

# Coordinator's Report

Jackson County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

March 2009

## DATA FOR DUMMIES

### Jackson County High School statistics...

- 13% of students have been injured in a physical fight and were treated by a doctor in the past year
- 66% have seen students wreck other students property in the past year

Profiles for Health Youth – Jackson County

## LOCAL SPOTLIGHTS

### Highlights of Michigan's new Ignition Interlock Law

- Michigan Legislature approved an Ignition Interlock Law for drunk drivers which will go into effect October 31, 2010.

#### Law provisions

- Creates a high BAC or "superdrunk" category (BAC of 0.17+) with enhanced penalties.
- Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to suspend the driver's license of an individual for a high BAC offense for one year if he or she had no prior convictions within the previous seven years, or not more than two convictions within the past 10 years.
- Requires a person convicted of a high BAC offense from operating a vehicle under a restricted license unless the vehicle was equipped with an approved and properly installed ignition interlock device.
- Requires, before an ignition interlock device is removed, verification that the person had operated the vehicle with no instances of reaching or exceeding a BAC of 0.025.
- Requires the SOS to impose an additional period of license suspension and restriction if the person violates the conditions of the restricted license or attempted to operate a vehicle with a BAC of 0.025.
- Prohibits a person who has been issued a restricted license, requiring an ignition interlock device, from removing the device or causing it to be removed.
- Requires a court to order a person convicted of a high BAC offense to participate and complete one or more rehabilitative programs as part of the sentence.

## RESOURCES AND NEWS



Investment

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Savings

### Every dollar invested in substance-abuse prevention yields \$10 in savings

Every dollar invested in substance-abuse prevention yields \$10 in savings, according to researchers from [Iowa State University](http://www.iastate.edu) who recently presented their findings to the United Nations.

Researchers Richard Spoth, director of the Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute at Iowa State, and colleague Max Guyll told attendees at the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime/World Health Organization meeting in December that studies of PPSI's Iowa Strengthening Families Program (ISFP) and Life Skills Training Program (LST) demonstrated significant cost benefits.

The research estimated how many cases of drug use each intervention prevented, and then compared the cost of each successful intervention to the cost savings to the community. Spoth and Guyll said that ISFP yielded a \$9.60 return for each \$1 invested in preventing alcohol disorders, while LST has a \$9.98 return on investment in terms of preventing methamphetamine use.

The International Narcotics Control Board has asked Spoth to help develop a report on the state-of-the-art of prevention. The reports on ISFP and LST are available at: <http://www.ppsi.iastate.edu/press/vienna.htm>.

### COALITION ACTIVITIES

- School Toolkit is currently being reviewed by Thrun Law Firm
- Website development is underway

### UPCOMING COALITION ACTIVITIES

March 17 ..... Data and Evaluations Committee, 3:00-4:30, UW  
March 25 ..... ATOD Committee, 11:00-12:15, UW  
March 26 ..... Mid-South Coordinator's Mtg, Lansing  
March 27 ..... Prescription Drug Conference, Lansing, 7:45-3:15