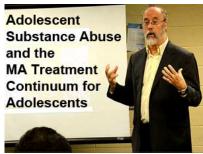


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# School Community Partnership Kick-Off!

The School Community Partnership held its first meeting for the 2015-2016 school year on September 29th! It was a great time for networking, updates, and finding out the status of great initiatives in our community. The meeting welcomed participants from more than a dozen human service organizations who were joined by school adjustment and guidance staff as well as school resource officers and representatives of the courts. The group heard from Michael Leach, Youth Training and Systems Specialist for the Institute for Health and Recovery, and Kim Fisher from the Castle Program at High Point Treatment Center in Brockton. The presentation introduced the risk and protective factors for adolescent substance use, the role of attachment, the nature of adolescent brain development, the use of substance use screening tools, and the services available to adolescents struggling with issues related to substance use.















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#### Back 2 School Kick-Off Event!

Another great safe summer event was hosted by Jae Lavoie and Jason Springer! It was an fun and exciting day to celebrate a peaceful summer and prepare for returning to school.



### Youth and Candidate Forum!

The Fall River Youth Violence Prevention Task Force is hard at work planning a forum for our local mayoral, school committee, and city council candidates to address youth issues in our city! We have tremendous youth involved who will be sharing their stories of challenges and successes who have specific requests to the future leaders of our city. More to come...

Please remember to email <a href="mailto:FRYouthViolencePrevention@gmail.com">FRYouthViolencePrevention@gmail.com</a> with any information for the Fall River Youth Violence Prevention website, newsletter, and Facebook page. Thank you!