



SCCDAT NEWS

Sumner County Community Drug Action Team

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ENGAGE! EMPOWER! EDUCATE!

- * **ENGAGE** communities, families and Youth in partnership to reduce substance abuse.
- * **EMPOWER** youth to make good decisions.
- * **EDUCATE** community members about prevention, awareness, and programs.

GET READY! WE'RE GOING TO BE BUSY!

Your SCCDAT staff hopes you have had a peaceful and restful summer! We have been busy planning for the future and of course we will need your help! As always, we welcome your input and depend on you and your support as we continue to provide prevention programs and awareness of the issues throughout the county.

- * **August 14th is our SCCDAT Annual Coalition meeting.** We will be meeting at the Sumner County Economic Development Office, located at 123 North Jefferson in Wellington. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. We will be providing dinner for you so we need an RSVP if you will be attending. We hope to see you then!
- * **Registration is open for the 2019 Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) student survey.** Superintendents can register their district online or by paper. Simply go to the KCTC website (kctcdata.org) and click on the [Survey Registration](#) link at the top and go from there. The Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) youth survey has been administered annually free of charge throughout the state since 1994. The survey tracks teen use of harmful substances such as alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. In addition, the survey provides a baseline for teen participation in, perception of, and attitudes toward both prosocial and antisocial behavior at the peer, school, family and community levels. It provides a measurable level of risk and protective factors that influence behavior, attitudes, and opinions of Kansas teens. Sumner County students have participated in this survey since 1995, giving excellent data to schools and other organizations. Don't forget that this survey requires written parental permission. ENROLLMENT is a great time to obtain that permission. If you have questions about the survey please contact Nancy White at Greenbush. You can email her: Nancy.white@greenbush.org or call: 620-724-6281.
- * **We are looking for students in grades 9-12** to form a SCCDAT Youth Council. Applications are available at the SCCDAT Office, from any school counselor, or by following this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1itoevg6kUVxNlCkCoFb-kO118mOfSrc07-Gkym-lwwk/prefill> Representatives from all the schools in Sumner County are needed. We are looking forward to a great turnout and a new SCCDAT Youth Council!!
- * **Lions Quest** is an evidence based program that has been implemented at Wellington High School (USD 353) for several years. -All freshmen students were required to complete a one semester class called Crusader Way which utilized the Lions Quest curriculum. Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, WHS will be implementing the new Lions Quest curriculum in grades 9-12 during the Crusader Connections (seminar) period. Training for the new curriculum will take place in September with full implementation to follow!
- * **Botvin Life Skills** is another evidence based program that has been implemented in Caldwell (USD 360) in grades 6 and 8 and in Argonia (USD 357) in grades 4-8. SCCDAT staff Kiersten Theurer and Kori Boyd completed training this summer for the Middle School BLS curriculum and will be helpful as Wellington Middle School implements the curriculum in grades 6-8! Hannah Schuck and Tim Lira, both PE teachers at WMS will be utilizing this curriculum in their classes for all students!!!

SCCDAT is a coalition of concerned people from all walks of life, covering all of Sumner County Kansas. While our focus is on underage drinking and substance abuse there are other issues that SCCDAT strives to educate our members about. Mental health, suicide and depression awareness, and Adverse Childhood Experiences—trauma that so greatly effects a child's life are just a few of those issues. Your SCCDAT staff attends workshops and seminars to better understand the issues at hand and to be able to provide you with the information you need as you assist the coalition with your efforts. As a Coalition, we hope to meet the common goal of preventing and reducing the problem of underage drinking and other risk factors that affect our entire community. We cannot do this without your ideas and support to continue SCCDAT's efforts in Sumner County. It definitely takes all of us working together to make this happen. THANK YOU for what you have done in the past and what you will continue to do in the future!!!

Concerned about teen substance abuse? This information is an excellent resource for parents, grandparents, school personnel, or anyone that is concerned about teen addiction and substance abuse. Take the time to look it over and share it with someone you know.

- Information about drug use: www.teens.drugabuse.gov/parents
- Hotline for parents (not a crisis line): 1-855-378-4373
- Youth crisis hotlines: www.connectsafely.org/resources-for-youth-in-crisis/
- Found a pill? Don't know what it is? Look it up: www.drugs.com/imprints.php
- Get One-on-One Help to Address Your Child's Substance Use www.drugfree.org/article/get-one-on-one-help/

Almost 1/4 of young drivers involved in fatal traffic crashes had alcohol in their systems.

#Somuchlifetolive #dontbecomethestatistic



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. Some great resources can be found on the samhsa.gov website. One of those is the mobile apps that are available at no cost. You can get connected today!



If alcohol is in the driver's seat, ask for help.



SCCDAT—Serving all of Sumner County



SCCDAT Youth coalition members carried the SCCDAT banner in the Kansas Wheat Festival Parade, held July 13th in Wellington KS.

500 ItMatters messages were handed out, attached to a piece of candy. Many thanks to those students as the temps were triple digits!!!



Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about the coalition and our programs.

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