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COMMUNITY BRIDGES, INC.

October 2013 Agency Highlights



CBI's LGBTQ committee was proudly represented at the **Phoenix PRIDE Rainbows Festival** on October 19th & 20th at Heritage Park in Phoenix.



Make a Difference Day – October 26th, 2013

CBI was humbled by the gracious efforts of the Deer Valley Stake in North Phoenix who rallied to gather donations in support of homeless outreach, housing programs for Veterans and chronically homeless, and Center for Hope. On October 26th, CBI received more than 100 Baby Shower baskets, over 100 "Welcome Home" baskets for individuals new to permanent supportive housing programs, and more than 500 hygiene kits that can be provided to those in need when our Outreach Teams are in the community. This was the single largest donation CBI has ever received and we are grateful for everyone who made *Make a Difference Day* an amazing success for our organization!

CBI was proud to be a sponsor and participant of highly attended annual conference for the **Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness** that was held on October 29th & 30th.



Dr. Michel Sucher, CBI's Medical Director, was a featured panel speaker for **Addiction Professional National "Lunch and Learn"** circuit on implementing an effective Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC). Dr. Sucher presented on CBI's successful model to over 60 attendees in Scottsdale on October 29th.



The Mesa Prevention Alliance is currently being featured in a series of article written by the East Valley Tribune focused on raising awareness about underage drinking in our community. The Alliance has had three front page articles highlighting the Alliance's work in the community with Shoulder Tapping and the collection of pledges at Alliance Touchdown Friday event. All articles are currently posted on the Alliance website: www.MesaPreventionAlliance.org



Claim Helping the Working Poor Tax Credits

Itemization is no longer required for your gift made during the 2013 Tax Year!

This means you can reduce the amount you owe or increase your refund by the amount you give to CBI to support Center for Hope programs in 2013.

To Receive the Tax Credit:

- You can direct up to \$400 (married couples filing jointly) or \$200 (Individuals) by December 31, 2013 to Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI) Working Poor Tax Credit Fund.
- Donating online is easy and you will receive the acknowledgement for your tax records.

For more information about the fund or Arizona State tax credits, call 602.631.4800.



Community Education & Training Programs

October 2013

CBI provides community education and training for emergency responders, community partners, law enforcement, schools and the criminal justice system. The focus of our workshops presented an overview of agency services, signs and symptoms of drug use and emerging drug trends.

The following Education & Training workshops were provided during the month of October:

- **230 families attended a drug education and awareness workshop hosted at Dobson High School in Mesa** to learn about drug trends, behaviors, harmful effects and resources on October 1st
- **50 My Life high school and college aged students** learned about the risks of synthetic drugs and opiates at a class at Bill Wilson Hall on October 2nd
- **20 CASS employees** learned about synthetic drugs and CBI services on October 4th
- **12 families at FRC in Mesa** learned about drug trends such a synthetics and underage drinking, behaviors and the harmful effects, and resources at a training on October 9th
- **12 nurses from Valley Hospital** learned about synthetic drugs such as bath salts and spice and the harmful effects, and resources at a training on October 10th
- **15 Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) school nurses & School Resource Officers (SRO's)** learned about synthetic drugs and opiates in the "Parents in the Know" class at McClintock High School on October 16th
- **40 attendees of the Employee Assistance Program Association (EAPA) conference** held in Phoenix, learned about synthetic drugs and opiates on October 17th
- **24 parents at Our Lady of Perpetual Help** in Scottsdale learned about latest drug trends, behaviors and norms on October 22nd
- **20 National Guard Directors from the West Coast** learned about synthetic drugs, effects, behaviors and resources at a conference on October 29th

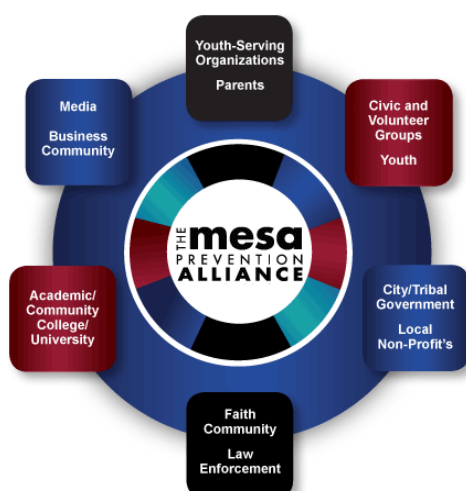
East Valley Synthetic Drugs Task Force Update

The most recent EVSDTF meeting was held on Tuesday, October 8th. Members gave updates on Legal Advisors meetings, upcoming Chief of Police Association meetings, and city council meetings that are planned to address new city ordinances.

Mesa Prevention Alliance Updates

October 2013

- 409 Mesa students signed a pledge to stay above the influence at the **Alliance Touchdown Friday** events at Westwood and Skyline High School. 132 Adults also signed the **Safe Home Pledge** at this event.
- **7 Youth Peer Leaders** attended weekly meetings at Carson Junior High.
- 6 youth at Carson completed and registration and permission documents for Youth Peer Leader program.
- **3 Community Education** presentations with 47 participants.
- **Promotoras** held three meetings and participated in PSA's.
- One **Shoulder Tapping** activity with 57 adults tapped and 4 citations issued by Mesa Police Department.
- **Two Party Patrol** activities with 21 citations issued for underage consumption and/or providing to minors.
- Alliance members participated in the development of short PSA's that will generate awareness about our full array of prevention efforts in the Mesa community.
- Alliance is currently collaborating with Tempe and Chandler coalitions for multi-city media campaign in 2014.
- The Alliance is in collaboration with local partners to produce a play for approximately 2,000 Mesa students this coming May, 2014 about drug prevention and awareness.



Join us!

The next Mesa Prevention Alliance meeting will be held on 11/20/2013

Location:

The Family Resource Center
817 N. Country Club, Mesa, 85201