



*Maryland Teens Rejecting Abusive Smoking Habits*  
Youth Advisory Board Meeting  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008

o Coalition Updates

**Anne Arundel**

- plan alternative Halloween party
- t-shirts and other incentives to promote Project Exhale

**Baltimore City**

- PR presentation

**Charles County**

- prepared for PSA and posted contest over the summer
  - students created a video or poster in art classes in every high school in the county
- invited to go to the white house in January
- working in conjunction with Comcast company
- Juneteenth festival
  - about 300 people in attendance
  - Health Dept provided tobacco outreach & HIV tests
- planning Day of the Dead Concert for Hispanic Heritage Month

**Frederick County**

- have been working with churches by doing tobacco presentations at youth group meetings
- participated in Asian Health Fair, Industry Fair and Latino Festival where they passed out info about their coalition

**Garrett County**

- held a middle school dance for Kick Butts Day
- threw shirts into crowd promoting their coalition at basketball games
- PSAs shown at school and heard on local radio
- lobby displays
- puppet shows
- distributed ads on car windshields promoting contests

- youth went on sting operations with local law enforcement to places cigarettes are sold to see if merchants would sell to them
- overnight recruitment retreat
- spreading word about harms of smokeless tobacco

### **Montgomery County**

- goal for the year is to talk to the school board (in Dec. or Jan.) about current tobacco policies in the schools.
  - Passed out 800 tobacco surveys in 18 Montgomery County high schools and collected info to take to school board.
  - Trying to get all Mont. Co school campuses to go smoke free
  - alternative punishment to suspension for policy violators.
- 11/27 Kick Ash Forum
  - guest speaker from Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids

### **Prince George's County**

- toxic soup presentations
- made Mock Trail video on tobacco education
- Movement Towards the Positive
  - 11/22 Suitland high school
  - bring awareness to positive activities students participate in
  - have to be non smokers to participate
  - 6 groups from 6 other states are currently committed to the event

### **Washington County**

- World No Tobacco Day with guest Sterlen Barr
- collected pledges not to smoke- 3 people have quit!
- anti tobacco messages on TRASH shirts
- presented toxic pizza program to clubs, school organizations, and local middle schools
- planning for Block Party in the spring, Sterlen Barr

- **Reggie Moore and Bennie Patterson, from The American Legacy Foundation, presentation on Social Justice!**
- **Coalition Brain Storming**
  - What does Social Justice mean to you?**
    - treating everyone equally
    - being open minded



- respect
- uniting people who are segregated
- helping those who are struggling
- cessation resources
- less consequences, more help!
- knowledge
- more positive activities
- trust of enforcement, not fear!

- **Coalition Activity Planning**

- involve audience more
- borrow resources to save money (ex. carbon monoxide detector from local health department/hospital)
- collect smoke-free pledges from the community
- involvement with other school clubs not just tobacco related clubs
- bring in engaging guest speakers
- people can write stories about how they have personally been affected by tobacco
- more public speaking from group members

- **Election Results**

President: Mai

Vice President: Lyanne

Public Relations: Eondia and Tashi

Secretary: Sophie

