

Fellows Spotlight

HIGHLIGHTS FROM NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK 2015

“The Voice of One...the Power of ALL!”



The Council on Substance Abuse-NCADD

Held a “Prevention Works” Health Fair at the Montgomery Job Corps Center on Thursday-May 21, 2015. Local community organizations set up tables and provided attendees information flyers, brochures and pamphlets about their respective agencies. COSA-NCADD provided participants handouts on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs as well as HIV information featuring their “Knowing is Sexy” Campaign. Approximately 150 Job Corp participants attended the event. According to COSA-NCADD, feedback from participants the event was a great success!



SpectraCare Health Systems, Inc. hosted a window display at Wiregrass Commons Mall in Dothan, AL, and a day-long photo booth showcasing the "I Choose" campaign.

Prevention Specialists designed and built a display to be put in the Community Showcase Window at Wiregrass Commons Mall, Dothan, AL. This was displayed for the entire month of May and highlighted the National Prevention Week theme, with daily fact sheets pertaining to each day's focus during Prevention Week.

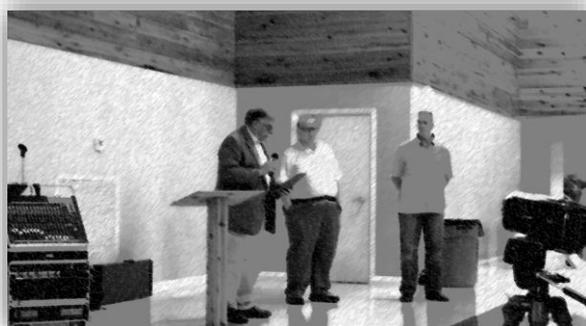
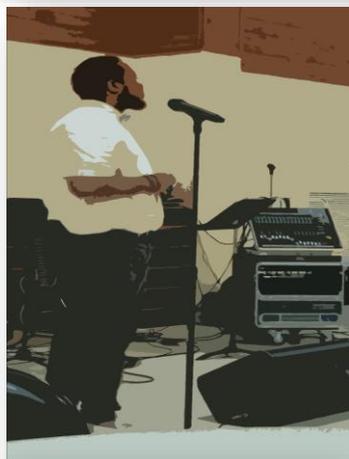


A public photo booth was held from 10 am to 3 pm on Friday, May 15, at Wiregrass Commons Mall in Dothan, AL, in which participants wrote their healthy lifestyle choice on a laminated "I choose" sign, and their photos were taken in front of a backdrop. Photos were displayed for the public to view during National Prevention Week. Also displayed with the photos were fact sheets pertaining to each day's focus during the week. Fun props were provided for participants to wear in their photo. Approximately 50 people participated in the photo booth, and brochures on substance abuse prevention efforts were made available to mall shoppers as well as photo booth participants during this event. Specific feedback was not given, however mall shoppers were enthusiastic about discussing their healthy life choices and having their photo taken.





Richard Bonds of Cheaha Regional Mental Health Center in Sylacauga, Alabama coordinated a “Night of Teen Awareness” with Mike Lutzenkirchen of the Lutzie 43 Foundation. Mike established the foundation in loving memory of his son Phillip. The Lutzie Foundations’ mission is to develop the character of young athletes and their coaches on leadership, compassion, mentorship, hard work, honesty and faith. Youth and community members enjoyed music by Vocalist Teresa Yager and the Grace Baptist Church of Childersburg and a powerful spoken word message from Tre Ragland. Mayor Doug Murphree presented a Resolution from the city of Sylacauga to Richard Bonds, SAMHSA and Mike Lutzenkirchen. Representatives from community and state organizations participated. Carol Sprayberry from the Focus Program, Coretta Grant-ADPH Smoking Cessation program, Beverly Johnson-ADMH SPF SIG Coordinator spoke on underage drinking and State Trooper Chuck Daniel reinforced the dangers of driving under the influence and seat belt safety. Trooper Daniels also showed participants the dangers of driving and/or riding without seatbelts with the rollover simulator. Participants enjoyed a hearty meal which was donated by a generous supporter of the event and then listened to the heartfelt story Mike Lutzenkirchen shared about his beloved son Phillip. Phillip was killed in a motor vehicle accident last year; he and his friends had been drinking. Mike openly relived this event, sharing the legacy of his son. A young man of character, compassion and generosity, but whose life was taken because of a poor choice he made when out with friends. He challenged the youth to think about the choices they make daily and how it will impact the legacy they leave behind. The event was held at the Sanctuary in Sylacauga.



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