

BUILDING OUR LIVES DRUG-FREE



386 Stanley Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

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## BOLD Coalition to Take the Lead in Preventing Prescription Drug Abuse



### Prescription Drug Take-Back

The BOLD Coalition was awarded \$9,000 from Health Resources in Action for a project to reduce access to prescription drugs so fewer people can misuse them. From January, 2009-October 2009 there were 122 opiate overdoses reported in Fall River. This is one of the worst rates of opiate overdoses in Massachusetts. We know from national research that the majority of young people who misuse pills obtain prescriptions from their family and friend's medicine cabinets.

To reduce overdoses we must reduce access. BOLD will distribute information cards and display posters at local pharmacies. 20,000 Fall River citizens who receive prescription drugs will receive detailed information on the importance of secure storage and appropriate disposal of prescription medication. The BOLD Coalition will work closely with FRPD and the DEA officers to supervise a prescription drug take-back event to be held (tentatively) on Saturday, June 19. The goal is to collect at least 600 bottles of unused prescription medication to ensure that they don't fall into the wrong hands.






**Marijuana Risk of Harm Poster and Fact Sheet Enclosed  
"Pass It On"**

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**BOLD Annual Meeting  
June 10, 2010**



**Bold's Annual Meeting** will be held on Thursday, **June 10th** from 5:00 –7:30 in the meeting room at Sstar, 386 Stanley St. All are invited and light refreshments will be served.

**RSVP [kfischer@sstar.org](mailto:kfischer@sstar.org).**

The **Annual Meeting** is an opportunity for BOLD to look back on accomplishments and to give thanks to the community who have helped with the BOLD Coalition's vision to make Greater Fall River a healthy place for our youth. On June 10th the BOLD Coalition will recognize individuals or groups who have exemplified this vision. The awards to be presented are:

- Community Connections:** This individual or group in our community has made significant contributions towards connecting with the youth in our community. Their active involvement continuously helps in making our city a healthier place to live, through their work and/or volunteerism.
- Summit Award:** This individual or group is/are youth(s) in our community who have made a commitment to creating healthy opportunities for other youth . He/she/they have made significant contributions to achieve the mission of BOLD, and are true examples of quality
- BOLD Award:** BOLD's highest honor is presented to an individual or group who is willing and eager to take the initiative of promoting the mission and vision of BOLD with sincere interest, commitment and confidence, through their work and/or volunteerism.

**To nominate an organization or individual for the awards listed above , please write a paragraph in support of your nominee and email to [kfischer@sstar.org](mailto:kfischer@sstar.org) or mail to BOLD, 386 Stanley St. Fall River, MA 02720**

Candidates are also being sought for the **BOLD Coalition Advisory Board**. The positions include **Chairman– Vice Chairman– Treasurer–Executive Secretary**. Contact [jlagasse@fallriverma.org](mailto:jlagasse@fallriverma.org) with referrals or for more information .



- The Night's Agenda will include:**
- Light Refreshments
  - Nominations and Election of Officers
  - BOLD Accomplishments
  - BOLD Awards

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**You are Invited To Join BOLD For a very special evening. June 10th, 2010 BOLD Coalition's Annual Meeting. See article for details.**

**Kick Butts Day Rally**

TADA youth recently took part in the 2010 Kick Butts Rally at the State House. The following pictures tell it all!



Alex Rodrigues, Marcus Watson, Julia Stachura, Mollie O'Brien, Alisha Gilbert

# Town Hall Meeting

March 23 at Bristol Community College was the scene of the BOLD Coalition sponsored Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking. Communities Mobilized for Change on Alcohol, a BOLD sub-committee, organized this event which began with a performance by the *Improbable Players*. They presented a variety of short scenes about alcohol and drug issues and their effects on loved ones. All of the actors are in recovery from substance abuse. A question and answer period was held after their performance.



*The Improbable Players* perform scenes from their production of "Stages." while the audience gives their approval..



A panel discussion followed with Bristol County District Attorney Samuel Sutter, Fall River Mayor William Flanagan, Stanley Street Treatment and Resources CEO Nancy Paull. The panelists were also joined by Emmanuel, a young person in recovery who shared his personal story. Following the panelists' presentation on different ways to handle this growing problem, a question and answer period followed. Jasiel Correia II, a Providence College freshman and BOLD Coalition vice chair was the moderator.



The program closed with a raffle of prom and gift certificates from A-Formal Limousine, Avon, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Pomfret Florist, Slades Formal Wear and Studio Expo.



# Parenting Education and BOLD

The winter sessions for **Guiding Good Choices** finished successfully at the Boys and Girls Club. Thanks to Barbara Lamonde, Sue Astle and Ana Galego for their positive, practical and useful ideas and approaches to parenting! An extended program is being planned for next year for parents of children of all ages. Please call Barbara at (508) 235-2307 for further information about topics.

BOLD parents also attended RI's annual presentation on Parenting Matters sponsored by Butler Hospital. We attended different programs and shared the information learned about new resources in our area.

A grant from **Families First** to BOLD will allow us to co-sponsor with Fall River's Early Childhood Educators a May 27th program for parents of children between 0 and 5 and daycare workers on "**Fighting and Biting**". We will learn strategies for helping young children manage anger and frustration and we will share ideas for how adults can appropriately respond. Certificates are available for participants. Call (508) 235-2307 to help plan this event and for more information.



Other planning taking place is for an October 28, 2010 event on **Transition Plans** for students on IEPs. There are several groups working on this project to provide two workshops; one for students 14 and above on how to advocate for themselves and the other for parents on how to create a workable vision. It is an exciting approach that allows students to experience more success in school.

Parents, we do make a difference!

Please call Karin Wood at (508) 235-2307 if you are interested in further details.

## BOLD Coalition to Create a Gay Straight Alliance Youth Program

The BOLD Coalition was awarded \$19,000 by the Department of Public Health to develop a Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender-Questioning (GLBTQ) youth program. Today, the GLBTQ community faces prejudice and discrimination at school and in the workplace. This prejudice often manifests itself in overt and more subtle ways. The BOLD Coalition will work closely with Durfee High School's Gay Straight Alliance to create a more accepting environment at Durfee High School, local youth provider agencies, and in our community. There are several goals that we hope to accomplish within the next few months.

- *Develop and implement a GLBTQ cultural competency assessment at SSTAR which will be made available for use at other agencies.*
- *Provide cultural competency trainings with a specific focus on GLBTQ issues for BOLD Coalition members, SSTAR staff, Durfee High School Staff, and community youth service providers.*
- *BOLD Coalition's TADA youth group will be expanded to include youth from Durfee's GSA. They will be trained by Teen Empowerment of Boston on peer leadership, peer advocacy, and public speaking.*

Youths will attend Youth Pride events in Boston and Provincetown.

The grant period runs from April 21, 2010-June 30, 2010 . The BOLD Coalition views this as a positive step towards creating a safer, more accepting, environment for GLBTQ youth in our community.

### Karen

We could save this space for one of these 3 things

Donna's article

To advertise YouTube video, along with the rest of the Marijuana Risk of Harm Campaign



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