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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND CEO



Dear Friends,

Through the actions of some of our coalition leaders, you will see how CADCA's effective prevention model has reduced substance abuse in communities in the U.S. and abroad. Their stories, told throughout CADCA's 2015 Annual Report, are just a snapshot of what coalitions do every day as community mobilizers. These passionate change agents are a part of the 5,000 strong coalition network around the world that has made a positive impact in their communities with CADCA's support.

The African proverb wisely expresses, "It takes a village to raise a child." Since our fledgling days nearly 25 years ago, CADCA has stayed committed to championing primary prevention because we know it works. If we can prevent youth substance abuse, then there is no need to go down that long road to recovery. Yes, it takes *all* of us to implement a comprehensive set of evidence-based strategies to raise strong and healthy children.

You will also learn about the impact your resources have contributed to our field.

For example, without your support, CADCA would not be able to advocate for prevention on Capitol Hill.

We would not be able to cultivate stellar relationships with our federal partners to address underage drinking, tobacco and marijuana use, medicine abuse and the heroin epidemic.

We would not be able to address health disparities and cancer through our Geographic Health Equity Alliance.

We would not be able to mold the next generation of preventionists such as Khiree Smith, who was part of our first cohort of National Youth Leadership Initiative trainers and has since taken his CADCA knowledge and applied the model to his community and has graduated from law school.

Without the support of CADCA's Drug-Free Kids Campaign Humanitarian of the Year, Mark Trudeau, and other wonderful champions like YOU, CADCA would simply not be able to do what we do.

On behalf of our coalitions, our staff, and Board of Directors, thank you for believing in CADCA's mission to build safe, healthy, and drug-free communities. We could not do this critical work without your support.

Sincerely,

Gen. Arthur T. Dean CADCA's Chairman and CEO

## **EMPOWERING**

## THOUSANDS OF CHANGE AGENTS THROUGH CUTTING-EDGE, INTENSIVE TRAINING



reventing teen drug use is no easy task. It requires comprehensive solutions that include evidence-based strategies and interventions. It took generations to create our nation's substance abuse problem, and it's going to take generations more to heal it.

But thanks to your support, we are able to empower change agents, build drug-free communities and save lives.

In 2015, CADCA's National Coalition Academy (NCA) trained 8,000 passionate advocates on how to assess their local drug use problems and develop strategies to address these issues. Given the ripple effect these change agents spark in their rural, suburban or urban communities, that's an impressive reach!

NCA is a year-long training program developed by CADCA's National Coalition Institute. It incorporates three, week-long classroom sessions; a web-based distance learning component; an online workstation, where participants network and share planning products; and free ongoing technical assistance. To graduate, coalitions must complete a rigorous curriculum, participate in all components of the NCA and complete five essential planning products that serve as the foundation of their comprehensive plan for community change.

Michigan State University released the results of its study on coalition effectiveness in 2015. And in short, it showed that coalitions trained by CADCA get smarter, faster. The study indicated that Institutetrained coalitions do, indeed, progress at a faster rate as measured by the amount of time it takes to begin to implement community changes.

CADCA's Institute leverages resources from multiple agencies through federal, state and local governments, philanthropies, and universities to bring the best available knowledge, information, technology and innovation to local community coalitions.

"By implementing the strategies and tools we learned from CADCA's National Training Academy, our coalition went from a low-capacity, programdriven operation to a high-capacity, results-driven coalition," said Lesley Gabel, Co-Executive Director, Hunterdon County Safe Communities Coalition in New Jersey. NATIONAL
COALITION ACADEMY
TRAINED
8,000 ADULTS

TRAINED **5,000** 

NYLI TRAINED

1,000 YOUTH

AND ONLINE LEARNING **1,300** 

FOR A TOTAL OF **15,300** 

### BRINGING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO OUR COALITIONS VIA E-LEARNING

In 2015, CADCA offered more than 60 webinars and online classes to bring the latest science and trends related to substance abuse disorders to our network. More than a 1,300 change agents took advantage of these online courses.



We also launched a new no-cost, bi-monthly webinar series entitled "Conversations: Putting Research Into Action." For years, CADCA provided our network Research Into Action articles in which we bridged the gap between scholarly publications and practical application for substance abuse prevention coalitions. We decided to change the format from emailed news articles to live webinars to give coalitions around the country access to live conversations with leading scholars from around the world.



