

MOHAVE SUBSTANCE, EDUCATION, TREATMENT & PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

MSTEPP NEWSLETTER



WELCOME!

Our newsletter strives to provide information on coalition activities and future events as well as provide information and resources to members.



Welcome to our Spring newsletter! As always, the mild climate of the season has us busy with numerous events and planning for future events!

Fresh Start Outreach

Staff participated with the Mohave County Continuum of Care Fresh Start event in Bullhead City on April 3rd. The event was geared toward providing unhoused individuals with resources such as showers, clothing and job application opportunities. We spoke with approximately 80 individuals and distributed 17 naloxone kits, 22 locking bags, and 15 locking medication bottles.

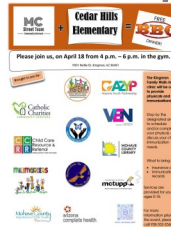


City of Kingman Benefits Fair

MSTEPP was again invited to attend the annual City of Kingman Employee Benefits Fair held on April 10th. We were able to provide information to over 220 City employees. We also distributed 27 naloxone kits, 20 locking bags, and 16 locking pill bottles.

Street Team: Cedar Hills School

MSTEPP staff participated with the Mohave County Street Team resource fair at Cedar Hills School on April 18th. We were able to provide materials to approximately 25 families to include 8 naloxone kits, 11 locking bags, and 11 locking pill bottles. Approximately 40 youth in attendance were able to experience the negative effects of impairment by participating in our impairment goggle cup stacking activity.



Hobbies, not Habits



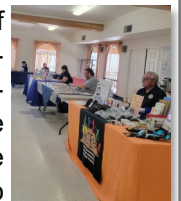
Hobbies, not Habits sponsored by the YADAH coalition in Lake Havasu City is one of our favorite events of the year! On April 29th two staff members, one volunteer, and two youth coalition members assisted at our tables for the event. One table provided approximately 75 adults with information, 20 naloxone kits, 12 locking bags, and 8 locking bottles. Our other table provided approximately 90 youth attendees with a bee paper craft and coloring pages that declare that they "Choose to be drug free!"

Hope Horizons AHCCCS Workshop

MSTEPP was invited to table and present at the Hope Horizons Navigating Recovery for Arizona's Families workshop in Lake Havasu City on April 30th. Director Bob DeVries provided training on the Rise of Fentanyl and Naloxone. We provided information to more than 75 people, 39 naloxone kits, 20 locking bags, and 20 locking pill bottles. Many participants indicated they obtained materials and locking devices to share with their clients.

Street Team: Meadview

On May 2nd staff traveled to Meadview along with other members of the Street Team. We had 32 people stop at our booth allowing us to provide 18 informational packets, 4 locking devices, 1 Deterra bag and 11 Naloxone kits.



Veteran's Resource Fair

The Jerry Ambrose Veteran's Council held a veteran's resource fair at the Mohave



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County fairgrounds on May 3rd. We saw approximately 100 people at our booth distributing nearly 70 information packets, 47 naloxone kits, 18 locking bags, and 14 locking pill bottles.

KUSD Special Olympics Field Day

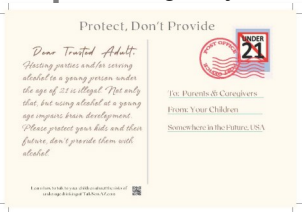


On May 8th MSTEPP participated in Kingman Unified School District's Special Olympics field day. We had 36 adults and 93 kiddos come by our booth. We provided approximately 50 packets of information, 9 Narcan kits, 3 locking bags, and 2 locking pill bottles to participants.

High School Graduations and Underage Drinking Awareness



May 20th through May 23rd saw three high school graduations in our local area. Our social media campaign and conversations focused on educating youth of the risks of underage drinking as well educating parents about the consequences of providing alcohol to minors. Posters were provided to area high schools. High School graduation is a time to celebrate and dream for the future. We encouraged youth to not drown their future with alcohol and parents to protect, not provide.



Junior Police Academy Vaping Education

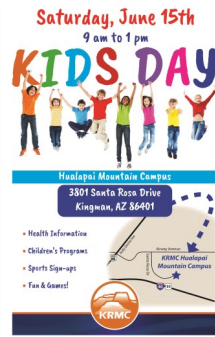


The Kingman Police Department invited MSTEPP to provide the vaping education program to their 16 Junior Police Academy cadets on June 11th. The presentation was well received and students were provided with a collection of our printed materials and resources.



