



Community Efforts Pay Off Fewer Youth in Fountain Hills Drinking or Using Drugs

According to the just released Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) substantial declines in alcohol, cigarette, marijuana and prescription drug use have occurred over the last four years. The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission surveys more than 48,000 eighth, 10th and 12th graders from all 15 counties every two years. Fountain Hills youth are drinking and using drugs at lower than state and national averages.

In Fountain Hills, prescription drug misuse dropped by 57%, cigarette use dropped 43% and underage drinking dropped by 35%.

The other encouraging news is that fewer kids are reporting getting alcohol from parents and parties. Community efforts like Text-A-Tip with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and Safe Homes Network have helped fuel this decrease. In addition, fewer Fountain Hills youth are reporting driving a car under the influence or riding in a car with someone who has been drinking.

"The community coalition efforts are paying off. The Town of Fountain Hills should be proud of making this huge shift in substance use. It shows that by working together, as a community, we can help our children have happier, healthier lives", said Shelly Mowrey, Coalition Director.

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

This evening, January 15th at 6:30 PM at Town Hall when we present our Coalition programs and progress to the Fountain Hills Town Council.

Calling All Creative Kids!



The Fountain Hills Coalition is hosting the first ever Above The Influence Middle School Poster Contest and the 3rd Annual High School Essay Contest. Both contests are open to all Fountain Hills students including those attending school outside of FHUSD, online or at home. Middle School students will artistically express how they love life Above the Influence of drugs or alcohol. For the high school students, entrants can choose one of three questions and submit a short essay.

Winners of the contests will receive cash prizes.

For information and guidelines to the 2015 Middle School Above the Influence Poster Contest and High School Essay Contest, [click here](#). Contest forms are also available at the Fountain Hills Library.

Our latest drawing winner.....



Steffnie Beck with Coalition Program Manager, Maria Perreault.

Congratulations to Steffnie Beck, winner of the \$200 drawing at the Girls Varsity soccer match on January 8th. Our next drawing is Thursday, January 22nd when the Boys Varsity Soccer team takes on Veritas Prep. And again on January 23rd when the Boys Varsity Basketball team hosts Camp Verde High School.

Safe Homes Network members receive an additional ticket in the drawing for a chance to win \$200 cash!

See you there!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS EVENT

Friday, January 22nd from 6- 9PM
Fountain Hills Middle School Gymnasium

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and the Town of Fountain Hills team up to offer their annual DODGE BALL event for all Fountain Hills Middle School students.

Students will enjoy Subway sandwiches and dessert followed by an awesome dodgeball tournament with prizes being awarded to the top dodgeball teams. It's a great place for kids to have fun with their friends while being supervised and it's FREE! No reservations required. For more information call the Fountain Hills Parks and Recreation Department at (480) 816-5100.