ADCA and our coalitions understand that to protect our nation's greatest resource – young people – we must engage all sectors of a community, from parents, teachers, law enforcement officers, healthcare providers, and perhaps most importantly, youth. In fact, some of CADCA's most dedicated and passionate prevention advocates have been our youth leaders.

Thanks to your support of the Drug-Free Kids Campaign, CADCA is able to offer world-class youth training through our National Youth Leadership Initiative (NYLI). In 2015,

we trained nearly 1,000 youth to be effective change agents!

Because of the transformational power of our youth training, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery sponsored the first NYLI training at the National Prevention Network Conference in Seattle. At the conference and at all NYLI trainings, youth are taught evidence-based prevention strategies to reduce local problems so that they can return home and create positive community change. But the NYLI experience changes more than communities.

For Ananth Ghosh, being involved in NYLI and serving as a youth leader in his community coalition, SRSLY, changed his life.

Ananth, now 17, joined the SRSLY
Coalition in Chelsea, Mich., in the
6th grade, at the age of 11. In 2012, he
became President of the Coalition's
Youth Steering Committee. During
this time, the coalition implemented
a prescription drug disposal
program called Red Barrel. With the
implementation of this program,
Ananth's coalition saw a 50 percent
decrease in prescription drug use in his
age group.

To attack the problem of marijuana, the coalition presented to their city council a ban on the sale of drug paraphernalia in the city limits. His group also provided parent education, partnering with doctors about the dangers of marijuana. Today, more than 65 percent of middle and high

school students in his community see marijuana as a harmful drug.

As a busy junior in high school, Ananth wants to continue to be involved in the SRSLY (text language for Seriously) coalition and serve as a CADCA NYLI trainer. He plans to pursue a degree in corporate law, specializing in public policy, and has his sights set on several colleges, including Yale University.

"I definitely want to continue to be involved in policy change to make future generations safe from drug abuse and misuse," Ananth said.

The high school student was recognized as CADCA's Outstanding Youth Leader at the 2016 National Leadership Forum for all of his hard work in 2015. Of all his accomplishments so far in life, Ananth said receiving this award is one of the highlights.



## CADCA PARTNERS WITH THE CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION TO INCREASE TEEN SBIRT

In 2015, CADCA partnered with the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to develop a new approach to Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) through a community coalition construct. A Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel, comprised of a cross-section of SBIRT experts, government officials, teens, coalition leaders, parents, healthcare institutions and researchers, was formed to lead the development of this approach. This project allows CADCA and our members to contribute to a national initiative that has the potential to dramatically improve substance abuse prevention nationwide among adolescents.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

## IT'S ABOUT BEING PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF

ecause of supporters like you, CADCA is able to strengthen and serve our membership with benefits such as a strong voice on Capitol Hill, discounts to worldclass training events, exclusive news updates, educational resources, and much more. And then there are the benefits that are harder to describe. Like how becoming a CADCA member is about more than joining an association. It's about joining a movement to build healthy, drug-free communities and empower youth to reject drugs so they can reach their full potential. Or joining a big family where everyone shares the same values.

We're proud to share we have 20 coalitions who have been part of the CADCA family for more than 20 years, and three of those coalitions have been with us since the very beginning – for 23 years. These coalitions are:

- Drug Use Is Life Abuse in California
- DREAM of Hattiesburg, Inc. in Mississippi

 Oklahoma County Community Awareness Network in Oklahoma

"Drug Use Is Life Abuse's membership in CADCA has proven to be invaluable over our tenure with this outstanding organization. CADCA has always provided up-to-date information on drug trends, assistance with knowledge to be sustainable as a coalition. and has had phenomenal staff that have been the catalyst for many of our successful programs and achievements. The National Leadership Forum always ranks at the top of conferences I attend on an annual basis," said Marilyn J. MacDougall, Executive Director, Drug Use Is Life Abuse.

CADCA continually listens to our members' needs, and we're looking to add new member benefits such as a job board, CPS Certification Study, Presidential Election Guide, new recognition for years of membership, and more communications templates in 2016.



Our coalition has been a member of CADCA for 10 years, since our inception. CADCA and this membership have been invaluable to our success. Being a part of a national movement and having

a voice on a national level is essential. Completing the CADCA Academy, attending the Mid-Year Training Institute and National Leadership Forum have provided the staff and volunteers with the information to run a successful coalition.

