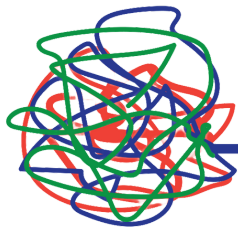


DECEMBER 1, 2021

CHOOSE YOUR PATH ANNUAL MEETING





CHOOSE YOUR PATH

Substance Use Prevention Coalition

A YEAR IN REVIEW

MARCH

- During the month of March the Branding Committee was formed. This committee started the process on changing our name and coming up with our logo. JoAnn Freeman from the Wauconda Park District helped us a lot during this entire process!
- The Bylaws for the coalition were reviewed by the Executive Board and signed.

APRIL

- During the month of April we attended the first week of the National Coalition Academy. During this week long training we learned about various Prevention approaches, what Community Assessments are & how how to complete them, and everything related to Logic Models. Deena Krieger volunteered to attend this first week of the Academy!

JUNE

- During the month of June the coalition finalized their new name and logo!
- We attended the second week of the National Coalition Academy. During this week we started our Strategic and Action Plan, along with our Evaluation Plan. Hailey Miller volunteered to attend the second week of the Academy!

JULY

- We joined Twitter this month. You can follow us @chooseyourpath8
- We created our website this month. The website can be found at chooseyourpath118.org
- We attended CADCA's Mid-Year Training Institute. This week long training provided training on various topics. Stephanie Campuzano volunteered to attend this training!

AUGUST

- We created two fliers for the Wauconda High School Activities Fair.
- We gave a presentation to the Wauconda Island Lake Democrats.
- Choose Your Path applied for a Communities Talk grant and was awarded the money! We formed a Communities Talk event committee to start planning our event.

SEPTEMBER

- Choose Your Path decided to have our Communities Talk event at the Wauconda Farmers Market on two separate dates. We decided to focus on Social Hosting Laws and used materials from "Parents Who Host Lose The Most". We created a magnet and pamphlet with information about Social Hosting Laws and the impacts on underage drinking.
- Our Youth Advisory Board finalized their Teen Resource Guide.
- We attended the third week of the National Coalition Academy. During this week we discussed our Sustainability plan. We also spent time going over all five products needed for graduation. Deena Krieger volunteered to attend the third week of the academy!
- The Wauconda Police Department completed Compliance Checks.
- The Strategic and Action Planning Committee was formed. This committee will focus on data collection, data analysis, and then use that data to drive our strategies.

