

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY ANTI-DRUG COALITION IS HEADED TO CADCA'S NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM TO LEARN NEW SKILLS TO REDUCE YOUTH DRUG USE

Tuscarawas County – Representatives from Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition are headed to the Washington, D.C. area to join more than 2,500 substance abuse prevention specialists and advocates from throughout the country for Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's (CADCA) 25th Annual National Leadership Forum, held Feb. 2-5, 2015 at the Gaylord National Hotel.

“We are so excited to be able to spend several days with other similar organizations from across the country, learning and honing our prevention skills so our community can be a better place, one that doesn't suffer from the harms of drug and alcohol abuse,” says Jodi Salvo, Coalition Coordinator. “We hope to come back reenergized with new strategies under our belt to tackle drug use in Tuscarawas County.”

CADCA's Forum will cover a wide range of topics – everything from how to prevent prescription drug abuse and heroin use to how to create tobacco-free environments and develop policies to reduce underage and excessive drinking.

The Coalition has recently impacted the community by empowering youth and focusing on the development and implementation of Youth Led Prevention in Tuscarawas County high schools. Another area of the Coalitions focus has been to provide information and education on the marijuana issue to reveal the ramifications and impact medicinal/recreational legalization would have on Ohio and Tuscarawas County. The Coalition is also in the process of pursuing a Federal Drug Free Communities Grant that if awarded would provide financial resources over the next five years to assist the Coalition in making a bigger impact to combat youth substance abuse in Tuscarawas County.

The coalition also will meet with Senator Portman, Senator Brown and Congressman Gibbs during Capitol Hill Day, to be a voice for Tuscarawas County which takes place on Wed., Feb. 4 during the CADCA Forum.

CADCA's National Leadership Forum is the premier and largest training event for community-based substance abuse prevention professionals, coalition leaders and prevention and addiction researchers. The Forum is a four-day event packed with opportunities to learn the latest strategies to fight substance abuse and hear from nationally-known prevention experts, federal administrators and concerned policymakers. For details about the more than 70 training sessions and speakers, visit: <http://forum.cadca.org/>.

Also during the CADCA Forum, Gracen Gerbig a member of Dover High School Youth Led Prevention Group (Dover High School Youth to Youth) will participate in the conference and trainings in conjunction with other youth from the Ohio Youth Led Prevention Network and she will bring back information to other youth led prevention leaders in Tuscarawas County to help them become strong community leaders.

Mission of Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition To reduce substance abuse by youth and adults of Tuscarawas County and improve the quality of life through community wide collaboration www.adc-tusc.com.