MATFORCE Executive Director and
 CADCA Coalition Advisory Committee member Merilee Fowler

## **FUTURE CADCA EVENTS**

National Leadership Forum Mid-Year Training Institute Drug-Free Kids Campaign Dinner

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National Leadership Forum
Mid-Year Training Institute
Drug-Free Kids Campaign Dinner

February 6-9, 2017 July 23-27, 2017 Fall 2017

February 5-8, 2018 July 15-19, 2018 Fall 2018

February 4-7, 2019 July 14-18, 2019 Fall 2019 National Harbor, MD Atlanta. GA

Washington, DC

National Harbor, MD Orlando, FL Washington, DC

National Harbor, MD Dallas, TX Washington, DC

## MEMBER BENEFITS

To help our members do their critical work effectively, we provide a number of benefits.

- Serve as a voice and champion of funding for coalitions and the prevention movement on Capitol Hill
- Legislative alerts and updates regarding CADCA's public policy efforts and time-sensitive legislative issues
- Member-only rates for CADCA's National Leadership Forum and Mid-Year Training Institute
- Two digital newsletters:
   Members' Edge, published
   monthly, and Coalitions Online,
   published weekly

- Volunteer request referrals from CADCA's online "Join a Coalition" submission form\*
- Eligibility to enter CADCAsponsored contests and scholarship opportunities
- Affinity Program Discounts:
   Office Depot, Hertz, Dell, UPS
- Access to media outreach tools, including sample letters and templates
- Discounted rates on CADCA's printed publications and online courses
- Use of CADCA logo for branding purposes\*
- Unlimited staff and volunteers to organization's roster to maximize usage of CADCA benefits\*

## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR SUSTAINING MEMBERS

- Comprehensive report specifically tailored to your state based on results from the Annual Survey of Coalitions
- Ability to schedule CADCA senior leadership staff for public speaking engagements and training support
- Bi-annual state-level
  teleconference and/or webinar
  addressing issues at the
  forefront of states (scheduling
  upon request)

## THANK YOU TO OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR JOINING CADCA IN 2015.

COALITIONS AHM Coalition for a Healthy Empowered Fairmont Substance Community (CHEC) All Together Allen County Multi-Agency Team **Anixter Center** Ann Arbor Campus Community Coalition Arise & Flourish, Inc. Ashland Cherryland Together Ashland Decisions at Every Turn Coalition Aurora Mental Health Center **Baker Prevention** Coalition, Inc. Be The Influence: A Windham-Raymond Collaborative Bernalillo Coalition to Prevent Substance Abuse Bienville Community Coalition Big Village **BN** Parents Bonneville County/ Bonneville Youth Development **Brown County** Underage Substance Abuse Coalition Burke Substance

Abuse Network Cass Schuyler Coalition Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Clinton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Coalition to Combat Adolescent

Substance Abuse Communicare Communities Acting Against Substance Defiance County

Drug Free Coalition **Dekalb Community** Promise Dobbs Ferry Youth

Services Council **Douglas County** Mental Health Initiative

Dublin A.C.T. Coalition **DuPage County** Prevention Leadership Team Each One Teach One East Feliciana Drug and Alcohol Awareness Council Elevate Coalition

Eugene Springfield Prevention Coalition Abuse Prevention Coalition Families and Communities Together (KS) Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc. Four Corners Community Behavioral Health Four Rivers Alliance **FSM Behavioral** Health & Wellness

**Programs** Ga-Du-Gi Coalition George Gervin Youth Center, Inc. - Project Alert **Graham Community** 

Greensburg Prevention Group Hamilton Area Community Coalition Hampden Wilbraham Safe and Healthy Students Coalition Haskell County Coalition Haywood County

Health and Human Services Agency Health and Wellness Coalition of Union County Healthy Cattaraugus County: A Drug Free

Healthy Communities ONE VOICE, INC. Healthy Youth Marquette County Henry County Prevention Coalition Hilton Parma Drug Intervention

& Community Education Hwal Bay Hmany did aev'ik

iASK - CAB Idaho College Health Coalition Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition Iowa Alliance of

Coalitions for Change Kayla Peach Memorial Foundation KS Dept for Aging and Disability Services

