introduce themselves.

**Agenda item:** NEW STAFF PRESENTATION

**Presenter:** Suzette Campos & Marlene Tabardillo

**Discussion:**

Suzette and Marlene shared a little of their new positions and roles within the coalition and the community. Suzette will be working as Prevention/Family Support Specialist and Marlene will be working with our treatment clients, especially with the Recovery Court clients helping with one-on-ones, counseling, as circle keeper, etc.

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**Agenda item:** SUBCOMMITTEES UPDATES

**Presenter:** Claudia Hernández

**Discussion:**

- Youth-Serving Organizations (YSO) Subcommittee:
  - o Meeting with the School District (date TBD)

We are still working to set up and appointment between the YSO subcommittee, the Coalition members and the directors of the School District to talk about the issue that we as community have with the vaping problem among teens.

- o Park cleanup (March)

The YADA group in collaboration with officers from law enforcement will do a cleanup in one of the parks where teens have reported seeing vape pens on the floors. The YSO subcommittee is welcome to participate and collaborate as well.

- o “Love Notes” to youth (March)

We are working to provide a workshop to our youth about relationships and everything that it involves for adolescents and young adults. MCHC will start with the curriculum “Love Notes” on the month of March for the YADA and other youth from our community at the Center for Restorative Youth & Community Programs. Anyone interested in having their youth in this workshop can contact Claudia at [chernandez@circlesofpeace.us](mailto:chernandez@circlesofpeace.us).

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**Agenda item:** GENERAL UPDATES

**Presenter:** Coalition members

**Discussion:**

- Family Day update
  - o On our last Family Day we had an amazing presentation by Suzette and Marlene about prescription medication and the consequences of misusing it. We also had snacks for the family and a good time to play and spend time together. We had around 35 members of the community. Next Family Day will be held by the Nogales Police Department, and the next months are open for any agency from the community to host it.
- Recovery Café update
  - o Luis Gaxiola shared that the first Recovery Café was a success. He talked a little about what we did and how it helped him to feel more relaxed, more comfortable and more motivated to continue doing his job and working with partners from the community. The next Recovery Café will be held on March 16 at the Center for Restorative Youth & Community Programs, all treatment providers are welcome to join us.
- Naloxbox update
  - o Channing shared that the Naloxbox kits were being placed on different areas of the community. Currently we have 4 placed and we are waiting for the approval from the Fire Department to place more in the community. Also, we are working on creating a map with the different locations of the kits for the community to have them on hand.

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**Agenda item:** MEMBERS UPDATES

**Presenter:** Coalition members

**Discussion:**

- Alexa Lopez (MCHC): The Summer Youth Program is currently accepting applications. This year’s Teencon will be held on February 25 at the Hotel Americana. For more information contact Alexa at [ALopez@mariposachc.net](mailto:ALopez@mariposachc.net).
- Yara Castro (MCHC): [www.sosaheals.org](http://www.sosaheals.org) will soon be available for the community for prevention, recovery and other resources for providers and for the community.
- Alicia Delgado (CCR&R): They are still having monthly information sessions for people interested on opening a Child Care facility at home. The next one will be on February 28 from 6 to 8 pm. English and Spanish sessions available. CCR&R is working with the Superintendent’s Office and has some events coming up, starting on the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Calabasas Elementary, another one at Karam Park with an Art Event on the 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Alicia at [adelgado@cfraz.org](mailto:adelgado@cfraz.org).
- Veronica Corella (CCOP): Circles of Peace will host a Community Members training on Friday February 10 from 10 am to 1 pm at the main office. The YADA members are organizing yard sales to fundraise money. Donations are accepted. For more information contact Veronica at [vcorella@circlesofpeace.us](mailto:vcorella@circlesofpeace.us).

- Jessica Gallego (CCOP): We still have the Panda Express fundraiser event online. For Valentine's Day we will be hosting a Desert Box raffle. Also, we attended CADCA forum in Washington DC but it is the last time that we attend. An active shooter training will be held for coalition members on April 12 from 12 to 2 pm instead of the regular Coalition meeting. Food will be provided.
- Aissa Acuna (B&G Club): Boys & Girls Club will be open a position for Executive Director starting on February 12. More information contact Aissa at [aacuna@mediacombb.net](mailto:aacuna@mediacombb.net).

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**Agenda item:** CLOSING

**Presenter:** Chair Aissa Acuña

**Discussion:**

Thanks for attending the meeting and for the great work that you all do. We hope to continue working together in this amazing team effort that we have been doing. We hope to see you all next meeting.

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***Next meeting:***

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- **March 8, 2023 @ 10:00 AM**
- **Hybrid**
  - **Center for Restorative Youth & Community Programs 651 N Legleu St, Nogales AZ 85621**
  - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84306162192>

**Zoom Meeting ID: 843 0616 2192**