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Memorandum of Understanding

From: Healthy Acadia Coalition
To: Downeast Regional Coordinating Council
Date: 11/5/07
Re: Memorandum of Understanding for Substance Abuse Prevention in Hancock County

This Memorandum of Understanding acknowledges the importance of coordinating to support prevention and intervention programs regarding substance abuse in Hancock County. To this end, Healthy Acadia, as a partner in this initiative, agrees to participate in the following ways through fiscal year 2008:

- 1) Participate in SPEP process
 - a) Assure Healthy Acadia representation at quarterly Hancock County Strategic Planning and Environmental Programming for Substance Abuse Prevention (SPEP) meetings.
 - b) Work with other Hancock County SPEP partners to provide input identifying current challenges related to substance abuse and substance abuse prevention.
 - c) Work with key collaborators and stakeholders on strategic plan to implement the goals and objectives identified in the revised workplan for substance abuse prevention.

- 2) As outlined in Healthy Acadia's Workplan:
 - a) Establish an MDI area Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force in the Healthy Acadia service area to plan, coordinate, advise and/or implement initiatives related to substance abuse prevention including those listed below.
 - b) Work with Service Learning / Youth Advocacy program along with School Coordinated Health to engage youth in substance abuse related service learning projects.
 - c) Connect with local chiefs of police through Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force to identify policies and practices to increase effectiveness of local underage drinking law enforcement.
 - d) Provide education to parents of at-risk high school students about effective monitoring practices using Creating Lasting Family Connections curricular resources.
 - e) Work with Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force and Hancock County SPEP partners to assess impact of compliance checks, educate local business owners, and identify opportunities to reduce retail access.
 - f) Work with College of the Atlantic to implement web-based assessment/feedback application for use by students to self assess alcohol consumption and better understand related health risks of drinking.

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Date