



CITIZENS AGAINST METH

*"WORKING FOR A BETTER GENERATION,
OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON US"*

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Citizens Against Meth and Other Addictive Substances' mission is to educate the citizens of Gordon County about the crisis our community faces with the methamphetamine epidemic and other addictive drugs. We seek to encourage and assist in youth and adult prevention and rehabilitation by providing resources for individuals and their families, and to collaborate with social service programs, the educational systems, businesses, churches, government and youth-related programs to eradicate the substance abuse problem.

CAM Addresses Drugs Don't Work Committee



CAM Project Director, Latrina Patrick, made a brief presentation at the Drugs Don't Work Committee's Fall Lunch and Learn meeting last month. The meeting was held at the Emergency Medical Services building in Gordon County. Committee members had the opportunity to tour the 911 center and get a first hand look at how its run and how they handle the thousands of calls they receive every month.

CAM is a proud member of the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce and an active member of the Drugs Don't Work Committee.

Signs of Teen Drug Use

- Changes in friends
- Negative changes in school
- Increased secrecy about possessions or activities
- Use of incense, room deodorant, or perfume to hide smoke or chemical odors
- Change in clothing choices: new fascination with clothes that highlight drug use
- Increase in borrowing money
- Evidence of drug paraphernalia
- Bottles of eye drops, (used to mask bloodshot eyes or dilated pupils)
- New use of mouthwash or breath mints to cover up the smell of alcohol
- Missing prescription drugs, especially narcotics and mood stabilizers

Red Ribbon Week: October 23-31, 2009

Red Ribbon Celebration is not an isolated week of prevention activities or a prevention program. Rather, Red Ribbon Celebration is an Awareness Campaign, which is an integral part of a year round focus on providing safe activities in communities that are alternatives to drinking and using other drugs. It transforms awareness into action. It's not about wearing Red Ribbons. The purpose is to involve students, parents and teachers in fun and meaningful environmental prevention activities. Environmental prevention activities focus on changing social and physical environments that allow substance abuse.

National Red Ribbon Week is celebrated every year October 23-31. During this time, thousands of schools, communities, and drug abuse prevention organizations throughout the country distribute red ribbons to honor Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena's memory and visibly show a dedication to be drug free. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Agent Camarena was killed while working in Guadalajara, Mexico, the center of the drug trafficking empire. While investigating a multi-billion dollar drug scam, he confiscated thousands of pounds of cocaine, and hundreds of thousands of pounds of marijuana. He believed that one person CAN make a difference and he sacrificed his life to prevent drugs from entering the United States.

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