



**SCCDAT**  
SUMNER COUNTY COMMUNITY DRUG ACTION TEAM

# SCCDAT NEWS

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*Our Mission:*

*To combine efforts within the community to prevent and decrease drug use, and to increase the known factors that help to reduce the risk for drug, alcohol and tobacco use in youth.*

## WHAT IS A COALITION???

**Fran Butterfoss**

The word coalition comes from the Latin roots: coalescere, to grow together, and coalitio, a union. A community coalition is classically defined as a group of individuals representing diverse organizations, factions, or constituencies who agree to work together to achieve a common goal (Fieghery & Rogers, 1990). By bringing diverse human and material resources to the table, partners work towards specific changes that they would not be able to bring about individually. Working in partnership is empowering and appeals to a community's sense of equity and social justice.

We believe that coalitions are powerful tools for community change. We trust that the wisdom and knowledge needed to solve health or social issues rests with professional and community-based organizations and stakeholders who have lived experience with those issues. We also believe that community members can and should be actively engaged in decision making and problem solving in a collaborative, equitable way. Ultimately, a coalition works to reduce or prevent a community problem by analyzing the problem, identifying and implementing solutions, and creating social change. With clarity of purpose and commitment to excellence, we know that coalitions work!

SCCDAT staff recently attended a workshop at Wichita State University presented by author and speaker, Fran Butterfoss where we learned about coalitions and how to make them effective in our community. We look forward to sharing some of these ideas with you in the future. For more information you can visit the web site at [coalitionswork.com](http://coalitionswork.com)

At CoalitionsWork our mission is to promote  
*healthy partnerships*

We help coalitions and partnerships reach their potential to be a force for positive change in the health of their communities. We do this through collaborative research, education, and consultation with organizations, partnerships and coalitions.



*The strength of partnerships*

The Kansas Wheat Festival, as many of the festivals throughout the state of Kansas, have a beer garden for those festival goers who are of legal age to have a beverage of their choice. SCCDAT was please to assist in the efforts of the prevention of underage drinking by sponsoring an alcohol sales training class for those volunteers helping with the beer garden, at the request of the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce. The class was well attended! This is the third alcohol sales training SCCDAT has sponsored in Sumner County this year. The coalition is happy to assist in these efforts as we continue with out prevention awareness and programs throughout the county.



## Contact Us

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

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**SCCDAT—Serving all of Sumner County**

While it's still summer for now, the beginning of school is upon us. Enrollment is just around the corner. Schools—If you haven't already, please consider including parent consent forms in your enrollment packets. Customizable consent forms are available on the KCTC web site ([www.kctcdata.org](http://www.kctcdata.org)). You can call Nancy White at Greenbush (620-724-6281) or email her ([nancy.white@greenbush.org](mailto:nancy.white@greenbush.org)) if you have any questions about registration, the survey, participation, etc. She will be happy to help you.

Superintendents—please get your district registered for the KCTC survey today. Sumner County has had great participation in the past, providing valuable data to our schools and communities.



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## PREPARE FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Many parents are not sure how to talk to their children about the dangers of alcohol, but it is important that they start talking early, and often. SAMHSA's "Talk. They Hear You." campaign helps parents and other caregivers prepare for one of the most important conversations they may ever have. Check out the SAMHSA website today for information. [www.samhsa.gov/underage-drinking](http://www.samhsa.gov/underage-drinking) There are many resources on the SAMHSA website than can assist in our efforts of awareness and prevention of underage substance abuse.