La Frontera Center Lake County Underage Drinking Prevention Task Force

Lake Pend Oreille Safe and Drug Free Advisory Council Lakes and Pines Community Action Council, Inc. Lakewoods CHOICE

Lapwai School District Livingston Youth & Families Together Massena Drug Free Community Coalition

Michael Glynn Memorial Coalition Mill Valley Aware Montgomery County Prevention Coalition Neighborhoods

Against Substance Ahuse Nevada Community Prevention Coalition,

Newaygo County Partners in Prevention & Recovery Newton County

Community Coalition **NHS Cares** North Reading Youth Substance Use Prevention Coalition

Northeast Community Springboard Northwest Regional Coalition

Oak Park Township One Prevention Alliance

Otis R. Bowen Center Page Alliance for Community Action

Perry County Counseling Center Polk-Norman-Mahnomen Community Health

Services Prevent Together: Battle Ground Prevention Alliance

Prevention Works, Inc. PSAC-Polk Substance

Abuse Coalition Reardan-Edwall Communities Alliance for Prevention Coalition Reducing Substance Abuse Coalition

Rural Substance Ahuse Awareness Coalition Rusk County Youth Council Rutherford

Prevention Coalition

Safe & Healthy Homewood Coalition SAFE in Harlem Salmon School District #291

Sandy Valley Drug Awareness Initiative Schuyler County Coalition on Underage Drinking and Drugs

Scituate Prevention Partnership Shawnee

Transformation Youth Coalition Sherburne County Substance Use Prevention Coalition

Somerset County Local Management Board

Southern Dutchess Community Coalition DE Division of Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth-New Hampshire (SoRock-

Stand Strong Coalition Steppin' It Up Coalition

Stop Underage Drinking/Drugs Downriver Strategies for a Stronger Sanford Stratford Partnership for Youth & Families

Tanana Chiefs Conference The Arbor Coalition The FRESH Coalition TOGETHER! Rainier

Community Cares Trumbull Partnership Against Underage Drinking (TPAUD) Union Parish Alliance for Community Transformation

(U-ACT) Valley Mental Health dba Valley Behavioral Health Washington Parish

Commission on **Human Services** Weld County Prevention Partners Wellness &

Prevention Coalition West Baton Rouge Drug-Free Community Program Westbrook Communities that

Western New York Prevention Resource Cassie Davis Center Westside Ward 4

We've Got Your Back White Swan Arts & Rec Community Winona County Alliance for Substance Abuse

Prevention Wood County Prevention Coalition Youth Development Inc-Valencia Division Youth Risina

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

AZ Dept. of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals

#### SPECIAL INTEREST **GROUPS**

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Jessica McConico Jessica Middleton Jetta Valentine

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VanDamme Tina Van Guilder Tom Murdock Tony Ackiss

Tracy Yelden Tyler Vance Vicki Scott Viola Smith

Virginia Gobel

## **ENSURING FUNDING**

## FOR OUR NATION'S MOST EFFECTIVE DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM

our support helps empower CADCA's advocacy efforts across the United States.

To reduce teen drug use in their communities, coalitions can't succeed on their own. They need training and support, as well as vital dollars to help fund their local efforts. The Drug Free Communities Support (DFC) Program helps ensure coalitions receive just that.

Every year, CADCA educates members of Congress on the importance of the DFC and other drug prevention programs and ensures that they are funded at the highest level possible.

In 2015, with your help, CADCA successfully increased the DFC program funding from the proposed \$93.5 million in FY 2015 to \$95 million in FY 2016, which is also a \$9.3 million increase over the President's FY 2016 budget request for the program.

This is a win-win for communities because a 2014 national evaluation,

conducted by ICF International, of the DFC program found that DFCfunded communities have achieved significant reductions in youth alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use, including:

- A significant decrease in past 30-day use for alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and prescription drugs among middle school and high school youth;
- An increase in the percentage of survey respondents who reported that regular use of tobacco, alcohol, or prescription drugs has moderate or great risk;
- An increase in the perception of peer disapproval among middle school students in each of the four substance areas, and for high school students in each substance except marijuana; and
- An increase in perception of parent disapproval for each of the substance areas, with the exception of marijuana among high school youth.

CADCA works closely with our members to educate lawmakers at both the national and state level. For example, Stephanie Armbrister Strutner, Executive Director of the Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County, joined CADCA to work on the national substance abuse prevention provisions included in the Every Student Succeeds Act, which passed in 2015.



