



Madison Chatham Coalition

Empowering and Educating Youth to Make and Keep Healthy Lifestyle Choices

Newsletter, October 2017

Next Meeting Tuesday, October 17, 2017 9:30 - 11

Corpus Christi Church, Chatham Township, Classroom 5, 2nd floor

Position Posting

The MCC Coordinator position has been posted by our new fiscal agent, the Madison Area YMCA, as part of the next steps in the receipt of our grant from the federal White House Drug Policy Office. Resumes are requested no later than October 20. [Position Posting](#).



Upcoming Local Events

1. **Madison Area YMCA**
 - a. Middle School Teen Scene. Friday, October 13, 7 – 10 pm.
 - b. High School Welcome Back at “The Loft”. Saturday, October 14, 7:30 – 9:30
 - c. Night of Conversation sponsored (Talk to Your Kids about Drugs and Alcohol), Nov. 16
2. **Hidden in Plain Sight**, October 19th at Madison High School, 6-8 pm. Provides a walkthrough of a teen’s bedroom showing where drugs can be hidden, and what different types of drug paraphernalia look like. (MAASA)
3. **Two Parenting Workshops** at St Paul’s Church in Chatham. Free and open to the public on October 17 and 19 from 7:00- 8:30pm. They will be hosted by Mary and Tim Barrett, local therapists with over 20 yrs. of experience. The first workshop will be for parents of elementary aged children and the second for parents of middle school/high school children. The workshops will focus on issues facing kids and parents today - on line bullying, self-esteem, drugs and alcohol, etc.(MACC)
4. **Check Your Meds Day**, October 20, 10 - 2 at the Madison Senior Center. Frank Iannarone, owner of Madison Pharmacy, will be available to check your meds and answer questions. (MAASA)
5. **Positive Parenting, 4 sessions starting October 25th**. Mary W. Funari is a PCI Certified Parent Coach® with ten years’ experience supporting and empowering parents (MAASA)

Other Events in the Morris County Area

1. **Drug court** is every Monday and Tuesday afternoon at 2pm in courtroom #12. You are welcome to come observe. Drug court participants are adults. They must be over 18.
2. **Florham Park to raise awareness about the opioid and heroin epidemic and how it can be stopped**. 7 pm, Thursday, October 12 at Ridgedale Middle School, 71 Ridgedale Ave.
3. **CARES Volunteer Breakfast**. Monday, October 16, 10 am. Opportunity to get to know the organization and learn about peer support opportunities and County drug prevention and rehab activities.
4. **Removing the Stigma of Mental Illness and Addiction: Building Healthy Communities**. November 1, 8:30 – 1, sponsored by Atlantic Health Systems and Morris County Stigma Free Communities. RSVP to 973 660 3183.



In the News

1. **Vaping policies** [Madison Vaping Policy 1](#), [Madison Vaping Policy 2](#), [Chatham Vaping Policy Report](#)
2. **Madison Chatham Coalition Booth** was part of the Madison Eagle's Bottle Hill video (about a minute into the video). http://www.newjerseyhills.com/madison_eagle/news/bottle-hill-day/youtube_d478aaa6-122e-5313-94a1-e957eca6e778.html
3. **Our Grant Award** was in the Madison Eagle as well as other media outlets. http://www.newjerseyhills.com/madison_eagle/news/madison-chathams-coalition-wins-white-house-grant/article_8426ffd1-eb2f-51a3-ae11-7b0d08bcff9e.html
4. [Madison-police-will-be-trained-to-use-NARCAN-to-counteract-opiate-overdoses](#)
5. **Growth in Teen Anxiety** [NY Times report on the growth of teen anxiety. It is now exceeding depression.](#)
6. [The meteoric rise of fentanyl in NJ](#)
7. **Common Sense Media** [Group that advocates for children and the proper use of media and technology](#)

“Best Sellers” from prior months

1. **Pediatricians Warn About the Dangers of Kids using Marijuana** The [research is clear that using marijuana during adolescence](#) could have a long-term impact on a teen's memory, problem-solving skills and critical thinking. Wolk, who is also Colorado's chief medical officer, said in 2015. "The research shows that that's like a turn-off. "Instead of focusing on the health risks, Wolk encouraged parents to talk to their kids about what they might lose if they use marijuana during their teenage years. Wolk pointed to [Colorado's online resources for parents](#) to help with the conversation.
2. **American Academy of Pediatrics Warnings about Vaping** What does this mean for people that use vaping devices and electronic cigarettes? Bottom line; you should quit. There is no such thing as a safe level of nicotine and any level of exposure is extremely dangerous to children and pets. <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/how-to-help-kids-dodge-cigarette-vaping-and-pot-marketing-and-stay-smoke-free>

Contact us at: MadisonChathamCoalition@gmail.com if you have comments, questions, events or articles that you believe are relevant to MCC's mission, or would like to become more involved.



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Event Flyers:

[check-your-meds-day-flyer.pdf](#)

[Madison Hidden In Plain Sight 10.19.17.pdf](#)

[Positive Parenting pdf.pdf](#)