

# SAFE Spotlight

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THE SAFE COMMUNITY NETWORK IS AN INITIATIVE OF THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S BUREAU OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION & TREATMENT IN THE DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

## Updated SAFE Information Now Available!

The Iowa Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment within the Division of Behavioral Health is pleased to offer the SAFE Spotlight, a newsletter focusing on the SAFE Community Network. The SAFE Spotlight will be offered on a bi-monthly basis.

In addition, IDPH has recently updated the SAFE Community Network materials and we would like to share all of the new information available. Below is a description of each updated area:

### SAFE Certification Forms

The SAFE certification and recertification forms have been revised to be easier to fill and complete. In addition, a SAFE and Communities of Promise combined application is also available. Coalitions that have Drug-Free Communities funding can now choose to recertify every year instead of once every three years.

### SAFE Incentives

Coalitions that certify through SAFE for the first time are eligible for a scholarship to a

prevention training for the coordinator or coalition chair, a personalized and framed certificate signed by the Governor of Iowa, as well as receiving the SAFE Spotlight newsletter.

### SAFE Web Page

The IDPH Bureau of Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment has updated its Web site to include grant and program information. The SAFE Community Network Web page is now available within the Prevention section of the Web site. SAFE forms, information, and recertification dates for each SAFE coalition is included. The Bureau Web site address is [www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/substance\\_abuse.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/substance_abuse.asp)

### SAFE Manual

The SAFE Manual, which walks coalitions through the steps of organizing, is currently being revised. It will be distributed through the SAFE Web page by fall 2009.

### SAFE Contact Information

Contact information for SAFE is listed on page two of this newsletter.

## National Inhalants Awareness Week & Alcohol Awareness Month

One in five students has used an inhalant to get high by the time they reach eighth grade. In order to increase understanding about the use and risks of inhalant involvement, March 15-21, 2009 has been designated as National Inhalants Awareness Week. Join the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition and receive a free media kit to help coalitions promote this week. To join, go to [www.inhalants.org/nipaw.htm](http://www.inhalants.org/nipaw.htm).

To recognize the serious problem of alcohol abuse, April is designated "Alcohol Awareness Month." Numerous coalitions across Iowa are focusing efforts on underage drinking. It takes a commitment by everyone in the community to make change happen, including parents, educators, and all the other community elements influencing adolescent life. A community that opposes underage drinking can help change how people think and

act. Many communities across Iowa are doing just that, by holding town hall meetings and conducting other public education activities during April's annual Alcohol Awareness Month. For more information on activities and services, go to

<http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/seasonal/aprilalcohol/>.

### Coalition Resources:

- BROCHURES, POSTERS, DVD RENTALS, PREVENTION CURRICULUM AND MORE ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE IOWA SUBSTANCE ABUSE INFORMATION CENTER (ISAIC) AT [WWW.DRUGFREEINFO.ORG](http://WWW.DRUGFREEINFO.ORG)
- SAMHSA'S NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE HAS MANY VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR COALITIONS. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [HTTP://NCADI.SAMHSA.GOV/](http://NCADI.SAMHSA.GOV/)

### Funding Availability:

- Drug-Free Communities Grants Due March 19 [www.ondcp.gov/dfc/](http://www.ondcp.gov/dfc/)
- Drug-Free Communities Mentoring Grants Due April 24 [www.ondcp.gov/dfc](http://www.ondcp.gov/dfc)
- IDPH Grant Opportunities [www.idph.state.ia.us/apl/notice\\_of\\_funds.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/apl/notice_of_funds.asp)





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### History of the SAFE Community Network

In 1989, the Iowa SAFE Community Network was launched in response to needs and concerns expressed about substance abuse issues across the state. SAFE is an acronym for "Substance Abuse Free Environment" but the SAFE format can be used to focus on many prevention-related issues. Offered by the Iowa Department of Public Health, this program helps communities collaborate to reduce substance abuse, crime, violence and other related problems. The Iowa SAFE Community Network is designed to enhance, recognize and support existing prevention services and initiatives in the community and to be a resource to its citizens.

### Web site:

[www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/sa\\_safe\\_network.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/sa_safe_network.asp)

## IDPH Update

### Upcoming Training Opportunities

**THE ROAD AHEAD CONFERENCE ON MARCH 19, 2009 IN MOUNT PLEASANT.** CONTACT HENRY COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION FOR MORE INFORMATION AT 319-385-8126.

**IOWA DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN CONFERENCE ON APRIL 6-7, 2009 IN DES MOINES.** TO REGISTER GO TO [WWW.IOWADEC.NET](http://WWW.IOWADEC.NET)

**GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE ON APRIL 6-8, 2009 IN DES MOINES.** TO REGISTER GO TO [WWW.TRAININGRESOURCES.ORG](http://WWW.TRAININGRESOURCES.ORG)

**IOWA PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE ON APRIL 7-8, 2009 IN AMES.** TO REGISTER GO TO [WWW.IPHA.ORG](http://WWW.IPHA.ORG)

**PRESCRIPTION & OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG ABUSE CONFERENCE ON APRIL 14, 2009 IN CLINTON.** TO REGISTER GO TO [WWW.ACTEVA.COM/GO/CSAC](http://WWW.ACTEVA.COM/GO/CSAC)

CONTACT JULIE HIBBEN TO PROMOTE PREVENTION OR COALITION SPECIFIC TRAININGS AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA THROUGH THE SAFE SPOTLIGHT NEWSLETTER.



### Share Your Coalition Information!

IDPH would like to highlight the work of SAFE Coalitions through the SAFE Spotlight newsletter. Please share the great coalition work being done through projects, newsletters, Web sites, blogs, trainings and any other items to share with the public. Please e-mail this information to Julie Hibben.

### Underage Drinking Prevention Video: Highlighting Iowa's Efforts

Iowa was recently selected by the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to create a video on the underage drinking prevention efforts happening throughout the state. IDPH is working with a team to create this video which should be available to prevention agencies and coalitions by late spring. Be watching for additional updates on this project.

### SPF SIG Funding

IDPH applied for funding through SAMHSA in November for the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG).

This funding would help train and support coalitions located in counties with the highest rates of binge and underage drinking. We are awaiting word about this funding from SAMHSA.

### Substance Abuse Legislation

The Iowa Legislative session is well underway. If you would like to be updated on legislation related to substance abuse, contact Becky Swift at the Office of Drug Control Policy and ask to be added to the weekly legislative update listserv. Becky's e-mail address is [Becky.Swift@iowa.gov](mailto:Becky.Swift@iowa.gov). This information can also be accessed by going to [www.iowa.gov/odcp/](http://www.iowa.gov/odcp/)

### SEOW Information

Are you looking for data on substance abuse rates in Iowa? Would you like additional data on underage drinking? The State Epidemiological Outcome Workgroup (SEOW), lead by IDPH, collects and analyzes substance use consumption and consequence data. This group has generated several useful profiles which can be accessed by going to [www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/sa\\_epi\\_workgroup.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/sa_epi_workgroup.asp)