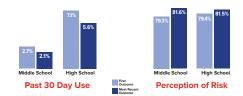
She also contributed to important legislation in her state of Tennessee. She is most proud of helping the passing of a litigation tax in Tennessee to enable municipalities to fund prevention at the local level.

"The bill failed in the House committee last year and I wanted to give up on it, but our state partners really banded together this year and the bills passed through both houses quickly. Now, our local governments have the ability to designate a portion of court fees to fund substance abuse prevention, which is a huge step in the right direction," she said.

CADCA recognized Strutner as the Advocate of the Year at the 2016 National Leadership Forum for her achievements made in 2015.

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support
Program Findings on Illicit Use of Prescription
Drugs from the 2014 National Evaluation

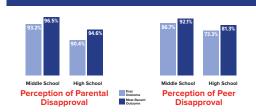
Core Measure Data for FY 2013 Grantees



Nationwide, About 1 in 4 Middle School and High School Students Lived in a Community with a DFC Coalition in 2014



## #drugfreecommunities Core Measure Data for FY 2013 Grantees



For more information: ICF International (2015). Drug-Free Communities Support Program 2014 National Evaluation Report.

Office of National drug Control Policy. www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/Drug-Free-Communities-Support-Program

## **FUELING THE COALITION**

## THE COALITION MOVEMENT THROUGH THE DRUG FREE KIDS CAMPAIGN

CADCA's 17th annual Drug-Free Kids
Campaign Awards Dinner brought
together more than 400 corporate
supporters, federal partners,
members of Congress and coalition
leaders from around the country
who are committed to reversing the
tide of drug abuse and addiction.
The dinner was held on Oct. 7 in
Washington, D.C.

The Drug-Free Kids Campaign recognizes leaders like you who support CADCA's effective substance abuse prevention model. Funds raised through the campaign help support CADCA's efforts to build and strengthen local community coalitions and transform youth into civic leaders to reduce substance abuse. In 2015, the dinner helped the campaign bring in \$600,000 to fund these essential initiatives.

CADCA honored Mark Trudeau,
President and Chief Executive Officer

of Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, as its Humanitarian of the Year for his personal commitment to help prevent teen drug use, support of CADCA's mission and Mallinckrodt's collaborative approach to addressing our nation's opioid addiction crisis.

"Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals is dedicated to providing safe and effective medications for the treatment of patients with pain and is equally committed to working with policymakers, law enforcement and industry to address the complex issues of opioid addiction and abuse," Trudeau said. "To be successful, state and federal legislators and regulators, patients and patient advocacy groups, physicians and provider groups, healthcare facilities, pharmacies, law enforcement, wholesalers, and manufacturers must all work together."

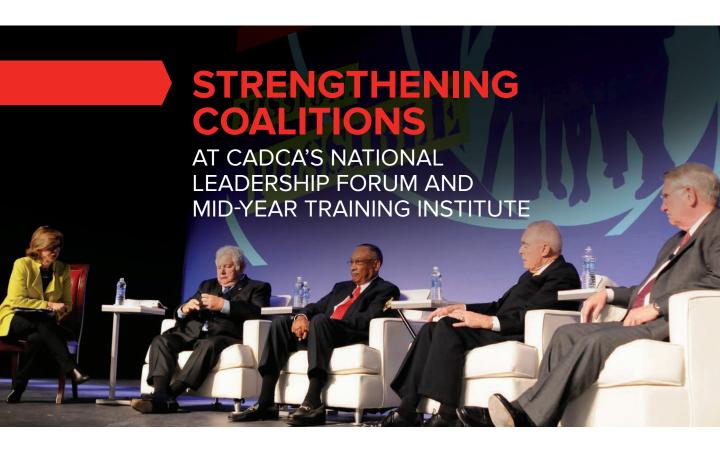




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groups, healthcare facilities, pharmacies, law enforcement, wholesalers, and manufacturers must all work together.

Mark Trudeau, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals



Your contributions helped provide world-class training for more than 2,600 substance abuse prevention activists at CADCA's 25th annual National Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. in February.

