

Humboldt Community NETWORK Meeting

Meeting Report: October 4th, 2007
DHHS Community Wellness Center, Eureka, CA
1:00pm-3:00pm

Presentation

Melissa Furbee, Humboldt Community Network and Switchboard Coordinator introduced Beth Chaton of TAPESTRY, who helped coordinate this month's NET topic of healthy and unhealthy behaviors of teen dating. Nicole Gans and Blanca Bautista, of the Department of Health and Human Services, helped in making the panel possible as well.

The participants were **Paula Arrowsmith-Jones- North Coast Rape Crisis Team**, **Karrin Palmer-Six Rivers Planned Parenthood Spare Change Director**, **Gina Figueroa-Spare Change**, **Blanca Bautista-Family Violence Prevention Program**, five high school, peer educators who are members of SRPP's Spare Change. The five peer educators were **Jessica, Teardra, Brennan, Korinna, and Briana**. Spare change is a peer to peer group. It has education and theater components as well as one-on-ones. Education and theater is about gender roles, pregnancy, and self-esteem. Spare Change is ran by Six Rivers Planned Parenthood and is funded through TAPSTRY. Students from Spare Change are passionate about Domestic Violence. The program offers a good way to relate to students and offers a resource for others. The peer educators told stories about their personal experiences with Domestic Violence.

Paula described the relation between the program and the services they provide services at Rape Crisis. North Coast Rape Crisis and Humboldt Domestic Violence Services work with teens in all Junior High and High Schools. Paula added that there is a Native American component to the Rape Crisis program. The crisis line at Rape Crisis is a safe place to talk because they are not mandated reporters, but schools are. Domestic Violence breaks down friendships and therefore causes support systems to fall away. She presented statistics about domestic violence. Over 50% of teens say that they witnessed abuse. She stated 50% of violence is sexual in nature. Teenage girls who experience sexual violence are at a higher risk of acquiring STDs and end up in unwanted pregnancies. Surveys show that girls who are in violent relationships are 8-10 times more likely to commit suicide.

Blanca stated there is a Domestic Violence training Oct. 16th. It provides education to providers who can give information to those that they work with and have positive effect on families. There is also a prevention committee.

The group answered questions from the audience. There was a question about how teachers react to violence. The policy is to enforce measured consequences for violent acts, but they don't know how to react to domestic violence. The students said they would like adults to listen to them and not be judgmental. The students stated the counselors at school are for academic advising, but there are some

counselors who come in for substance abuse and violence. That is why peer education is important and it can reach more people.

There was a discussion about how they recruit students for the Spare Change program. They have tryouts/auditions every year. The process for finding perspective peer educators is a written application, interview and test for drama ability. They had to participate in a 4-day training before school started. Students need to be at weekly meetings, but transportation is difficult. Students get to write their own scripts from personal experience, use some of the previous scripts, after their written they go through community review of administrators, so they are appropriate and meet educational code. There is a 2-week public comment after review. The next community review will be in December.

All the students' parents are supportive. The program has been going to 15 years and has received state and national recognition for work over the last 10 years. Other smaller communities have begun similar programs. The students concluded their presentation by asking questions of the group.

Roundtable:

Nicole Gans-PHB, Sun. Oct 21 at Eureka Adult School, Latino Health Fair

Karen Diers-VCOR, RSVP volunteers recognition party next Friday

Terra Emmerson-NC Rape Crisis Team, women and girls self defense classes, advocacy and accompaniments

Isa Pritting-NC Children's Services, Pastels on Plaza, Saturday; application for preschoolers

Sarah Vevoda-First 5, Grant Workshop, 3-4 on Oct. 12 at First 5

Jessica Fox-The Exchange Club Parenting Center, Foster Parent orientations every month; Foster Family Assn, Thurs. Oct. 11

Mike Hugo-SRPP, sex education and parent/child communication workshops in Oct. and Nov. (flyer)
Nov 28th SKIP training with-non-clinicians provides awareness of STDs

Katie Holley-Emma Center, HDVS-Halloween Dance Vets Center Oct 27th; workshop with clients using traumatized horses

Elaine Reed-Girl Scouts

Barbara Davis-MC FRC, Tonight story sharing about Spanish; playgroup every Thus. 10-12 for children 0-4 at Head Start in McKinleyville; Incredible Years-Parent training for children 3-8, dinner and childcare-FREE

Dorothy Molofsky-TPPN, Any pregnant and parenting women under 20; fax back referrals

Janet Marinoni-Cal Learn

Kim Hagans-Switchboard volunteer

Sharyne Harper-HVDC, 30 years

Deni Thornton-ATOD

Denise George-ATOD, parenting series-8 meetings-4 topics, 6-8 at Wellness Center

Colleen Thornton-Two Feathers, Support Group for native women

Kathy Hanson-TPPN

Megan Workman-Coffee Opp, Youth run coffee house, event for teens; Youth Forum Oct. 12 at Ink people

Lucas Kibbee-Dads Program at Changing Tides, work with young dads, pregnancy prevention, teach family values; support group every Wednesday at 5:00-7:00 on 7th St.

Paula Arowsmith-Jones-NC Rape Crisis Team, Oct. 28 in Kate Buchanan Room, conversation about interpersonal and domestic violence paj@ncrct.org; flyers; looking for bi-lingual advocate

Blanca Bautista-PHB/FV Prevention Program, Calendar of Events for Domestic Violence Month; every Thurs. screening movies at Wellness Center, 12-1:30

Christina Fritschi-Eureka High, Annual Agency Fair, teen volunteers ops., Tues Oct 16 9:30-12:30
contact: 441-0271

Jay McCubbrey-Tobacco Free Humboldt, smoke-free movies and youth access to tobacco

Sheri Johnson-HSU Social Work, Information Meetings Nov. 1 at NET, tonight MSW meeting; Redway FRC 12-1:30 Dom Violence Coordination Committee, KHUM-Stop the Violence Campaign, Oct. 30
Tues-Thurs and Friday panel for 3-weeks in November

Korinna Irwin-AmeriCorps at Eureka High, Drug and Alcohol Prevention Education

Steve Moore-PH Nurse/STD control, chlamydia is most commonly reported, 245 last month reported in county; enhanced gonorrhea study-cases connected with incarceration and methamphetamine, offering urine based test for women booked in jail, ages 18-30

Beth Chaton-TAPESTRY, around for 12 years, county-wide service plans for CalSAFE-working on outreach; mentor training series-Ronnie Schwartz-Wed. Oct. 10th Putting the OM back in communication-Oct 24-NC Children Services-Food; Mike Goldsby Nov. 10th Drug Culture in Humboldt-in Madrone Room 6-8 on Wednesday night. Schedule on net website; teen health resource cards; After-school education program-Prop 49 at 11 Districts.

Melissa Furbee-upcoming event-CASA training Oct 9th, Lighthouse of the NC. Humboldt Mediation Services, Oct. 17

Seanna Willett-HumWORKS

Jenny Sullivan-NC Children's Services

Lora Chandler-DHHS/CWS Foster Care