



Winter 2013 Newsletter

Children's Advocacy Center Annual Legislative Breakfast

On January 31, 2014, about 200 police, human service organization representatives and staff from the Children's Advocacy Center gathered for the third annual CAC legislative breakfast. Created in 2007, the CAC provides a coordinated response to child abuse victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and witness to violence. The CAC is also committed to the ongoing education and development of prevention programs in Bristol County. It was a tremendous event of awareness and understanding the greater need to protect the youth of our community from unnecessary violence.



BCC Presentation on FR Youth Violence & Community Safety: *Online Video!*

Bristol Community College students had an opportunity to learn about health promotion first hand from local experts during the Fall 2013 semester. About twenty students enrolled in a survey of health topics to learn how the health of an individual affects the community and how the health of the community affects the individual. Below is the recently posted presentation given to students regarding Fall River Youth Violence and Community Safety.

To view the online video of this presentation, please visit www.FRYouthViolencePrevention.org!

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School Community Partnership Meeting

Participants in the School Community Partnership met together with representatives of the Youth CHOICES coalition on February 4, 2014, one of a series of combined meetings that Partners sponsors, at the Tradewinds at BMC Durfee High School. CHOICES Co-chair Michaela Hetzler 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 shared updates of current services for youth and then broke into small groups to discuss the 40 developmental assets that youth need to succeed in preparation for a future presentation by the RAPPP Program. The two groups will continue to identify available services, work toward addressing gaps in the community, and creating stronger relationships to ultimately service the health, safety, education, and overall development of Fall River youth.





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School Community Partnership Training on Suicide Prevention

On March 18th, Participants in the School Community Partnership were invited to attend a 90-minute training on suicide prevention titled "QPR" by Riverside Trauma Center on March 18, 2014 at the Tradewinds at BMC Durfee High School. Invited by Durfee High School School Adjustment Counselor Michaela Hetzler, Licensed Social Worker Joanna Bridger described the "question, persuade, refer" procedure that anyone who encounters a suicidal person can employ. Ms. Bridger went over some of the myths and misunderstandings about suicide before showing a short video from the Mayo Clinic which emphasizes asking about suicidal feelings and arranging a plan to keep the suicidal person safe as well as a video of stories of hope and recovery.



Absolutely Incredible Kid Day 2014

Fall River did an outstanding job in recognizing the youth of our city on Absolutely Incredible Kid Day 2014! Visit www.FRYouthViolencePrevention.org to see the activities that various schools and agencies did to help support this incredible day!





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Trauma Informed Care Training for Shannon and SSYI Partners

On March 31st, Riverside Community Care provided a Trauma Informed Care Training for Shannon and SSYI Partners at Greater Fall River Re-Creation. The training is designed to help people working within service systems where the people being served may be experiencing the impacts of having survived a traumatic event. The training provided information about the prevalence and impact of traumatic events and looked at why a focus on trauma important is important. It was a tremendous training, and we had a great turn-out of partners who were given even more tools to serve the youth of our city!



Please remember to email Michaela Gagne Hetzler with any information for the Fall River Youth Violence Prevention website and newsletter at: michaelajgagne@gmail.com. Thank you!

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