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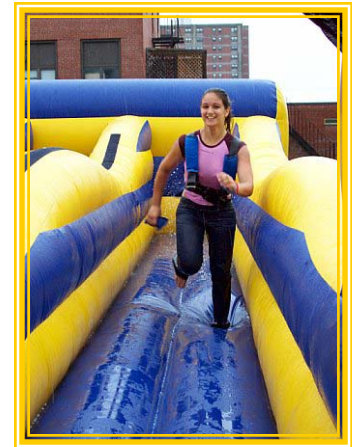
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Family Fun Day

We held our first Family Fun Day on Saturday June 24th. After a month of planning and preparation by the coalition staff and the Advisory Board, all of our hard work came to fruition on a miserable, wet and soggy Saturday with periodic torrential downpours! We were determined to have the event "rain or shine" and we did. To the 80-100 men, women, and children in attendance you would think we were at that other park in Orlando! The weather didn't stop anyone from enjoying the huge Castle bouncing room (especially Mike Ramos) or the 35-foot bungee run. Suzanne Raposo, of the Plymouth Bay Girl Scouts, and Jenna Daum from the CORE program did a great job organizing the hoola-hoop contest and the water balloon toss, as well as other games, all with prizes for the winners while Mike Ramos was in the bouncing room. Dave Costa of "Where Ideas Become

Reality" managed the face painting, featuring stars, rainbows and the hugely popular *red dot on the tip of the nose*, all while Mike Ramos was doing the bungee run. Ana Estrela of the Old Colony Y ran the grill area like a General going into battle with hot dogs and hamburgers flying off the grill at lightning speed while Mike Ramos went back to the bouncing room. John Botelho provided the music with everything from Jim Croce to the Beatles, while Mike Ramos tried to cut in line for the face painting. McGruff the Crime Dog a.k.a. Shawn Frias, made a special appearance and had his picture taken with...you guessed it, Mike Ramos. All things considered, the event was successful and everyone had a great time, especially Mike Ramos.

(Written by Mike Aguiar,
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Sara sprints down the puddle-filled Bungee Run.



McGruff the Crime Dog poses for a picture with Daniel, Christian, & Jamison.



John Botelho performs for everyone at the Family Fun Day.

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CDC Survey Shows Decline in Teen Drug Use, But Progress Uneven

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) found that fewer high school students are engaging in risky behaviors, such as alcohol and cigarette use, and sexual activity, compared to their counterparts from 15 years ago. However, progress varies significantly among racial and ethnic populations.

National, state and local YRBS's are conducted every two years among high school students throughout the United States. These surveys monitor health risk behaviors that lead to unintentional injuries and violence; tobacco, alcohol and other drug use; and sexual behaviors. Data for the 2005 survey was collected in spring 2005 from a sample of nearly 14,000 high school students.

One key improvement noted was the percentage of students reporting current alcohol use. In 2005, 43 percent of students reported consuming alcohol in the past 30 days compared to 50 percent in 1999 and 51 percent in 1991. The percentage of students who reported episodic heavy drinking also dropped—from 33.4 percent in 1997 to 25.5 percent in 2005.

Researchers also found that 54 percent of students reported having tried cigarettes, down from 70 percent in 1991, when the survey was first taken. In addition, 47 percent of students said they had had sex, down from 54 percent 15 years ago.

The survey also found notable declines in illegal drug use since 1999. For example, current marijuana use decreased from 26.7 percent in 1999 to 20.2 percent in 2005. Similarly lifetime use of cocaine decreased from 9.5 percent in 1999 to 7.6 percent in 2005. Lifetime steroid use also dropped—from 6.1 percent in 2003 to 4 percent in 2005. Between 2003 and 2005, fewer students also reported lifetime use of methamphetamine and ecstasy. Other improvements

seen during the past 15 years include a decline in the percentage of high school students reporting ever having sexual intercourse.

These figures corroborate data from the Monitoring the Future survey, which shows a 19 percent decline in overall drug use among 8th, 10th, and 12th graders since 2001.

Despite these overall positive results, there were significant disparities along racial and ethnic lines.

Compared with white and Hispanic high school students, black high school students are least likely to use tobacco, alcohol, cocaine and other drugs, but most likely to report sexual risk behaviors. White students are more likely to engage in frequent cigarette smoking and episodic heavy drinking; and Hispanic students are more likely than black or white students to report attempted suicide and the use of drugs like cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines.

CDC experts said more research is needed to determine why racial and ethnic differences exist. During a media briefing, Dr. Glenn Flores, Director of the Center for the Advancement of Underserved Children and professor of pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin, suggested that acculturation could have something to do with the higher rates among Latino youth and that more affordable and culturally accessible after school programs are needed to prevent risky behaviors among minority youth.

Data from the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey data is available at: www.cdc.gov/yrbs.

(CADCA's Coalitions Online, June 15, 2006)



Sasha & Meredith enjoy a brief moment of sunshine at the Family Fun Day.



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Jamison & Daniel just bouncing around.

Teen Advice Column

BOLD in Print is trying to start a teen advice column for this newsletter. We would like teens to submit questions that they would like answered by other teens and adults in an anonymous fashion. The question or problem could be on any topic such as: school, home life, boyfriend/girlfriend problems, drugs, or just life in general. If you would like to submit anything for this column, please contact Nic Charest @ ncharest@sstar.org or mail to 386 Stanley Street. Fall River, MA. 02720.



Ashley & Delilah Enjoying the day.



Brian & Mitchell pose for a picture with McGruff during their lunch break.



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Is now on the internet. Our site will be up and running very shortly. Please visit www.boldcoalition.org

TADA

Teens Against Drug Abuse will be putting up anti-smoking signs in five of the parks throughout the city this month asking people not to smoke around youth and reminding them of the dangers of second-hand smoke. The parks include: Father Kelly Park, Kennedy Park, Lafayette Park, Maplewood Park, and North Park. We will also be giving the concession stands at these parks matching napkins so that they may hand them out with refreshments. Please keep an eye out for them.



Word Search

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List of Words

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| Family | Hoola-Hoop |
| Fun | Bungee Run |
| Day | Music |
| Balloon Toss | Popcorn |
| Community | Hot Dog |
| Hamburger | |



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July 2006

Events in July:

July 10:TADA Meeting:
3:30 @ SSTAR.

July 19:BOLD Print
3:00 @ SSTAR
Youth Center.

July 19:Advisory Board:
4:00 @ SSTAR
Board Room.

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