CADCA celebrated its silver anniversary with Susan Page, Washington Bureau Chief for USA Today, leading a Q&A discussion with keynote speaker Michael Botticelli, Director of ONDCP, and moderating a one-of-a-kind panel discussion with the current and former "drug czars." The panel, "Our Nation's Drug Policy:

Past, Present and Future," featured four former directors of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP):

- Dr. William Bennett, 1st ONDCP
   Director under President George
   H.W. Bush
- Dr. Lee P. Brown, 3rd ONDCP
   Director under President Bill Clinton
- General Barry McCaffrey, 4th
   ONDCP Director under President
   Bill Clinton
- John P. Walters, 5th ONDCP
   Director under President George
   W. Bush

On Capitol Hill Day, more than 800 coalition leaders met with their members of Congress to educate them on the substance abuse issues affecting their communities. In total, more than 260 Hill visits took place. Participants also heard from Senators Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Kelly Ayotte (R-NH); and U.S. Representatives Paul Tonko (D-NY), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Calif.) and Michael Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.) during the Forum and the Capitol Hill Day reception.

In August, more than 1,300 substance abuse prevention and treatment specialists from across the country convened in Indianapolis for CADCA's Mid-Year Training Institute. The week-long training taught participants how to address one of our nation's biggest public health challenges – youth drug use.

CADCA welcomed 33 international guests representing 12 countries as well as a delegation from the Navajo Nation. Also, more than 50 coalition members, including youth, spent one evening volunteering to paint, organize and scrub a home for local people in recovery as part of a community service project.

For the first time at CADCA's Mid-Year, CADCA offered an Advanced Coalition Academy and a special track for law enforcement personnel. CADCA sent first-time attendee Lee Jack Alirez home from Indy, revved up and ready to implement new ideas in Truth or Consequences, NM.

A new police chief there, but a veteran law enforcement officer, Alirez said, "What an amazing group of national and international professionals committed to improving the quality of life and health of others. I'm honored to be considered among them."







## **GIVING COMMUNITIES**

## A DOSE OF PREVENTION DURING NATIONAL MEDICINE ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH



In October, CADCA celebrates
National Medicine Abuse Awareness
Month (NMAAM) and activates
our network to promote the
message that over-the-counter and
prescription medicines are to be
taken only as labeled or prescribed,
and that using such medicines
to get high or in large doses can
cause serious or life-threatening
consequences. The observance also
serves as an opportunity to discuss
safe disposal.

What began with one partner,
Consumer Healthcare Products
Association (CHPA), in 2008,
expanded to include additional
sponsors McNeil Healthcare,
Healthcare Distribution Management
Association, and Mallinckrodt
Pharmaceuticals, and partners
Gannett and The Center on
Addiction and Substance Abuse at
Columbia University.

In 2015, we re-branded NMAAM to raise its visibility and introduced a special focus for each week that highlighted important community sectors: drug-free kids, the medical community, our schools, and law enforcement. CADCA also promoted the campaign on our redesigned, more user friendly website, cadca.org, and our online tool kit PreventRxAbuse.org; all of our social media channels; and via a Twitter chat featuring ONDCP Deputy Director of State, Local, and Tribal Affairs Mary Lou Leary, which generated more than 2 million social media impressions.

These efforts resulted in coalitions raising awareness through social media campaigns, media outreach, and approximately 50 educational events around the U.S. Those that held events, entered the CADCA 50 Challenge and were eligible to win the Dose of Prevention Award, sponsored by CHPA.

Shelby County Drug Free Coalition Director Lori
Springer had met far too many young people whose
parents were incarcerated for drug-related crimes.
Springer and her fellow community advocates in
Shelbyville, Ind., decided to take action during
NMAAM.

Before Springer knew it, she had all sectors of the community ready to assist her in providing memorable educational activities, including a school essay contest and a community breakfast, that raised awareness of over-the-counter and prescription drug abuse.



## REDUCING SUBSTANCE ABUSE

## AROUND THE GLOBE

For two decades, CADCA's evidencebased community problem solving model has helped community leaders throughout the United States prevent and reduce drug abuse locally. Thanks to supporters like you and CADCA's international efforts, this evidence-based model is now being implemented by communities worldwide.

In 2015, CADCA was able to secure \$2 million in funding from the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) demand reduction program. The grant with INL, coupled with additional funding, made it possible for CADCA to conduct 90 coalition building trainings in 18 countries around the globe, which resulted in the establishment of 60 additional coalitions.

