

Coalition News

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Upcoming Events

BCA Monthly Mtg*	10/17 @ 9 AM
BCA Executive Team Mtg*	10/17 @ 10:30 AM
Florence Night Out	10/25 5-7 PM

*BCA meetings are held at the Florence Government Center, located at 8100 Ewing Blvd. Florence, KY 41042.

What is Drug Free Communities?

It's time to celebrate! Last month, the BCA was notified that they were awarded funding for Year 3 of their Drug Free Communities grant.

What exactly is "Drug Free Communities?" The Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program, created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997, is the Nation's leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth substance use. Directed by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the DFC Program provides grants to community coalitions to strengthen

the infrastructure among local partners to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use.

The DFC Program provides grants of up to \$625,000 over five years to community coalitions that facilitate youth and adult participation at the community level in local youth drug use prevention efforts.

The BCA was first awarded this grant in 2014. Funding from Drug Free Communities has provided the BCA the opportunity to hire a full-time Coordinator, as well as implement several prevention projects, including distribution of medicine lock boxes to community members, billboards on the con-

sequences of youth marijuana use, and PSAs at the Florence 14 Cinemas on the risks associated with underage drinking.

The BCA is in the company of several other local drug-free coalitions awarded DFC funding, including Campbell County Drug-Free Alliance, Kenton County Alliance, Champions for a Drug-Free Grant County, Hope's Hands Inc. in Owen County, and Pendleton County Champions.



Results from BCA's Annual Community Survey

During the month of August, the BCA conducted their annual survey at the Boone County Fair. This survey, which the BCA has done annually since 2014, assesses the community's knowledge, beliefs, and attitudes on youth substance use issues.

This year, the coalition collected 151 surveys, which included questions about safe prescription drug storage and disposal, Boone

County's social host ordinance, and opinions on marijuana legalization.

Important results from this year's survey include:

- 50.33% of respondents lock up their prescription medications, **an increase of 9.74% since 2015**
- 29.80% of respondents have heard of the Alcohol Tip Line, a number residents can call to

anonymously report underage drinking, **an increase of 8.88% since 2015**

- 39.07% of respondents were aware of the Social Host Ordinance, **an increase of 6.02% since 2015**

To see the full report of this year's survey, visit <http://www.boonecountyalliance.com/community-survey-results.html>