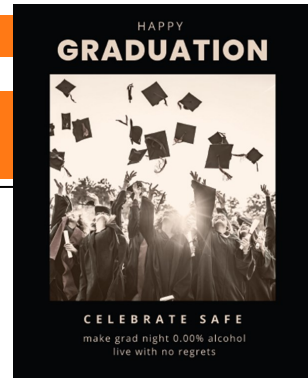
KRMC Kids' Day

Another staff favorite is the annual Kids' Day event sponsored by Kingman Regional Medical Center. The event was held on June 15th and had approximately 700 children and 350 adults in attendance. We had two MSTEPP staff and one volunteer member to assist at our tables. Children were encouraged to participate in our cup stacking activity while wearing the alcohol or cannabis impairment goggles before spinning our prize wheel. We distributed approximately 200 bags with informational material, 30 Narcan kits, 23 locking bags and 27 locking pill bottles.



Walk Away from Drugs planning meetings

Planning meetings for the 18th Annual Walk Away from Drugs are underway! MSTEPP is proud to have been a contributing member of this planning committee throughout the previous 17 events. We look forward to having



another successful event October 16th! Mark your calendars to save the date!



Rivyve Open House



We are excited to support Rivyve as they prepare their new behavioral health healing center opening soon in Kingman. The 48 bed, women's residential treatment center provides a holistic approach to helping women overcome substance use, co-occurring disorders and trauma. This inpatient recovery center will help to provide much needed resources to our community!

Planning Hobbies, not Habits Kingman



They say that imitation is the best form of flattery. YADAH's successful event, Hobbies, not Habits is no exception. We are in the early stages of planning our very own Hobbies, not Habits event here in Kingman next summer!


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Mohave County Public Health

On June 20th staff participated in the Mohave County Community Health Assessment Focus Group. MSTEPP values the partnership that we have with Health Department and that we can work together toward the common goals of a healthier community.

SACLAZ

 SACLA has officially changed their name to Substance Awareness (not abuse) Coalition Leaders of Arizona to more accurately reflect our commitment to prevention statewide. SACLA is one of our key partners, with leveraged funding to provide the printed materials that we distribute throughout our community through events and classes.



SACLAZ is also a key partner in hosting the Annual Arizona Drug Summit. This marks the 7th year and will be held on September 4th in Phoenix. Speakers will include: DEA Phoenix Division Special Agent in Charge, Cheri Oz; Deputy Director of Public Health Services, Arizona Department of Health, Sheila Sjolander; and Dr. Anna Lembke, the Medical Director of Addiction Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Opioid Settlement Funds

The Mohave County Department of Health released an RFP solicitation to receive opioid settlement funds for programming through out the county. The settlement funds are slated for disbursement over the next 18 years and the county was set to release 1.3 million in funding. We are proud to say that MSTEPP was selected to receive \$100,000 in funding to bring our Quality of Life Court program back up to full operation. Funds are slated to be released by July 15th.

Quality of Life Court



Despite the loss of grant funding in October of 2023, the Quality of

Life Court ran a slimmed down program to assist those already in the sessions. Special thanks to the Mohave County Attorney's Office, Mohave County Sheriff's Office and Mohave County Probation for stepping up and taking on the additional responsibilities. On June 27th we celebrated the graduation of 2 more individuals that successfully completed the program. They were joined by family and friends along with City and County Officials who attended to recognize their accomplishment. To date, eight of our graduates are now employed full-time in the area working as Certified Peer Support Specialists to assist those in need. We are proud to also announce that one of the graduates, Sara Marshall, has been selected as the guest speaker for the 18th Annual Walk Away from Drugs that will be held on October 16th this year.



Protect our kids!

Accidental poisoning and overdose can be prevented!

Please lock up your Rx medications, marijuana products, and other substances to keep them out of the hands of children and youth.



MSTEPP CAN PROVIDE LOCKING DEVICES WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

Reaching Rural Return

Reaching Rural Initiative

For the second year, MSTEPP is honored to host the Bureau of Justice Assistance Reaching Rural Initiative. On August 20th & 21st approximately 35 individuals from across the country will visit Kingman to view and learn about the various programs used to address substance use disorder in our area. The group requested to attend an MSTEPP meeting which will be held at the Kingman Chamber of Commerce / MCC facility located at 309 E. Beale Street on August 20th at 3:00 p.m. A round table with our guests will be held immediately after the meeting. All members are invited to attend as we also celebrate the successes and the growth of our partnerships in the region.

MSTEPP has now distributed over 2,200 Naloxone kits through out the region!

