



Annual Review 2013-2014

16 Educational Programs

More than **3,500** people attended HC DrugFree's programs in 2013-2014. Congressman Elijah Cummings spoke to parents at a **Town Hall Meeting** in September and returned in December to speak to students at **Wilde Lake High School**. At a **Teen2Teen** program at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 200 parents and youth heard young people tell their stories of addiction and recovery. A group of parents had their questions answered during the **Drugs in Middle School** program held at Lime Kiln Middle School in January. More than 425 parents and teens attended the two annual **Senior Week: Staying Safe in Ocean City** programs held in the spring at Atholton and River Hill High Schools in partnership with their PTSAs. Pictured below are Atholton High School Principal and HC DrugFree Board President Jennifer Clements, Ocean City Police Department Cpl. Howard Caplan, Ocean City Beach Patrol Sgt. James McVey, and HC DrugFree's Joan Webb Scornaienchi.



During the March **Parent2Parent** program at Howard High School, parents shared their stories of family members' struggles with addiction. The Glenelg High School and River Hill High School PTSAs hosted **What You Need to Know about Teen Partying**. A Howard County parent who lost her son to overdose spoke at Atholton High School's **Pre-Prom Assembly**. In May, two young people in recovery spoke to the graduating class of Marriotts Ridge High School in **Life After High School**.

September Town Hall Meeting

HC DrugFree was pleased to bring Congressman Elijah Cummings to speak at the September Town Hall Meeting held at the Jim Rouse Theater. Joining Cummings on the stage at the Jim Rouse Theater to discuss issues including adults who provide alcohol and other drugs to youth and how to empower youth and adults were Delegate Elizabeth Bobo, Police Chief William McMahon, Circuit Court Judge William V. Tucker and HC DrugFree's Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi.



Delegate Elizabeth Bobo, Congressman Elijah Cummings, HC DrugFree Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Judge William V. Tucker, Council Member Courtney Watson, Police Chief William McMahon

HC DrugFree was pleased to partner with Wilde Lake High School in December to bring Congressman Elijah Cummings back to speak to the students and faculty. Congressman Cummings challenged the students to find the "enemy of their destiny" and to ask themselves, "What will stop me from being all God made me to be?" Cummings identified two common enemies to the destinies of young people as the wrong friends and drugs. "If you want to be great, hang out with



HC DrugFree Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Wilde Lake High School student and HC DrugFree Teen Advisory Council member Juliana Kaiser, Congressman Elijah Cummings, and Wilde Lake High School Principal James LeMon

great people," he said, going on to say that sometimes people get into trouble by hanging out with the wrong kids. Taking drugs is *chasing death*, according to the Congressman, "Drugs are the enemy that throws them off their path." He begged each teen to look at the enemy of his or her destiny. If the enemy is friends, get new ones. If the enemy is drugs, address it.

Shaping your destiny will impact not just your life, but your children and their children. This is bigger than you!

HC DrugFree Supports After Prom

HC DrugFree supported all 12 Howard County Public School PTSA sponsored After Proms by donating \$25 gift cards to each. 150 parents entered HC DrugFree's annual drawing to win a \$100 gift card to support parents who chose to send their child to After Prom instead of private parties where alcohol and other drugs may be present. The 2014 winner was Henrietta Kan whose two daughters, Tiffany and Athena attended the River Hill High School After Prom.

Needles/Syringes/EpiPens

Thanks to a partnership with the Howard County General Hospital and the support of Masoomeh Khamesian, HCGH's Director of Pharmacy as well as HC DrugFree's 2013-14 Board Secretary, HC DrugFree's office served as a drop-off site for the collection of needles, syringes and EpiPens. Pictured below is Masoomeh Khamesian and Joan in the HCGH Pharmacy sorting the collected items.



National Drug Take Back Day

The Howard County Police and HC DrugFree partnered to promote the National Drug Take Back Days during which a total of 1,892 pounds of medications were collected in the fall of 2013 and the spring of 2014 for proper disposal by the Drug Enforcement Agency. Prescription drugs are now the number one drug abused by 12 to 13 year olds. The number of teens reporting to have misused or abused a prescription drug at least once has risen by 33% in a five year period and now represents twice the population of Chicago. Safely storing or properly removing medications from homes is a simple but important step in ending prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse by youth.



