



Drug-Free Community Coalition

Who We Are

Formed by a joint resolution of City and County government, the Metropolitan Drug Commission serves as the drug abuse prevention, professional training and public awareness arm of Knoxville and Knox County. Out of this formation came the MDC Drug Free Community Coalition. People from all segments of society – private business, volunteers, government, faith, non-profit and more – have mobilized together since 1986 against adult abuse and youth use of alcohol and other drugs.

What We Do

- Train professionals in signs of drug use
- Sponsor community events to call attention to new or re-emerging drug problems
- Create and conduct in-school programs
- Influence local drug policy to limit youth access to drugs and increase access to drug and alcohol treatment
- Work with local businesses to reduce youth exposure to alcohol and other drugs

What We've Accomplished

- Provided assistance to companies in the Drug-Free Workplace program
- Developed point-of-sale items for display at pharmacies urging customers to secure prescription drugs against unintended use by young people
- Conducted the 2009-2010 Knoxville Youth Summit with more than 800 participants
- Co-sponsored "Tow to Go" program providing free New Year's Eve tows home for partiers who felt unsafe to drive
- Helped influence Knoxville City Council's alcohol and drug policy decisions
- Provided significant assistance to the students at Richard Yoakley Alternative School

How You Can Help

- Provide critical support to youth at risk for drug use. **Activities/Skills:** Reading, tutoring, mentoring, helping with school parties.
- Make treatment available to all who need it by working with the treatment community, faith-based organizations, government, businesses and others. **Activities/Skills:** Planning, writing, speaking, organizing.
- Work with private businesses, government and others to reduce drug use by youth by making drugs harder to find. **Activities/Skills:** Planning, writing, speaking, organizing.
- Engage new Coalition partners from public, private, non-profit, faith and volunteer communities. **Activities/Skills:** Planning, writing, speaking, organizing.
- Help at full Coalition meetings by providing lunches or drinks; provide in-kind support with office supplies, copying, or mailing; help maintain social media or internet sites; *lend us your imagination!*



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Why Join Us

- Because YOU can make a difference in our community
- Meet and work with dedicated, talented people
- Enjoy a really good lunch every other month!

Some of Our Current Members Include:

- Bradford Treatment Centers
- FBI
- Southern Railway
- Knoxville Police Department
- A+ Defensive Driving
- Boy Scouts of America
- UT Police Department
- UT Law Enforcement Innovation Center
- Knox County Schools
- State Farm Insurance
- U.S. Air National Guard
- AAA East Tennessee
- Knox County Health Department
- Knox Area Project Access
- Helen Ross McNabb
- Cornerstone of Recovery
- Cumberland Heights
- The Solution Source
- Emotional Health and Recovery Center
- UT SEE Center
- Knox County District Attorney's Office
- Knox County PTA
- TN Voices for Children
- Emerald Youth Foundation
- K-Town Youth Empowerment
- TopShelf Responsible Beverage Service

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Drug abuse, particularly by young people, costs our country billions of dollars every year. In 2001 prescription drug abuse cost the United States over 9.2 billion dollars. This included lost productivity in the workplace, criminal justice costs, and healthcare costs.

According to the CDC, overdose from prescription drugs is the second leading cause of death from unintentional injuries among 15-34 year olds. It devastates the lives of abusers and the lives of those around them, some of which they don't even know.

Give us a little of your time and skills to fight back! Contact the Metropolitan Drug Commission today and join the Drug-Free Community Coalition.