



Friends of Navajo County Anti-Drug Coalition, Inc.

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Tue, April 9, 2024, 12:30 pm -1:30 pm via ZOOM. Link Below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87559700560?pwd=bzcvN0lJbGJOSTN3aW9yTWwwaEUvUT09>

1. **Facilitating: Destiney Hall, Program Coordinator for The Connection Coalition**
2. THANK YOU for being a part of this DRUG FREE COALITION! **16** In Attendance: **Faith Jessop** and **Ryan Lowe** (Re:Center), **Ralph Engler** (Nami), **Chris Lambert** (Mountain Strong), **Julee Sherwood** (Program Manager, The Coalition Connection), **Vicky Solomon** (Executive Director, The Coalition Connection), **Destiney Hall** (Sr. Program Coordinator, The Coalition Connection), **Valkyrie Chartier** (Prevention Specialist, The Coalition Connection), **Lali Galvan McKenna** (Health Educator, The Coalition Connection), **Matt Hiatt** (Walmart Pharmacy, PCSM), **Jason Brubaker** (Silver Creek Mortuary, acting Vice Mayor Taylor, AZ), **Wendy Dittbrenner** (Program Specialist @ Care1st), **Elizabeth Ramirez** (National Guard Outreach), **Shannon Williams** (Program Specialist at Care1st), **Alysia Heward** (NC Casa), **Andrea Tomlin** (Principal from Indian Wells School).
3. Announcements and The Connection Coalition Updates:
  - We have **Naloxone**, Trauma, Fentanyl-Meth, & RESILIENCE Trainings available upon Request! 82% of overdoses happen in the HOME!  
**PLEASE KNOW AND PASS ALONG: Naloxone CAN BE GIVEN TO ANYONE AT ANY AGE AND IT WILL NOT HURT THEM!!**
  - The Coalition continues to work with **SACLAZ -Substance Abuse Coalition Leaders of AZ**  
RESOURCES: [www.nexuscoalition.org](http://www.nexuscoalition.org) - - <https://nexuscoalition.org/resources/talknowaz-videos-parent-testimonies/>  
FOR ADULTS <https://talknowaz.com/>  
FOR YOUTH <https://learnmoreaz.org/> - - <https://saclaz.org/> - - <https://naloxoneaz.com/> - - <https://thenewmeth.com/>
  - **Vicky Solomon**, Executive Director – Updates—New DFC Application with TCC The Connection Coalition that will serve the following areas: S/T, H-O, Holbrook, Joseph City, Dilkon, Indian Wells. Further grants we are working on: BCBS, Titlell, TISAPP and Care1st all applications coming up. Collaborating with Randy Moffitt with AZHIDTA and facilitated fentanyl-naloxone at Fort Defiance for over 100 staff members along with Apache County Coalition over two days.
  - **Destiney Hall** - Updates on Activities in Snowflake/Taylor/Navajo County area – Attended a conference Summit at Summit Healthcare, We partnered with D.A.R.E. program, presented and participated in last night, Freshman Academy scheduled soon, starting some evidence based curriculum in our Taylor Schools, Junior Leadership Academy will take place in June for 2 weeks,
  - **Valkyrie Chartier** – Updates Indian Wells/Snowflake/Taylor/Whiteriver. Teaching at GWA 3-5<sup>th</sup> and at Blue Ridge Jr High, and going to Indian Wells for a Family Night. June 8<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social in Heber Overgaard.
  - **Lali Galvan McKenna** – Updates Show Low/Pinetop-Lakeside/McNary – At Sequoia teaching and at Blue Ridge High School, Diversion and Blue Ridge Jr High, Diversion at Sequoia. Had a couple parent nights at GWA and Sequoia and they went well.
  - **Julee Sherwood**, Program Manager – The Connection Coalition Business or Outreach updates – No updates at this time.
4. **GUEST SPEAKER: Faith and Ryan from the Re:Center** – What does the Re:Center offer? – Hot meals are provided at the Re:Center daily, Thursday they have a fresh meal prepared and other days for now pizza is served. If someone needs additional services, they are going to make an appointment. People can come and shower and they offer care packages. Offer Narcan and fentanyl test strips. Partner with United Food Bank.

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**24/7 AZ Crisis Line Navajo County 844-534-4673 (HOPE)**



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Offer housing and help people in crisis and are possibly being evicted or homeless. Re:Center will help with other resources to find help for them. Mentorship program that offers transitional housing for people in Recovery. Mentor will act as a coach or a sponsor for the individual. Required for people to be working and drug testing is also required. They have 4 houses currently and the Re:Center offers them housing. Application must be completed and submitted. Mama's mentorship program 18-week course, two per year offered, any mom in poverty. Moms are paired with a mentor. One class per week with dinner. Childcare is offered and moms go into a class explaining what poverty is and then resources and help. Offering them a hand up and not a hand-out. Re-Entry is for individuals who have been in jail. Resources are offered and they are mentored to get back into the community. Staying Ahead resources are available and various programs are offered to the public. Usually have an on-site Chaplin available Monday -Thursday.

1. **Alysia Heward** – always looking for CASA Volunteers. Information available in the chat. [Aheward@courts.az.gov](mailto:Aheward@courts.az.gov) 928-524-4135
2. **Andrea Tomlin** – Nexus came out and taught vape and naloxone. Taught all grades about Vape. Also going to reach out to the High School to have Nexus come and teach.
3. **Elizabeth Ramirez with National Guard**– Drug Take back on April 27<sup>th</sup> this month. Speaks Spanish and can translate. Would love to come back up and collaborate at the Junior Leadership Academy. [Elizabeth.ramirez\\_torres.5@us.af.mil](mailto:Elizabeth.ramirez_torres.5@us.af.mil)
4. **Jason Brubaker** – Town of Taylor update, walking trail up by airport and goes 3 or 4 miles.
5. **Matt Hiatt** - Walmart has Wellness Day planned around May 5th
6. **Chris @ Mountain Strong** – Happy to be open. Ready to take clients. Full service out-patient substance abuse facility. Licensed counselor and is focused on women and children. Will also have mens groups and teen groups. Happy to have Teen program going. Doesn't matter what insurance you have, they are here to help. Located in Show Low. 501 Clark Show Low AZ 85901 [Chris.mountainstrongaz@gmail.com](mailto:Chris.mountainstrongaz@gmail.com) – 928-235-0422
7. **Shannon Williams** – no updates.
8. **Wendy Dittbrenner** – Have some new grants available, peer navigator. Funding is available SUBG grants and is an option for our communities.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE May 14, 2024, 12:30PM – 1:30PM, SAME zoom link. PLEASE SHARE and invite others!**

### **The Connection Coalition Primary Purposes:**

1. **Reduce Substance Use and Increase Resiliency & Connection Among Youth & Parents/Caregivers**
2. **Establish and Strengthen Collaboration & Connection Among Community Organizations**

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