

## **SCCDAT NEWS**

Sumner County Community Drug Action Team

December 2018

#### 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.



May your New Year be filled with health and happiness!

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### **SCCDAT forms County-Wide Youth Council**

December marked the beginning of the new SCCDAT Youth Council. The meeting was made up of 14 students from area high schools (Belle Plaine, Caldwell, Oxford, South Haven, and Wellington) along with adult sponsors from each of those towns + SCCDAT staff. Students, along with their peers and sponsors, formed lists of issues that they see in their schools and communities every day. Each school shared their list of issues and then the group, as a whole, came up with ideas on how to combat those issues and the resources needed to do so. Students were sent back to their schools to begin brainstorming initiatives that they would like to focus on in the upcoming months. SCCDAT staff will meet with these students on a monthly basis at their schools and the Youth Council will meet altogether once per quarter to track their progress and continue working in the direction of positive change in their schools and communities.

Pictured: Area high school students, sponsors, and SCCDAT staff work hard to evaluate the issues our students face day–to-day.





SCCDAT staff members Kori Boyd & Kiersten Theurer attended a Data & Evaluation Workshop at Wichita State's Community Engagement Institute at the beginning of December. Topics included how to navigate and make use of data provided to the coalition through the KCTC survey and other avenues, how to evaluate that data, graphic design tools to display such data, etc. Kiersten & Kori are pictured above with members of other coalitions from across the state of Kansas.

#### **UPCOMING:**

Our next coalition meeting will take place on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 8th</u> at noon at the Sumner County Economic Development Office. We will be brainstorming new initiatives and the plans for existing initiatives. Please feel free to join us or contact us for more information about how to get involved with SCCDAT!

#### SCCDAT—Serving all of Sumner County



KANSAS Communities That Care Student Survey

#### SUMNER COUNTY



18.47% of Sumner County 6th/8th/10th/12th grade students reported that they have tried electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, or e-hookahs at least one time in their life.

#### **Contact Us**

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

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