



Summer 2013 Newsletter

## Activities

### **Check out the Fall River Youth Violence Prevention Initiative!**

The Fall River Youth Violence Prevention Initiative has been busy in highlighting the collaboration efforts of our many organizations and representatives who are doing tremendous work toward youth violence prevention in our community

#### ***WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP!***

Please visit our website, submit a violence prevention event to us so it can be highlighted, write a testimonial, or check out other ways you can Get Involved!

***Please check out our new website at: [www.FallRiverYouthViolencePrevention.org](http://www.FallRiverYouthViolencePrevention.org)!  
Don't forget to like us on Facebook too: [CLICK HERE!](#)***

### **School Community Partnership and Youth CHOICES Collaborative Meeting**

It was a great re-launch of the new relationship of the School-Community Partnership and Youth CHOICES collaboration on October 8, 2013. Over 40 representatives from our schools and community agencies were able to connect and inform one another in a speed networking format. It proved to be a tremendous way to build our relationships, learn about potential services, and better understand the needs of our schools and how we can work together best to serve our youth. We look forward to continuing this meeting on a regular basis moving forward!

The meeting was hosted by the Tradewinds Restaurant at B.M.C. Durfee High School. Thank you for your support!

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### **District Attorney's Underage Drinking Conference a Huge Success!**

An all day conference on September 26<sup>th</sup> about the effects of underage drinking and substance use was a great educational and motivational event. Information throughout the day highlighted the negative impact on not only young people's brains and bodies, but also the destructive effect drugs and alcohol plays on society, including that of violence. The conference held 3 tracks, focusing on community members, law enforcement, and students, and it was uplifting to see the huge participation.

### **Fall River Trauma Response Team**

In the wake of our community being provided Psychological First Aid and Post Traumatic Stress Management Training to 60 citizens through the SSYI grant, our Fall River Trauma Response Team has been meeting regularly, as well as responding to several critical incidents in our community. To learn more about the team and their work, please visit [www.FallRiverYouthViolencePrevention.org](http://www.FallRiverYouthViolencePrevention.org).

### **Congratulations to Partners!**

Twenty years ago, the Greater Fall River Partners for a Healthy Community was formed to assist the City of Fall River and the surrounding communities of Somerset, Swansea and Westport make improvements that will lead to healthier lives.

Those 20 years of development were celebrated at an event held on September 18, 2013 in the Commonwealth Center at Bristol Community College. They have done indescribable work these last year, and we are so proud of all they do!

**Please remember to email Michaela Gagne Hetzler with any information for the Fall River Youth Violence Prevention website at: [michaelajgagne@gmail.com](mailto:michaelajgagne@gmail.com). Thank you!**