OCTOBER

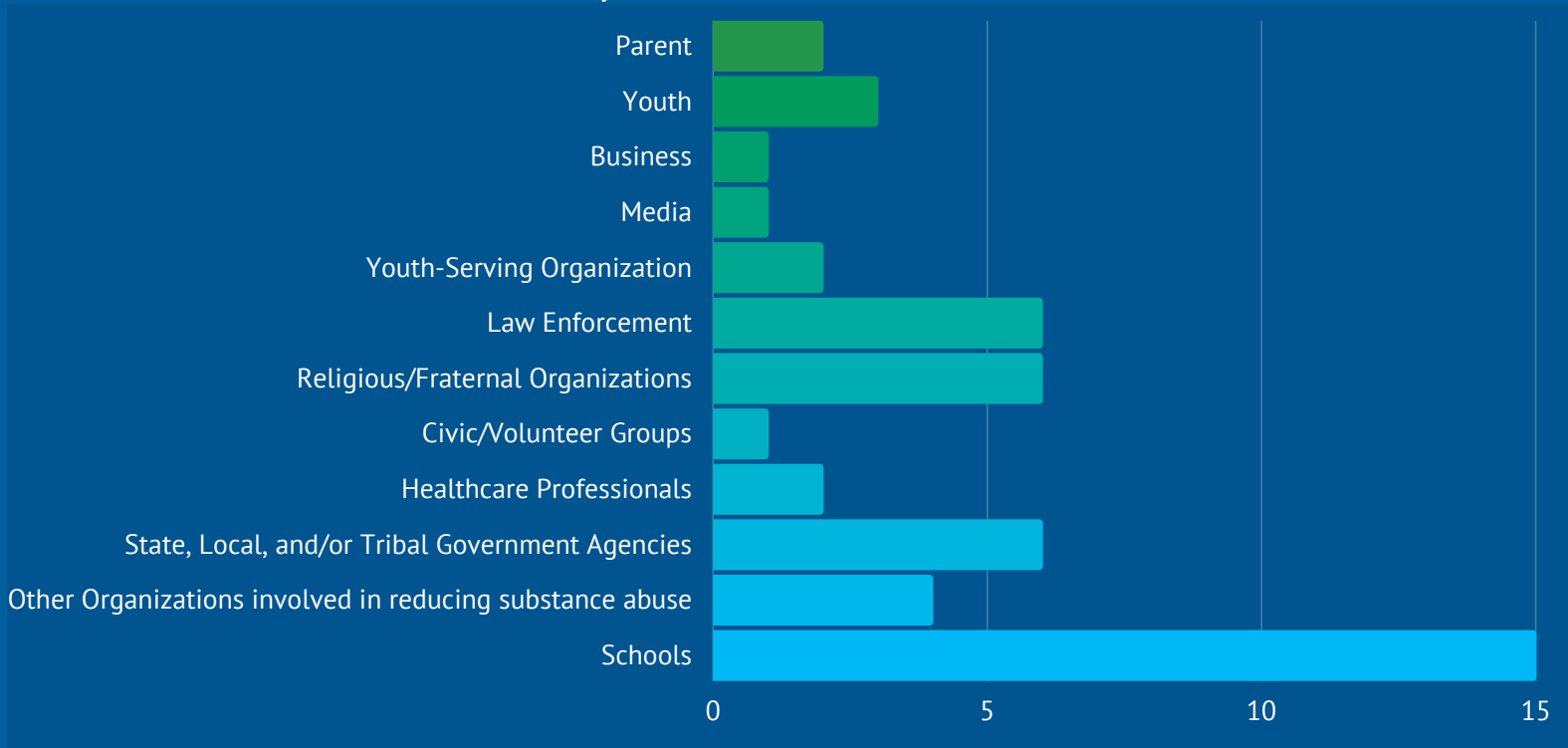
- The Wauconda Police Department completed Compliance Checks.
- Red Ribbon Week was from October 23rd until October 31st. Deena Krieger created a presentation to be displayed on the monitor at Matthews Middle School for the entire week. Rev. Dr. Kristopher Hewitt picked up red ribbons, red ribbon stickers, red ribbon temporary tattoos, and the red ribbon story for his church. Chief of Police David Wermes picked up red ribbons, red ribbon stickers, red ribbon tattoos, and the red ribbon story for the Wauconda Police Department. Our Youth Advisory Board agreed to hand out red ribbon stickers and red ribbon temporary tattoos to students at the high school.
- Our Youth Advisory Board submitted an application for our coalition to have honor chords at the Wauconda High School.

NOVEMBER

- Choose Your Path created an ad for the Wauconda Park District Winter/Spring Brochure.
- We joined District 118's Equity Committee.
- The Outreach Committee was formed. This committee will focus on creating handouts with information about the coalition and ways to welcome new members.

MEMBERSHIP

Choose Your Path currently has 50 members, 3 of those members are Youth.



EXECUTIVE BOARD & SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES

Our Executive Board Members currently are:

President: Chief of Police David Wermes, Wauconda Police Department

Vice President: Reverend Dr. Kristopher Hewitt, Pastor Ivanhoe Congregational Church

Member at Large: Dr. David Wilm, Superintendent of District 118 Schools

Our 12 Sector Representatives currently are:

Youth: Stephanie Campuzano

Parents: Tara Simonelli

Schools: Dr. David Wilm

Youth-Serving Organizations: Tim Staton

Law Enforcement: David Wermes

Religious/Fraternal Organizations: Rev. Dr. Kristopher Hewitt

Business: Wade Meyer

Media: Maria Weisbruch

Civic/Volunteer Organizations: Bill Hogan

Healthcare Professionals: Keeley Gallagher

State, Local, and/or Tribal Government Agencies: Jennifer Kuhn

Other Organizations involved in reducing Substance Abuse: Bill Gentes

WHAT IS COMING UP IN 2022

Here are just some of the things Choose Your Path will be focusing on during the next year.

- Focus Groups - We are planning to conduct Parent Focus Groups and Student Focus Groups
- Postcard Mailing - Our Youth Advisory Board is currently working on creating a postcard that will be mailed to households in Wauconda.
- Prom Season - During prom season we will be planning to educate the community on Social Hosting Laws.
- T-shirts - Our Youth Advisory Board is currently helping to design t-shirts for the coalition.
- National Coalition Academy Graduation - Choose Your Path has submitted all documents for graduation!! This graduation will take place at CADCA's 32nd Annual National Leadership Forum.
- Illinois Youth Survey - We are looking forward to the data that will be collected this year! This will also help drive our strategies when it comes to reducing youth substance use.



Choose Your Path would be no where without the hard work and dedication from all it's members! So THANK YOU for all that you do and we are looking forward to all the work we will do in the next year!