

## **Downingtown Area – Communities That Care**

### **Prevention Partners Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 12:30-1:30 pm – DASD Central Office**

**Attendees:** Libby Egnaczyk (Community Mobilizer), Cynthia Black (CTC President and Safe Homes Coordinator), Stephanie Winegar (CTC Secretary and parent), Carol Ivone (CCIU-CYF), Karen Koza (CCIU-JPO), Gerry Gonzalez (Child Guidance), Casey Jones (Transformation Initiative), Celeste Alfieri (A Child's Place), Pattie Lebresco (Lionville YMCA), Kathy Collier (CC Drug & Alcohol), Chris Benzing (CTC BOA and Marsh Creek Church), Jim Ford (CTC BOA consultant), Selena Morresi (CARON), Chrissie Dziembowski (Holcomb), Jason Akers (Juvenile Probation), Kristina Hawa (Citadel and CTC BOA), Ashley McGraw (Juvenile Probation), Amy Musumeci (JPO), Dee Person (Patriot Health), Earl Burnham (DASD Athletics)

Guest Speakers: Barbara Mancill (United Way Chester County), Kim Bowman (Chester County Human Services, Marguerite Dube (Chester County Library)

#### **Welcome & Introductions:**

Great turnout today. Thank you for caring about our youth.

#### **Approval of October 2015 Minutes:**

Chrissie made motion to approve and Gerry seconded. The motion to approve October minutes passed unanimously.

#### **Community Announcements:**

- Cynthia announced the CTC is holding an Open House at the Lionville Y on November 19, 11-1. Safe Homes is providing monthly fliers to all the schools everything from driving and cell phone contracts to how kids follow our actions, not advice. She also presented an editorial from the Daily Local on the heroin epidemic.
- Chris invited everyone to the Marsh Creek Church's Christmas Snapshot and Social December 5, 9-1. Families can have their photo taken and receive a 4x6 print and email link free.
- Gerry informed the group there would be an all-day suicide prevention task force symposium November 19.
- Libby is getting students who worked on the 2015 MC6GC positive message campaign to participate in the Downingtown Parade December 12.
- Chrissie reminded the group of the free programs Holcomb offers.
- Selena offers an 8 week nicotine cessation program.

- Tina said the PAYS survey was completed and in order to opt-out a passive permission slip had to be signed and most of those came from sixth grade. She received around 150 emails with questions and about 96 ending up opting out (about 10% of all students). Only 2-5 opted out in middle and high school. Results expected April 30, 2016.
- Celeste reported that Strengthening Families is in the 5<sup>th</sup> week.

**Guest Speaker:**

- Barbara Mancill from Chester County United Way presented RoadMapp to Health – Chester County’s Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan.
- In addition, Barbara told the group that 211 went into effect October 1, 2015. This is a 911 for health and human services in the Greater Philly and South Jersey areas. They are working through duplicate information and some “bugs” but should prove to be a valuable tool for those looking for help. Libby is going to look into having the CTC listed as a resource.

**Next Meeting:**

- Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 12:30-1:30 Lionville YMCA