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MISSOURI SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION RESOURCES NETWORK



The Missouri Substance Abuse Prevention Resources Network (formerly Community 2000) is the primary substance abuse prevention initiative of the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. This initiative encourages communities to form coalitions that prevent substance abuse in their schools and/or neighborhoods. These coalitions are composed of parents, youth, social services, public health departments, health facilities, schools K-12, colleges and universities in the community, law enforcement, faith community, media, local ethnic groups, civic or neighborhood programs, demographic representatives, business and civic leaders, elected officials, and concerned citizens. Coalitions plan events such as community forums, marches, health fairs, and drug-free activities for youth. There are 145 coalitions statewide, 25 of which serve the St. Louis Area.

NCADA-St. Louis Area serves as the **Eastern Regional Support Center** and provides expertise, information, trainings, and other resources to the 25 coalitions in the St. Louis Area. The primary goals of the **Eastern Regional Support Center** include:

- To develop community coalitions in an effort to prevent substance abuse.
- To provide skills to community coalitions in seven key areas: advocacy, assessment, coalition membership, evaluation, funding, leadership, and strategic thinking.
- To educate community partners on the trends and societal impact of substance abuse.

REAP the benefits of the Missouri Substance Abuse Prevention Resources Network:

- **RESOURCES** The Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse have three funding streams exclusively open to coalitions to enhance their efforts. Regional Development Funds are small pockets of money to help coalitions complete short-term projects. Technical Assistance Funding assists coalitions in need of consultants or specialized trainings. The Strategic Prevention Framework Steering Grant Program offers larger amounts of funding to support long-term efforts.
- **EDUCATION** Coalitions receive the latest research on trends in substance use and evidence-based prevention strategies from Prevention Specialists at monthly meetings. Coalitions can also access the NCADA-St. Louis Area's RADAR library for fact sheets, videos, or curriculum materials.
- **ASSISTANCE** A prevention specialist from the NCADA-St. Louis Area is assigned to each coalition. The prevention specialist can offer trainings, knowledge of substance abuse prevention, and in some cases, just an extra pair of hands to help coalitions accomplish their goals.
- **PARTNERS** with 25 coalitions throughout the St. Louis Area, the Eastern Regional Support Center brings everyone together to celebrate victories, vent frustrations, and learn new ideas and strategies!

For more information about the Missouri Substance Abuse Prevention Resources Network, please call the NCADA-St. Louis Area at (314) 962-3456.

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For questions on substance use, abuse and related problems, call NCADA's Help Line at (314) 962-3456.