



Chesterfield County Youth Development Coalition

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The Chesterfield County Youth Development Coalition is a subcommittee of the Chesterfield County Coordinating Council and was established to address risky behaviors among our youth. We are committed to helping our young people develop the proper decision-making skills needed to prevent risky behaviors. We are students, parents, teachers, law enforcement officers, business leaders, state agencies, faith-based organizations, health care organizations and people from all walks of life working together to build a stronger future for our community.

The Youth Development Coalition will meet in the DSS Commons room 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:

- **September 16**
- **October 21**

Business Recognition

Throughout the year the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office preforms Compliance Checks on retail outlets that sell alcohol. The checks are to make sure that local retailers are not selling alcohol to minors. During the month of September the CCYDC, and the CCSO will honor those stores that have been compliant for the past year. Both owners and managers will be awarded Certificates of Compliance along with goody bags to show our appreciation for their diligence in not selling alcohol to minors.

We also will honor those retailers that participated in the "Out of Their Hands" campaign during the months of April, May and June. The campaign is designed to remind everyone that selling or even providing alcohol to minors is against the law. Retailers placed stickers on alcohol products, hung up posters and passed out postcards with information.

The last group we are honoring are the businesses that have donated prizes for and helped to promote the "Marijuana Ain't Nobody Got Time For That" art contest. A complete list of all of the businesses are listed on page 4. Please help support the businesses that we are honoring.

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Safe Tailgating Tips

Tailgating is a great way to get together with friends and other fans before a game to show your team spirit. However, it can also be a challenging environment to monitor alcohol use.

If you are planning on hosting or participating in a tailgating party, don't forget to use our safe tailgating tips to make sure everyone stays safe, healthy and happy this football season:

- Never serve alcohol to someone under the legal drinking age. Separate coolers with adult beverages away from those under 21.
- Plan ahead for a non-drinking designated driver after the game

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Talking with your teen

The message to parents to encourage them to talk with their children has been repeated for years, but it does not make it any less true. However, are the conversations that parents are having effective? Maybe the key to an effective conversation is to do more listening than talking. Children, specifically teenagers, tend to be wrapped up in their own selves. They can't imagine that anyone, not even those their own age, could possibly know what they are going through. It is not effective for a parent to disregard a child's problems as a minor issue simply because they have dealt with the same problems while growing up. It is always easier to look back and see the simple solutions that eluded us as youth.

Talking with your kids is not about using the

right lingo or being up to date on the latest technolo-

gy. It's about showing your children you care about them as an individual and the situations they face. Allow them to tell you their story and before you try to tell them the solution, know that this is difficult for them no matter how simple or silly you may see it. Ask them to give you their opinion of how the problem can be handled. Offer advice and know that sometimes they will not take it.

What our children want is to know that we have their backs. Supporting them in the decisions they make, helping to guide them in making better decisions and not ridiculing them if their choices are not what you would do. Growing up is never an easy task, no matter what decade we do it in.

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and make sure your friends do the same. Be prepared by having the number of a taxi service on hand for those who need a ride.

- Bring lots of water! It can be hot and alcohol can lead to dehydration, so make sure your party is well hydrated. No one wants to leave an enjoyable experience by ambulance.
- Provide plenty of food to keep your fellow tailgaters from drinking on an empty stomach, but avoid too many salty snacks, which tend to make people thirsty and drink more.
- Do not push drinks! Drinking at a game is

not mandatory for a good time. Provide non-alcoholic beverages for designated drivers and others who prefer not to drink alcohol.

Beer is just as intoxicating as hard liquor. A 12-ounce can of beer, a five-ounce glass of wine, a 12-ounce wine cooler and an ounce and a half of liquor contain the same amount of alcohol. No matter how you celebrate or who you cheer for, don't ruin game day by getting a DUI, or much worse. If you're going to drink alcohol, remember to plan ahead and designate a non-drinking driver to help get everyone home safely after the game.

Ruby Jubilee— Come out and enjoy the parade, eat some lunch and visit with friends in downtown Ruby on September 20, from 10am – 1:30pm.

Mt. Croghan Hometown

Homecoming—Saturday September 27 from 12-4 at the community Center & Museum

Events in the Community

Grounds. Come visit us at the booth.

Carolinfest—Saturday, October 4—Olde Towne Centre, Chesterfield from 9am-4pm. Don't forget to come and see who gets to Kiss A Pig for charity.