2015 also saw the launching of a new CADCA training delivery system, the Training of Leaders (TOL) Initiative. Designed to increase the number of coalitions worldwide by training a select group of community leaders

with a strong commitment to address substance use and the capacity to develop a community coalition, the curriculum was developed in English, Russian and Spanish, and launched in Ghana, Peru, Tajikistan, the Philippines and Mexico, with impressive results: Thirty out of the 60 coalitions developed in 2015 were developed as a result of the TOL Initiative, bringing the total of international community coalitions developed by CADCA to 193.

TOL was conducted in countries where CADCA has strong, effective, and dedicated local partners, as well as good relationships with national and local governments. One country that certainly fits these criteria is Mexico.

Programa Compañeros, Alliance of Border Collaboratives, and CADCA have been working in partnership to develop the National Network of Community Coalitions Mexico (RCCM). Nora Gallegos, the National Coordinator of RCCM, was recognized in 2015 as an

Advocate for Action by the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy for the work she and her staff accomplished throughout Mexico, such as providing ongoing support and technical assistance to communities trained by CADCA and addressing the violence and substance userelated issues in her country.



The coalition development efforts that began in Mexico in 2012 started out with just three coalitions. This effort quickly expanded to nine coalitions along the border region with the U.S., namely in Ciudad Juarez, Tijuana, Agua Prieta and Nogales. By the end of 2015, an additional 12 coalitions in seven states throughout Mexico had been established. Once the world's most dangerous city, Ciudad Juarez today experiences less crime and the city's residents are building trust with the coalitions. Gallegos said that the troubled neighborhoods appreciate what the coalition members are doing.

"We need to invest in community efforts, in the prevention of addiction and substance abuse...Now we have government, non-profits and community working together," Gallegos said.

## **EXTINGUISHING**

## TOBACCO-RELATED AND CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES



Where you live may predict your health outcomes. And your support has enabled us to be able to address health disparities. Studies show that the tobacco smoking rate of those in rural areas is higher than the national average for those over

the age of 18. Cancer rates are also disproportionately higher in rural and frontier communities because of lack of access to cancer specialists and medical treatment. To help address those disparities, CADCA's national network, the Geographic Health Equity Alliance, supported by a cooperative agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, continued its work.

In 2015, CADCA hosted the Geographic Health Equity
Symposium for the second year in a row at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans. CADCA Chairman and CEO Gen. Arthur T. Dean presented an award to New Orleans Councilwoman Latoya Cantrell for helping her city breathe easier. New Orleans is the first major Louisiana city to go 100 percent smoke-free since an ordinance that Cantrell introduced went into effect six months ago.

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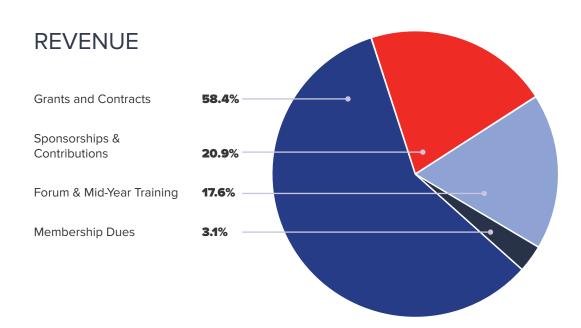


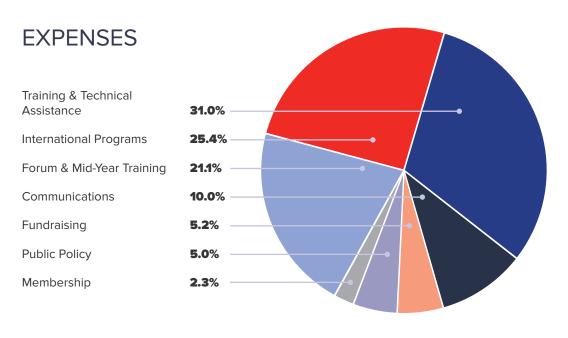
The African proverb wisely expresses, "It takes a village to raise a child." Since our fledgling days nearly 25 years ago, CADCA has stayed

committed to championing primary prevention because we know it works. If we can prevent youth substance abuse, then there is no need to go down that long road to recovery. Yes, it takes all of us to implement a comprehensive set of evidence-based strategies to raise strong and healthy children.

Gen. Arthur T. Dean, CADCA's Chairman and CEO

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