

Coordinator's Report

Jackson County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

February 2009

DATA FOR DUMMIES

7th grade tobacco statistics...

- **39%** report it is easy or very easy to get cigarettes
- **97%** believe their parents think it is wrong to smoke
- **6.3%** smoked their first cigarette before age 11
- **85%** report regular cigarette use to be a moderate or great risk
- **10%** have smoked a whole cigarette
- **2.2%** have smoked cigars or cigarillos in the past 30 days

Source: 2008 Michigan Profiles for Health Youth – Jackson County

LOCAL SPOTLIGHTS

Jackson Meth Lab

Date: January 14, 2009
Location: 10381 McCreery Road
Status: Currently condemned

Drunk Driver Hits Pedestrian

January 11th, 2009 – A Munnith man was charged with drunken driving after hitting a pedestrian early Saturday morning in Henrietta Township, according to Jackson County Undersheriff Tom Finco. The pedestrian, a 38-year-old Jackson man, was not identified by name. He was taken to Allegiance Hospital with injuries, described as serious, by Finco.

RESOURCES AND NEWS

Renewed Legislative Efforts Emerge on Statewide Smoking Ban

- Freshman House member Paul Scott (R) introduced the smoking ban bill last week, House Bill 4099.
- Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) is creating a bicameral, bipartisan anti-smoking caucus and he is asking all lawmakers to sign a pledge that they will work on the smoking ban issue. The list of people who sign the pledge will be made public, as will the list of legislators who don't sign the pledge.
- For more information about House Bill 4099 visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter 4099 in the 'bill number search.'
- If you support this legislation, remember to...
 - Contact your local Representatives and Senator to encourage them to support and pass the bill.
 - Forward information about the bill on to friends and neighbors.



COALITION ACTIVITIES

- Forward movement on the School Toolkit – Thank you letter to the ISD for their kind contribution to this effort
- An additional \$6,900 of SPF-SIG tobacco prevention money was awarded to the coalition!

UPCOMING COALITION ACTIVITIES

February 17 Data and Evaluations Committee, 3:00- 4:30, UW
March 9..... Strategic Planning Meeting, 12:00-1:30, UW
March 11..... Coalition Meeting, 1-2:30, UW