



# Chesterfield County Youth Development Coalition

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The Youth Development Coalition will meet in the DSS training room A on the third Tuesday of every month at 3:30pm.

We invite those interested in helping the youth of our community to participate in our meetings. By offering your advice, expertise and suggestions you will help to strengthen the coalition while serving the community.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- \* May 19, 2015
- \* June 16, 2015

## A National Day of Giving The Big Give Event 5/5



### EVERYONE IS INVITED

The Chesterfield County Youth Development Coalition is working with 4 other not for profit agencies in the Chesterfield County area to host our "Big Give Pee Dee" event.

Join us Tuesday May 5, 2015 @ Longs Drug of Chesterfield in downtown Chesterfield, 3:00 - 6:00 pm. It is going to be lots of fun, drawings for door prizes every 15 minutes, refreshments and a chance to donate. We will have internet access, computers and assistance available to get you registered on The Big Give Website.

The YDC has worked in Chesterfield for over 15 years and has had government grant funds to support that work. This year we are at the end of our grant cycle and must be able to sustain the work we do through fundraising efforts and a sustainability plan. The art contest and annual calendar is one of the YDC programs that sustains itself. YDC members continue to work hard to find ways to sustain the programs, information and data collection that we perform throughout the year.

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# Parents Who Host Campaign

know the season of graduation brings with it the many celebrations, celebrations that are sometimes accompanied with alcohol.

### What you need to know:

- It's illegal to give alcohol to your teen's underage friends under any circumstances — even in your own home, even with their parents' permission.
- You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to consume or possess alcohol in your home or on your property.

### What can happen if you break the law:

- You face a maximum sentence of 30 days in jail and \$1,075 in fines and fees.
- Your penalties can "stack up," as you can be ticketed for each underage person you provide with alcohol.
- You can be sued if you give alcohol to anyone

The Youth Development Coalition is working to help prevent the risky behavior of underage drinking. As you all

under 21 and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property.

### What you can do to protect yourself:

- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21
- Be at home when your teen has friends over
- Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or property by teen's friends.

If you would like to receive the "Parents That Host Lose the Most" Graduation safety kit please e-mail or call the YDC at [srmydc@shtc.net](mailto:srmydc@shtc.net) or 623-5265 . You can also download the kit from the DAODAS website <http://www.daodas.state.sc.us/>. The kit includes a pledge sheet that the parents sign and send in to the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS). It also gives you tips about talking with your teen, and information about how wide spread the problem of underage drinking is in South Carolina.

Please take the time to look at the information, talk with your teens, and support our efforts in reducing the number of teens in our area that participate in underage drinking.

## Marijuana

Just some facts for everyone to think about when the discussion of marijuana and its legalization comes up.

- ◇ Everyday 3287 teens use marijuana for the first time.
- ◇ 78% of the 2.4 million people who began

using in the last year were aged 12 to 20

- ◇ Regular to heavy marijuana use by teens can lead to an IQ drop of up to 8 points.
- ◇ 12-18 year old users are 3-7 x as likely to have an addiction to marijuana (Cannabis Use Disorder or CUD) than 22-26 year old

## Out of Their Hands—Know The Law



The YDC, the 4th district Alcohol Enforcement Team coordinator, and the NETC Student Government Association are working together on the "Out of Their Hands" campaign. Students and

members of the YDC will be working in the county to put out the "Out of Their Hands" materials in local alcohol retail stores throughout the month of May and continuing through the graduation season.

The campaign is designed to inform the public about the laws around underage drinking. The new design of the postcards, and bottle hangers have a trivia question with a QR code for people to get the answer and take a quick survey. This year we have added a drawing for a \$10 gift card. All you have to do is use the QR code, go the website, post a comment about the "Out of Their Hands" campaign on our [Facebook page](#) or call into the YDC office @ 623-5265 and ask about the

trivia question and give us your name and way to reach you, and you will be entered in the drawing.

This year 10 local retailers have joined with the YDC to participate in the campaign and are even providing help with placement of the stickers and posters. With help from the community we can take alcohol "Out of Their Hands." For more information contact Stacey Mosier at [srmydc@shtc.net](mailto:srmydc@shtc.net) or call 623-5265.

Below is a list of all of the participating retailers:

- ⇒ **Alco—Chesterfield**
- ⇒ **Marathon—Chesterfield**
- ⇒ **Keith's ABC—Cheraw**
- ⇒ **Money Saver—Cheraw**
- ⇒ **T & L's Food Shop—Pageland**
- ⇒ **Save Way—Cheraw**
- ⇒ **Dollar General—Pageland**
- ⇒ **Exxon Corner Cupboard—Cheraw**
- ⇒ **Hickey's Liquor—Cheraw**
- ⇒ **High Point 1 stop—Pageland**

## Marijuana— Continued

users.

- ◇ CUD is 2 x as likely in states with medical marijuana (2.6%).
- ◇ Patients diagnosed with a mental illness

are 3 x as likely to have CUD.

- ◇ 14 year olds using occasionally, weekly, or daily over 15 years are 2.5 x as likely to have anxiety disorder at age 29.
- ◇ If non-using at age 29, they are still 2 x as likely to have anxiety disorder.



## Mission

A coalition of citizens and organizations working together to change community attitudes by providing support, assistance and guidance needed to prevent risky behaviors among all youth in Chesterfield County.

## Vision

To create a healthy environment in order for our youth to become productive citizens.



# Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held on June 20, 2015 across the Pee Dee region.

The Pee Dee Regional Coordinating Council is helping to coordinate 6 counties to continue doing Rx Drug Take Back days since the DEA is no longer working on the initiative.

With South Carolina being 16th in the US for overdose deaths the importance of the drug take back day is vital to the health of our community. Here in the Chesterfield County area the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office, YDC and Hospice of Chesterfield County will have 4 drop off locations throughout the county.

With kids starting their summer break and a lot of grandparents watching kids over the summer, it is important to secure both over the counter and prescription medicines. Another way to keep these medications from being misused is to lock them up. Talk with

your kids and grandchildren about not taking medicines unless they are prescribed for them.

So remember to check the medicine cabinets, bedside tables, and kitchen drawers. Keep all your medications in one location, keep a list of the types and doses for each and when you got the prescriptions filled. If you have a child that gets into the medicine this will be helpful when getting help. **Call 911 or the Poison Control Center hotline for all poison emergencies 1-800-222-1222.**

Keep in mind that it is important to properly discard unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs. Flushing or tossing is not the way. Bag them up and bring them down to one of the take back locations on June 20th. Look for more information in next months newsletter, our Facebook page, the newspapers and local churches. Or call 623-5265 for more information.

**Going Digital...** The Youth Development Coalition newsletter is going digital and will not be mailed out through the postal services starting in October. If you are receiving the newsletter through email this will not affect how you receive the newsletter. However, if you are reading the newsletter on paper you can sign up to receive it through email. We will also be posting the newsletters on our Facebook page each month. E-mail your information to [srmydc@shtc.net](mailto:srmydc@shtc.net) today.