

# Coordinator's Report

Jackson County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

July 2009

## LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS!

**Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act – House Bill 1256 was signed into Law by President Obama**

*Bill Language:* <http://tinyurl.com/fedhouse1256>

*Bill Overview:*

- Provides for the regulation of tobacco products by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), including thorough disclosure, annual registration, inspection, recordkeeping, and user fee requirements, and establishes the Center for Tobacco Products to implement this Act.
- Sets forth criteria by which tobacco products are deemed adulterated or misbranded.
- Prohibits: 1) Cigarettes from containing any artificial or natural flavor (other than tobacco or menthol) or any herb or spice, including strawberry, cinnamon, or coffee; or 2) a tobacco product manufacturer from using tobacco that contains a greater level of pesticide chemical residue than is specified by any tolerance applicable to domestically grown tobacco.
- Requires the FDA to establish tobacco product standards to protect the public health.
- Prohibits the FDA from: 1) banning all cigarettes, all smokeless tobacco products, all little cigars, all other cigars, all pipe tobacco, or all roll-your-own tobacco products; or 2) requiring the reduction of the nicotine yields of a tobacco product to zero.
- Requires premarket approval of all new tobacco products.
- Requires the FDA to establish a Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee.
- Revises tobacco product warning labels and advertising

## COALITION ACTIVITIES

- Most Teens Don't Campaign
- Synar
- School Toolkit
- Website

## UPCOMING COALITION ACTIVITIES

Jul 13.....Strategic Planning Committee, 12-1:30, UW  
Jul 23.....ATOD Committee, 11-12:15, UW  
Aug 10.....Strategic Planning Committee, 12-1:30, UW  
Aug 12.....JCSAPC 1-2:30, UW  
Fun Fact Finders Committee, 2:45- 4, UW

## RESOURCES AND NEWS

**U of M students to take class on alcohol, sexual assault**

Freshmen who enroll at the University of Michigan in the fall just got another requirement to complete - an online course on alcohol abuse and sexual assault they'll have to complete before they arrive on campus.

The course, called Community Matters, gives the university a jump-start in educating new students on how to adjust to college life, U-M officials say. ([outsidetheclassroom.com](http://outsidetheclassroom.com).)

National studies show the first few months at college are when students are most likely to engage in risky behaviors, with two in five undergraduates reporting they drank heavily.

A portion of the course asks students about their own behaviors and provides customized information based on students' responses. For instance, students who respond that they do not drink receive encouragement, and are told about the activities on campus that do not involve drinking, such as the UMix Late Night series of activities on Fridays.

Students who indicate they drink heavily are told about resources such as BASICS, the two-session alcohol education and intervention program for students who want to learn moderation strategies.

Aggregate data compiled from students' responses - without students' individual identifying information - will be given to U-M to refine its programs.

The new program is a one-year pilot that could be extended based on its results

