

Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Hello coalition members,

Our next coalition meeting is on Thursday, November 11 from 4-5pm via Zoom. Pam Lynch, from Harm Reduction Michigan, will be our speaker. Everyone is welcome and I hope that you are able to join us! The agenda will be sent out in an email soon.

To view the Biden-Harris Administration's Statement of Drug Policy Priorities for Year One, visit <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/BidenHarris-Statement-of-Drug-Policy-Priorities-April-1.pdf>.

The Department of Health and Human Services announced the release of the new HHS Overdose Prevention Strategy, designed to increase access to the full range of care and services for individuals who use substances that cause overdose, and their families. To view the strategy, visit https://www.hhs.gov/overdose-prevention/?utm_source=SAMHSA&utm_campaign=9f661cbaec-SAMHSA_Announcement_2021_10_27_1600426&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ee1c4b138c-9f661cbaec-168930066.

Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Grand Traverse Chapter is looking to hire a coordinator to work 19 hours per week. For more information, please email traverse@familiesagainstnarcotics.org.

Be well,

Lauren

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 23rd annual Co-Occurring Disorders Conference will be held this Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 8am-4:30pm. The conference is entitled "**The Tangled Web: Trauma, Trafficking, and Addictions.**" The featured speakers are Dr. Kevin McCauley and Rebecca McDonald, MA. The conference can be attended either in-person at the NMC Hagerty Center in Traverse City or virtually. For more information and to register visit <https://mynorthtickets.com/events/the-tangled-web-trauma-trafficking-and-addictions-11-4-2021>.

The Michigan Opioid Collaborative (MOC) has compiled the data from their August survey on Opioid Use Disorder in Northern Michigan. A Zoom meeting to review the findings will take place on Wednesday, November 17 from 12:30-1:30pm. There will be a brief presentation followed by Q&A. The MOC's goal is to continue to meet monthly to allow any providers/community members to come and discuss what they are seeing in the community or their practice, as well as seek guidance on how we can work together towards treating opioid use disorder. The presenters will be Tim Hudson, Tim Shewcraft (Peer Research Assistant) and

Dr. Rob McMorrow. To register for this webinar, please go to

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDIGFIZHYtTok1ktl3q7sdK5BLrbNNa6ujdod-yjj4pWC-hA/viewform>.

COLOR FOR HOPE

We have received a lot of community support so far and our Color for Hope fundraiser continues! These 18"x24" colorable posters come in four unique designs, two Traverse City and two Leelanau posters. The designs include businesses, landmarks, and scenery specific to these areas. The local artist, Susan Alexander, spent hours in the natural areas, businesses, and landmarks of Traverse City and Leelanau County areas to capture the beautiful details. Susan Alexander lost her daughter to the disease of addiction. She is a passionate supporter of this cause and donated these posters as a way to further efforts to curb addiction and increase availability of resources related to education, prevention and treatment. All proceeds from the sale of these posters go to support SUD education, prevention, and treatment in our community.

The cost is \$15 for a set of two posters. The posters are currently available at both Oryana locations, ATS' The PORCH, The Red Dresser, Haberdashery, Premier Floral Design & Gift Emporium, Solitude Float and Wellness Spa, Peninsula Market, Anderson's Market, Leelanau Coffee Roasting Co., The Botanical Gardens, and the AREA Posters Facebook page. You can also email me directly and I can coordinate a pickup with you. Cash, credit cards, or checks, made payable to Catholic Human Services, are accepted.

We have collaborated with the Traverse City Downtown Development Authority for this project. They will be promoting and selling our posters for \$20; \$15 will be going towards our fundraiser and \$5 will go towards the Downtown Relief Fund. You can visit their website (<https://www.downtowntc.com/relief/>) to purchase or stop into Great Lakes Bath and Body or Spice and Tea Merchants.

We have raised over \$8,000 so far and have purchased Naloxone Safety Kits that have been installed at the Woodmere (2nd floor), East Bay, Peninsula, & Kingsley libraries, Living Hope Church, Salvation Army, the 86th District Court, the 13th Circuit Court, the Goodwill Inn, the Friendship Community Center, Central United Methodist Church, and the Northwestern Michigan College Library.

RESOURCES

- The State of Michigan, in partnership with the Connected Nation Michigan, has launched a [statewide Wi-Fi hotspot](#) map to help residents lacking access to broadband internet at home: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf
- The State of Michigan has put together a list of resources if you're feeling emotional distress caused by COVID-19, the page offers many ways to connect to emotional-support services without leaving your home: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_99557---,00.html
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has established a warmline for persons with mental health conditions. The warmline will be operated by Certified Peer Support Specialist. Individuals calling the warmline will be provided with support by peers who have their own lived experience with mental health issues. They will be providing wellness support and a listening ear. Here

is the link to the warmline: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941---,00.html.
The phone numbers is (888) 733-7753.

- The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has put together a list of resources for people with substance use disorders and those in recovery to address the unique challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/covid-19-resources>
- The NIDA for Teens has a free online toolkit that offers science-based activities and resources on drug use and addiction for educating teens while they are out of school:
https://teens.drugabuse.gov/teachers/out-of-school-time-toolkit?utm_source=teeneblast&utm_medium=email&utm_content=nf&utm_term=NPnp&utm_campaign=teen-NDAFW2020

NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- Herald Community Newspapers – CDC’s New Education Campaigns Address Increasing Drug Overdose Deaths: <https://www.liherald.com/premium/brandpoint//cdcs-new-education-campaigns-address-increasing-drug-overdose-deaths.135370?>
- U.S. News – Liver Transplants Soar as Some American Drink Their Way Through the Pandemic: <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2021-10-27/liver-transplants-soar-as-some-americans-drink-their-way-through-the-pandemic>
- 9&10 News – Traverse City Adopting Healthier Drinking Culture Strategic Plan: <https://www.9and10news.com/2021/10/19/traverse-city-adopting-healthier-drinking-culture-strategic-plan/>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

November 4 6:30pm – Families Against Narcotics monthly forum will be held in person at Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City (face masks required) *Note - this group meets the 1st Thursday of each month*

November 11 4-5pm – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting, held virtually – Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/95640237687?pwd=aXNTNoc2QUJ6WGpaQ3h3Y215WmFmUTo9> *Note – we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month*

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