Meds Collected in Howard County:

October 2013: 862 pounds

April 2014: 1,030 pounds

Advocating for Our Youth

The County Executive and the Howard County Council jointly declared March as *HC DrugFree's Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Awareness Month in Howard County*. Pictured below is Joan receiving the proclamation from the County Council.



Joan attended the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's Capitol Hill Day again this year where she joined substance abuse prevention, education, and treatment advocates from across the country. Joan and former U.S. Representative for Rhode Island, Patrick Kennedy from Smart Approaches to Marijuana are pictured below at a marijuana update meeting.



44 teens from across the county participated in HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council during the 2013-2014 school year. The youth participated in the fall and spring National Drug Take Back Day events, partnered with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to create videos promoting NIDA's January Drug Facts Chat Day, and created and shared a Public Service Announcement entitled *What Can Prom Night Cost* to educate parents and students of the potential legal

consequences of underage drink-ing. The Teen Advisory Council is open to all high school age students in Howard County.

HC DrugFree Category of HoCo FilmFest

For the 3rd consecutive year, HC DrugFree partnered with the HoCo FilmFest and sponsored its own category. Students were invited to create a Public Service Announcement illustrating the dangers of prescription drug abuse. The 2014 1st place film was "Addicted" by Timothy Chen, a junior at River Hill High School. The 2nd place film, "In Your Home" was created by Rachel Lin of Howard High School. Both films can be seen by visiting our website, www.hcdrugfree.org and clicking on the HC Drug-Free News tab.

Pictured: HC DrugFree's Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Rachel Lin, Timothy Chen, and River Hill High School teacher and HoCo FilmFest Advisor Mary Jane Sasser



HC DrugFree Teen Advisory Council



HC DrugFree Recognitions



HC DrugFree's Executive Director, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, was renamed **One of Maryland's Top 100 Women** by The Daily Record. Joan was selected for her professional achievement, community leadership and commitment to future leaders. She is pictured with her husband John Scornaienchi and HC DrugFree board member and criminal defense attorney Timothy Mitchell.



Joan received the 2014 Impact Award in the Private Sector from the National Grants Management Association (NGMA) at their annual conference held in Arlington, Virginia. Joan received her grants experience while at the Maryland State Department of Education and later became a Certified Grants Management Specialist.

HC DrugFree Partners

HC DrugFree is proud partners with:
Howard County Health Department
Howard County Police Department
Howard County Public School System
PTA Council of Howard County
Howard County Library System
Howard County Department of Fire & Rescue Services

Howard County Alcohol Coalition



Coalition Members Pictured: Howard County State's Attorney Dario Broccolino, HC DrugFree's Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi, and Circuit Court Judge and HC DrugFree's Board Emeritus, The Honorable William V. Tucker

The Howard County Alcohol Coalition continued to work throughout the year to lower the incidence of underage drinking in the county by supporting police efforts and planning an upcoming "Be a Parent, Not a Friend" media campaign to empower parents.

Celebrating the Life of Tyler Johnson



HC DrugFree staff was proud to nominate their much loved and missed volunteer, Tyler Johnson, for a Celebrating Successes Award through the Howard County Office of Children's Services. Tyler freely shared his compelling story of addiction and recovery with youth and parents at HC DrugFree programs throughout the county. On April 30 at the Celebrating Successes Awards Ceremony, Howard and Nora Johnson, Tyler's parents, accepted the O'Donnell Family Award on behalf of Tyler.

HC DrugFree Board of Directors

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The Honorable William V. Tucker, MD State Judiciary

HC DrugFree Executive Director

Executive Director: **Joan Webb Scornaienchi**

FY2013-14 Financial information

For the year ending June 30, 2014:

Total income: \$297,566

Functional Expenses

Program Services: \$167,238

Management and General: \$28,216

Development: \$13,257

Total: \$208,711

Net Asset: \$235,018