



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:

- **July 15, 2014**
- **August 19, 2014**

Medical Marijuana: Has the Public Spoken?

Over the past 2-1/2 months the Coalition has spent a great deal of time trying to inform the public about proposed legislation for medical marijuana here in SC and about the Democratic Primary Ballot question on the subject. On June 10, 2014 the advisory question on the ballot read as follows: “Should medical marijuana be legalized for use in cases of severe, chronic illnesses when documented by a physician?” In Chesterfield County the results were 67.47% for legalizing medical marijuana. Overall this was less than the state results at 75.29%.

But what can be expected from such a worded question? Of course, no one wants to deny someone with a severe or chronic illness anything that may help them feel better. We are not monsters; we have compassion for the members of our communities. Would the results still be the same if the question was stated differently? For instance, “Should state legislators be able to pass laws that determine what should be a medicine?” or perhaps, “Would you support legislation that is similar to California’s law on medical marijuana?”

This year both the SC House and Senate passed a bill (H. 4803) to approve the clinical trials of cannabidiol for the treatment of patients with severe forms of epilepsy. Going through trials and the FDA approval for a drug is for the safety of our citizens. We agree that further studies into the properties of marijuana may be warranted. But the facts have not changed over the past couple of years; there are no clin-

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Alcohol, Social Networks and Teens

It is a common occurrence to come home and find your teen on the internet. It is also common that throughout the year your teen may have received a prepaid credit card as a birthday, holiday or special occasion gift. How often do they shop online and for what types of items are they shopping? Can they purchase items such as alcohol and fake marijuana? The answer to both is yes, and it will be shipped directly to your home.

A study from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill researchers, released earlier this year, is the first peer-reviewed study to determine if minors can successfully purchase alcohol online and to examine age verification procedures for online alcohol sales. It found that 45 out of 100 orders attempted by underage buyers were successful, even though they provided their real underage driver license when asked. Only 28% of orders placed by minors were rejected because of age verification. The \$2.4 billion a year industry is not focused on age verification. There is little regulatory attention given to underage alcohol online. "With just a few clicks on their computer or smartphone, kids can order alcohol to be delivered to their home." said Rebecca Williams, Ph.D., research associate at UNC's Center for Health Promotion & Disease Prevention and lead author of the study. "We were amazed at how easy it was for minors to buy alcohol online. Using their real ID and a prepaid Visa card, they could place an order for alcohol in just a few minutes and often have it delivered to their door in a matter of days without anyone ever trying to verify their age."

The 2005 U.S. Supreme Court *Granholm* decision allowed wineries to ship to out-of-state consumers. In the ruling, the court said that

states showed little evidence that youth access to alcohol online was a problem. The 225 Internet alcohol vendors included in the 2007 U.S. Economic Census had annual sales exceeding \$2.4 billion. By 2009, the UNC study identified more than 5,000 Internet alcohol vendors.

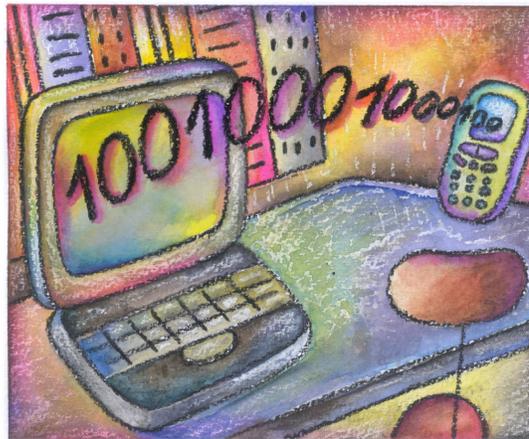
For the new study, eight underage participants attempted to purchase alcohol online from 100 popular vendors using prepaid Visa debit cards and providing their real identification when asked. What little age verification there was often consisted of simply pushing a button or typing in a false birth date. Less than half of vendors asked that FedEx and UPS verify their customers' age at delivery, the researchers said.

Of the 47 orders that arrived labeled as requiring age verification at delivery, only 34% were properly rejected by UPS or FedEx delivery staff after verifying the age of the recipient. 36% were left at the door, and 30% were handed to the underage buyer after examining their underage ID or taking their word that they were 21.

"With 45 of 100 alcohol purchase attempts successfully received by underage buyers, the age verification procedures in use by internet alcohol vendors clearly do not adequately prevent online alcohol sales to minors," the study says.

Take steps to know what your kids are buying online; ask them about the sites they visit, ask them to let you help in website searches, make the time to take them shopping so they can use their cards, suggest you hold the cards until they are ready to buy and then check out the what they are wanting to use the cards for. The most important thing you can do is pay attention. Set up ground rules for spending and where they can spend.

