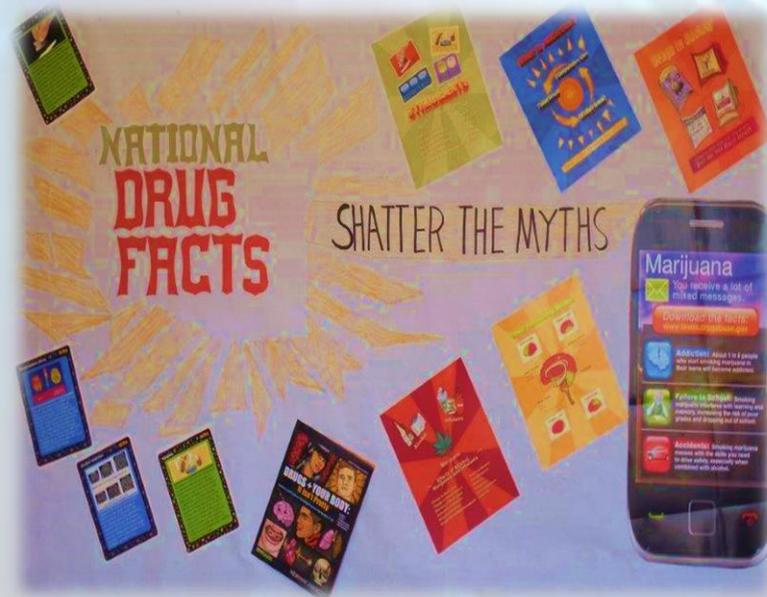


THE FELLOWS SPOTLIGHT

Aliceville Housing Authority

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Aliceville Housing Authority's (AHA) prevention efforts are filled with Passion, Power & Purpose. During a recent visit to their facility I left in ADMIRATION; inspired by the BIG work through such a SMALL team...in a community where children are faced with overwhelming obstacles. Situated in Southern Pickens County is a renovated building equipped with classrooms, a computer lab, gymnasium and full size kitchen with eating area and pictures made with the tiny hands that fill those walls each evening. Ms. Blakney's passion illuminated the room as she shared information on recent activities, accomplishments of some of the participants and future dreams and wishes for the children they serve.



National Drug Facts Week 2015 Celebration at Park Cameron Resource Center was held for the entire community. The celebration included information booths on underage drinking and drugs, DJ "on deck", Rap Contest, Dance and Basketball Tournament. Winners of the "Drug Facts, Shatter the Myths" Poster Contest were announced. Youth took the 2015 National Drug IQ Challenge and prizes were awarded to the TOP 3 with most answers correct. Trophies were given to winning teams of the Basketball Tournament and participants enjoyed pizza drinks and door prizes. 110 Youth Participated!!!!

Pamphlets, display board and mini posters drawn by youth for the National Drug Facts Week Community-Wide Event



The Afterschool Program hosts an average of 60 youth daily! Youth receive help with homework, receive life skills education and can participate in arts, crafts, sports and other games. Special events to celebrate holidays like Halloween carnivals, Easter egg hunts, holiday community service activities, picnics in the park, spring break activities, and special Prevention Activities such as Red Ribbon Week are only some of the wonderful opportunities available for the Aliceville youth.

For more info on how to talk to your kids about drugs visit www.drugfree.org



The Mississippi State Bulldogs will be receiving one of Aliceville's youth! He has lived in AHA all of his life and began participating in programs at a very early age. He was a standout in both basketball and football at Aliceville High School. When not at school practicing, his passion for sports moved him to continuously practice at Park Cameron, sharpening his skills alongside his peers. He will be graduating in May and a PROUD recipient of a FULL Football Scholarship.....YAAAYYYY! Go Bulldogs

Pictures of AHA in Action. Images edited for confidentiality.



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