

Annual Union County School Task Force Conference

From Playtime to PROM TIME



May 14, 2010

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Clark, NJ

Cost: \$30

Scholarships Available

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Goals

The Annual Union County School Task Force Conference will provide participants tools and strategies to prevent substance abuse and bullying in their communities and schools.

Objectives

1. Participants will increase their awareness on the dangers and prevalence of substance abuse and bullying in our schools and communities.
2. Participants will learn the best practices and prevention strategies to combat the issues of substance abuse and bullying.
3. Participants will be encouraged to discuss and collaborate on current and future countywide efforts to prevent substance abuse and bullying.



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Agenda

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Welcome

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

Opening Plenary

- From Statewide to Local: Linking Resources and Services to Schools
- Featuring leaders from various statewide and local partners

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Workshop 1

- Using Social Norms in Bullying Prevention
- Warning Signs of School Violence

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Workshop 2

- Using Social Norms in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention
- From Texting to Sexting: The Continuum of Use to Abuse

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

PSA Awards Presentation

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Keynote 2

- What's the Point? Communicating with Young People About Emotional Issues

2:45 PM - 3:30 PM

Networking/Providers



Annual Union County School Task Force Conference Speaker Information

"What's the Point? Communicating with Young People about Emotional Issues"

Presented by Matt Bellace

This informative and humorous program focuses on how to communicate with young people around issues of failure, loss and anger. The program presents ideas from schools that have hired Matt to speak over the years. During the program, Matt will use stand-up comedy and psychological research to convey a useful message.

"Using Social Norms in Bullying Prevention"

Presented by Dr. H. Wesley Perkins

The social norms approach in prevention is a well-practiced, long-standing method that has long been used for preventing substance abuse. Recent studies have shown that this method can also be applied to bullying. This workshop will highlight many years of research and practiced techniques and will provide participants with the tools to utilize this approach in preventing bullying in their schools and communities.

"Using Social Norms in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention"

Presented by Dr. H. Wesley Perkins

The social norms approach in prevention is a well-practiced, long-standing method that dispells the myths of usage among youth. This workshop will highlight many years of research and practiced techniques and will provide participants with the tools to utilize this approach in preventing substance abuse in their schools and communities.

"From Texting to Sexting: The Continuum of Use to Abuse"

Presented by Pam Capaci

Prevention research often focuses on a person's transition from simple use to severe abuse. Technology and social networking has become a fixture in the culture of our youth. Many fear its negative implications but this workshop will show you that through the use of well-practiced prevention strategies, simple use does not always lead to severe abuse.

"Warning Signs of School Violence"

Speaker TBA

The dangers of school violence are obvious. The warning signs are not. This workshop will show characteristics of potentially violent students and how to address the warning signs before it is too late.

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Registration Information

Online Registration ONLY

Please Visit

www.preventionlinks.org/schooltaskforce.html
to register

- PLEASE make sure you select the appropriate registration (ScholarShip/Non-ScholarShip Registration)
- Methods of payment accepted are PayPal or a check, to be mailed to Prevention Links. If payment is not received by the registration deadline, attendance to the conference will not be permitted.
- Registration is limited to 75 Scholarship recipients and 75 non-ScholarShip attendees
- If payment is not received, attendance to the conference will not be permitted

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ScholarShip Information

Scholarships are available

to the first 75 registrants
that live or work in Union County

All ScholarShip recipients will
attend the conference free of
charge on behalf of the
Union County Department
of Human Services

When registering online, please
choose "ScholarShip Recipients"
if you would like to receive one of
the ScholarShips



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Directions to the Crowne Plaza Hotel

The Crowne Plaza Hotel is
located at 36 Valley Road
in Clark, NJ

From the South: Garden State
Parkway to exit 135, stay straight
to the traffic light and make a
right. At your second exit make a
right. The hotel is on the left.

From the north: Garden State
Parkway to exit 135, go straight
to the second traffic light and
make a left. Go through the next
light and take the second exit to
the right. The hotel will be on the
left (Valley Road).

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