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ical studies that can make the claim that smoking marijuana is a cure for any disease.

Another bill (H. 4879) about medical marijuana was introduced in the house this year and did not pass. Bill (H. 4879) will more than likely be reintroduced in the next legislative season based on the merits of the advisory question. This bill is very similar to medical marijuana laws that have been passed in states like California. It will allow for production and processing of marijuana in the state and the medical conditions that it will cover are broad. Anyone can go to the doctor with any type of chronic condition (including back pain) and register for a card to smoke marijuana and be allowed to grow plants at home just for that purpose.

Our main concern is that this will make the access to marijuana by our youth much easier than it has been in the past. Do we really want to send a message to our youth that smoking marijuana named Blueberry-yum-yum, Girl Scout Cookies,

Mango Kush and Blue Dream is a medical treatment? But there is so much more to consider than just these concerns.

Would this mean that companies must hire anyone that has a registration card and fails a drug test? Although this may reduce the amount of arrests that involve possession of small amounts of marijuana, how many more impaired drivers will this put on the road? What will the cost be to the taxpayer for addiction treatment of those now legally allowed to use this drug? Yes, it will bring in new revenue to the state. But what is the estimated cost of regulating this type of endeavor?

This is an issue that has many sides and many unanswered questions. It is not only the concern for the Coalition but for our community as a whole. Ask the hard questions and get informed about the issue. Talk with your friends and family about the issue. If you would like more information or just get involved, contact the YDC at 843-623-5265 or email us at srmydc@shtc.net. We look forward to your opinions and suggestions.

16th Annual “Camp Sunshine”

A Bereavement Camp For Kids

Hospice of Chesterfield County is sponsoring a one-day bereavement camp for children in Chesterfield and Marlboro counties who have experienced loss. The 16th annual “Camp Sunshine” is being planned for children ages five to 12 who have experienced a death in the family and would benefit from a planned activity to help them cope with this loss. “Camp Sunshine” will be held Saturday, July 26 from 10 AM until 3 PM. The camp will be held at the Chesterfield Family YMCA on SC 9 in Chesterfield. Camp Sunshine is open to all recently bereaved children in Chesterfield and Marlboro counties including those whose families were not served by Hospice.

There is no charge for the camp, supplies, or lunch. Family members will need to provide transportation for their child or relative to attend “Camp Sunshine.” For more information about the camp, please call 623-9155 or 1-800-572-9322.

Hospice is a program of care and supportive services designed to help terminally ill persons live as comfortably and as fully as possible during the last stage of their life. The Hospice organization focuses on the maximum comfort and care of the terminally ill and provides support through an interdisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, social workers, clergy and volunteers. For more information about Hospice of Chesterfield County, please visit the Hospice offices located at 700 W. Blvd. in Chesterfield (623-9155), 160 Second St. in Cheraw (537-2008) or 114 E. McGregor St. in Pageland (672-9155) or call toll free at 1-800-572-9322.



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.

Vision

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

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2015 Marijuana “Marijuana—Ain’t Nobody Got Time For That” Calendar

Each year the Youth Development Coalition sponsors an art contest to raise awareness for parents and youth about the dangers of marijuana use. The artwork is being produced as a calendar and distributed through CCCC agencies, the YDC and the agencies/businesses that purchase ads. The theme for the 2015 Calendar is **“Marijuana – Ain’t Nobody Got Time for That.”**

Ads/donations will offset the cost of production, assist the YDC with match for the Drug Free Communities grant, and begin a fund to produce the 2016 calendar.

The Calendar will unfold so that the artwork will fill the entire top 11 x 8 size page and each month section will fill an 11 x 8 size page. It will have 13 months, starting with January 2014. The interior of calendar will be matte finish paper. The calendar will highlight CCCC and YDC meetings, special months, and holidays throughout the year.

You provide the artwork & efforts will be made to honor requests that your ad to be placed in a particular month. Each business/agency will receive up to 50 of the completed calendars to give out to clients, staff or whoever they choose. Minimum of 2000 calendars will be distributed!

Whole strip ad -11” x 2”-\$250 = \$.125 per ad that runs for up to 31 days (receive 50 calendars)

Half strip ad – 5.5”x2”--\$160 = \$.08 per ad (receive 35 calendars)

Business card size (three on a strip)--\$125 = **\$.0625 per ad** (receive 20 calendars)

DON’T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADVERTISE YOUR AGENCY AND SUPPORT THE YDC AT THE SAME TIME! Families using the calendar will look at your ad for an entire month.

To purchase an ad or for more information, contact Stacey Mosier at 623-5265 or srmydc@shtc.net.