

WHAT IS A MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE?

The Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) was established to review and coordinate New Jersey's efforts in regard to the planning and provision of treatment, prevention, research, evaluation, and education services, and public awareness of alcoholism and drug abuse. Additionally, the Council was to establish and maintain the Municipal Alliance Program, which is a network of community based prevention programs.

The Municipal Alliance program operates in all 21 counties. They were created to provide grass roots volunteers an opportunity to make direct, effective change within their communities by producing localized solutions to their individual problems with substance abuse.

Municipal Alliances are able to provide substance abuse prevention and education programs with the funds they receive from the Council. Those funds are divided among the counties and distributed to the more than 500 participating communities. The funding for the Governor's Council, including the Municipal Alliance Program, comes from the Drug Enforcement Demand Reduction fund. These are fines levied on convicted drug users and sellers which in turn wind up back in the community helping to solve the problems they helped create. We think that's the way smart government ought to be run!

FUNDED PROGRAMS

Get Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs - Through EHT's Recreation Department, five fishing trips are scheduled throughout the Summer and Fall for local youth to participate in a positive activity while trained professionals reinforce a substance abuse prevention message.

Forest Friends - Atlantic Prevention Resources provides all first graders throughout EHT with a six session puppet program. These sessions focus on decision making, communication, honesty, feelings and other life skills to prevent early first use.

Drug Awareness Resistance Education - Through the EHT Police Department a trained, uniformed police officer conducts seventeen weekly sessions of DARE lessons for all 5th grade classes.

Project Graduation - An all night drug and alcohol free post graduation party is held for seniors each year in order to offer an alternative to negative behavior on graduation night.

EHT Fun Night - Each August the Alliance sponsors a community night along with a "Movie Under the Stars." Family fun mixed with informational booths is the agenda for this annual event.

OUR MISSION

The Egg Harbor Township's Municipal Alliance mission is to provide Egg Harbor Township residents with programs to aide in the prevention of the harm caused by substance abuse. This is accomplished through substance abuse education and prevention programs for youth and families. A needs assessment is completed every few years to determine that our funded programs are current with the needs of our community.

WE NEED YOU

The Alliance needs members from the Egg Harbor Township community. If you work in the Egg Harbor Township School District, are a member of the PTA, a local civic association, local religious group, member of a labor union, work for a treatment organization, an individual directly effected by alcohol or drug abuse or just a concerned citizen please consider volunteering as a member of the Egg Harbor Township Municipal Alliance. We are a growing community and we need your help.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you would like more information on the Egg Harbor Township Municipal Alliance or if you are interested in becoming a member please return this form to:

Egg Harbor Twp Municipal Alliance
3515 Bargaintown Rd
Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Yes, I would like more information

I am interested in becoming a member

“DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO 101”

True or False:

- 1) Alcohol is the most abused drug in our society. T or F
- 2) Nicotine, the drug found in cigarettes, is more addictive than heroin. T or F
- 3) Party drugs like Ecstasy and GHB are addictive. T or F
- 4) In New Jersey, adults can be held liable if they give minors alcohol. T or F
- 5) Second-hand smoke or environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) has been linked to miscarriages, low birth-weight, and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). T or F
- 6) Marijuana is an addictive drug. T or F

All of the above answers are true.

WARNING SIGNS OF ALCOHOL OR DRUG ABUSE:

- Getting drunk or high on drugs on a regular basis.
- Lying about things, or about how much alcohol or other drugs they are using.
- Giving up important activities and/or having new friends who drink or use drugs.
- Planning drinking in advance, hiding alcohol, drinking or using drugs alone.
- Having to drink more or using more drugs to get high.
- Using drugs or alcohol to escape common problems.
- Frequent hangovers.
- Taking risks including sexual risks.
- Blackouts-forgetting what they did the night before.
- Getting in trouble with the law.
- Problems at work or school such as poor performance, absences, and/or low grades.

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For the Prevention of
Drug and
Alcohol Abuse



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