Fall Bazaar @ Oro United Methodist Church—Pageland on October 4, 2014 from 12—

Family Day Dinner Makes a Difference

Become a Star Family by visiting the Family Day website at <http://casafamilyday.org/familyday/about-family-day/>, and commit to: **Spend** time with my kids by having dinner together, **Talk** to them about their friends, interests and the dangers of drugs and alcohol, **Answer** their questions and listen to what they say, **Recognize** that I have the power to help keep my kids substance free!

September 22, 2014 marks the 13 annual Family Day and the fifth year that the Chesterfield County Youth Development Coalition has participated in this national event.

Whether you're cooking a gourmet meal, ordering food from your favorite take-out place or eating on the go, rest assured that what your kids really want during dinnertime is **YOU!** Family meals are the perfect time to talk to your kids and to listen to what's on their mind. The more often kids eat dinner with their families; the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs.

This year, the Chesterfield County Youth Development Coalition has once again joined with local area restaurants and the Chesterfield County Libraries to celebrate National Family Day. The YDC has updated the placemats that will be given out to families and organizations. The placemats are designed to use for your family dinner with fun things for the kids to do and conversation topics for you and you're teen. We have included a drawing for a \$50 gift card. Just pick up a placemat and follow the instructions.

Family Day placemats are available at the following locations :

All Chesterfield County Libraries; Smokehouse Grill in Jefferson; Nana's Kitchen, Pig N Vittles, Wendy's, and Moores Restaurant all in Chesterfield; BoJangles, Beth's Country Kitchen, Pig N Vittles, BurgerKing, and Wendy's all in Pageland; Fatz Café, Sonic Drive In, and Wendy's in Cheraw.

If you would like to have placemats for an event you are holding or to get more information contact Stacey Mosier at 623-5265 or at smydc@shtc.net.

Children's Perspectives on Contact and Visitation with an Incarcerated Parent

Did you know that more than 2 million children in the U.S. currently have a parent in prison or jail? Most of these children have few or no opportunities to express their opinions about maintaining a relationship with their incarcerated parent. Susan Limber, Ph.D. and Jasmine Hedge (graduate student) from Clemson University are conducting a study on children's views about contact and visitation with an incarcerated parent.

The purpose of the project is to better understand the views of children. We hope to use any information gathered to inform policies and practices that will better support families of prisoners. Children (ages 8-18) with a parent who is currently incarcerated will be interviewed and a legal guardian will complete a short survey. Each child will be given a \$20 VISA gift card for their participation. For more information, please contact Jasmine Hedge by phone (864-250-4660) or email (jhedge@clemson.edu).

Events in the Community

3pm. Looking for vendors and customers. There will be prizes and free food with a purchase. Set up time is 10:00-11:45am. For more information contact Clarice Blakeney @ 843-672-9789.

Jefferson Blue Jay Festival will be held on Saturday, October 11th, from 9am-9pm in downtown Jefferson. This is a great way to see another part of

the county and experience a great festival.

PASTOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON- October 21, 2014 at Hopewell Baptist Church Fellowship Building 15084 Highway 9, Chesterfield 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Honoring the pastors and their spouses who serve our area with love and compassion. For more information and to register, please call Cindy P. Beard at 623-5526 or 800-572-9322 by Thursday, Oct. 16th Sponsored by Hospice of Chesterfield County.

Vision

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



CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, SC
COORDINATING
COUNCIL

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.

Check out the Coalitions Facebook page and keep informed of all the latest issues.

The Youth Development Coalition would like to give a special thanks to The Link and The Progressive Journal for helping us get important information about issues that our youth face, out to the public.

Art Contest Contributors:

Piggly Wiggly

Pageland Florist

Hair Connections-Pageland

Rivers Graphics

Waiters Martial Arts Studio

Compliant Stores:

Alco #23 Cheraw	BiLo—Pageland
Blue Sky Mart	CVS—Cheraw
Dollar General—Jefferson	Dollar General—McBee
Dollar General—Patrick	EZ Quick—Jefferson
Food Lion—Pageland	IGA—Pageland
IGA—Cheraw	Jack's—Jefferson
Jefferson Food Plaza	Markette #1 McBee
Markette #2 McBee	McBrides—Cheraw
McCormicks—Jefferson	Mc Crays Convenience
Rogers—Pageland	Town and Country—Pageland

“Out of Their Hands” campaign Participants

Alco Chesterfield/Cheraw

BiLo Cheraw

Bi Rite/Chesterfield

Carolina Country Convenience / Pageland

Corner Cupboard / Cheraw

Curtis Oil / Chesterfield

Curtis Oil -Marathon Pageland

The Corner Store / Juniper Junction

Hickey's Liquor/Cheraw

In & Out / Pageland

Keith's ABC /Cheraw

T/C Grocery /Chesterfield

T& L's Food Shop /Pageland