

EXCITING NEWS!

We are pleased to announce that our Decatur Township Drug-Free Coalition received the Drug-Free Communities Continuation Grant from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy in partnership with the CDC!

The DFC Program grant will provide our coalition up to \$625,000 over five years to facilitate youth and adult participation at the community level in local youth drug use prevention efforts. Our coalition is comprised of community leaders, parents, youth, teachers, religious and fraternal organizations, health care and business professionals, law enforcement, and media.

If you are interested in joining our coalition or learning more, please reach out to us. We are very excited to continue the great work that is being done in Decatur Township to combat youth substance use.



We are looking to fill a few positions within our Coalition! If you are interested in finding out more please contact Kelly Ivey at kivey@decaturproud.org. We would like to invite any interested community members to our next coalition meeting in September!

Join Us!

Our next Coalition meeting is Wednesday September 7th from 1-2pm at the DTSE in the second floor conference room.

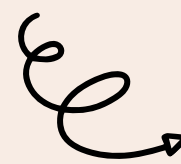
Neighborhood Enhancement Walk



This took place on June 6th at Deerfield Acres.



The Coalition partnered with IMPD Southwest District, Decatur Township Fire Department, and our Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate!



The firetrucks where a big hit!

The residents at Deerfield Acres received packets of resources, information about the Goodwin Center re-opening and smoke detectors.

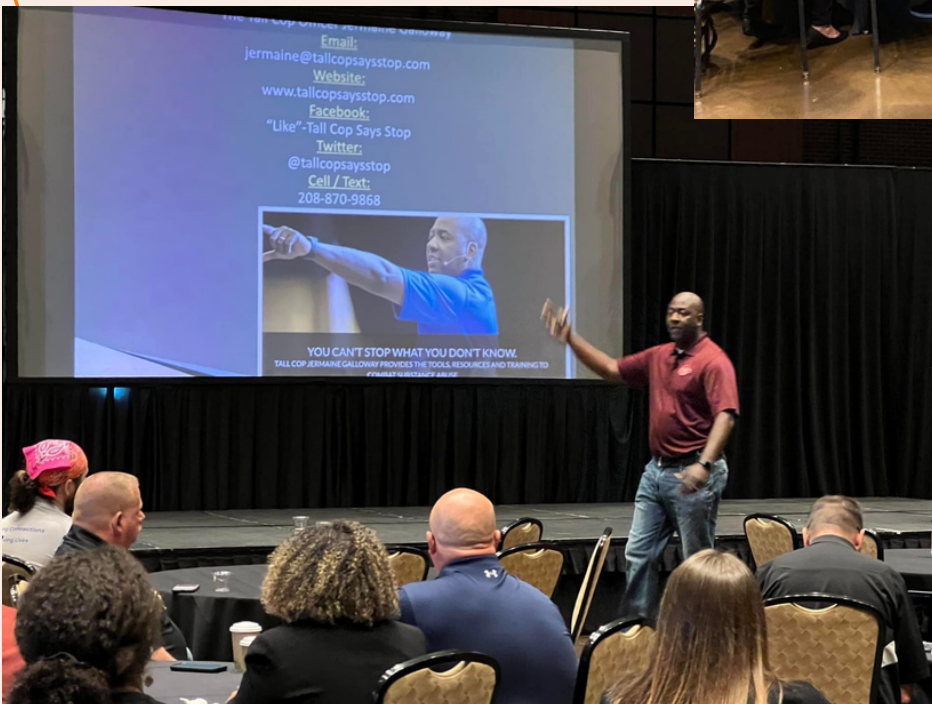
Great Lakes Prevention Conference



Kelly, Jess, and Corey got to meet Chris Sullivan!



The inaugural Great Lakes Prevention Conference was hosted by the 525 Foundation up in South Bend, Indiana on June 21st and 22nd. Two days packed full with ACES, Stigma, Mental Health, Prevention, Drug Endangered Children, and much much more! It was such an opportunity for the Coalition and Marion County Health Department to be apart of this education experience.



The Tall Cop was a phenomenal speaker!



Decatur Township Community Day

On Saturday, July 16th the Coalition hosted our annual Community Day event, and what a turnout! We had over 600 guests in attendance. Local partnering agencies attended and provided free resources. The Decatur Central High School Softball, Football, and Cheer teams attended and provided free activities for the kids. There were also small businesses selling their creations! It was a beautiful day and we can't wait to do it again next year! We would like to thank everyone that helped make this event possible. The pictures are just a small glimpse of the fun and smiles that took place!



Community Day Pictures Continued



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CADCA Mid-Year Conference



Kelly and Jess at the opening ceremony

The CADCA Mid-Year Conference took place in beautiful Orlando, FL this year. Our Coalition had the privilege to attend this 4 day conference and learn more about prevention, mental health, evolving and upcoming trends, youth coalitions, and so much more!



We also go the chance to meet up with Beech Grove Drug Free Coalition!

National Night Out

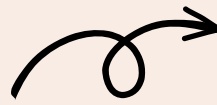
The Coalition participated in National Night Out on Tuesday August 2nd!

To learn more about National Night Out you can visit their website at www.natw.org



Troy Manor Community Day

Troy Manor hosted their community day this year on August 27th. The Coalition had the opportunity to pass out treats and information to residents that attended. Thank you to Troy Manor for having us out!



They loved the snacks and toys!



Our water bottles were a huge hit!



Coalition Education Trailer Update

The Coalition Educational Trailer has made its official debut! We did a soft opening at the Decatur Lions Club 4-H Fair in June and it was also set up for the Community Day event in July. The feedback we have received is very positive and we look forward to having it out at more events around the Decatur community.

The trailer can also be rented out for community events outside of Decatur Township.

If you are interested please contact Kelly Ivey at kivey@decaturproud.org for more information.



SOAR Club

SOAR stands for Support, Organize, Advocate, and Represent. The club meets every Wednesday morning at 8:20am in the Edge Conference Room at Decatur Central High School. If you have a student who is interested in joining please contact Jess Sandvold at jsandvold@decaturproud.org.

Are you wondering what SOAR does? Club members work on initiatives throughout the year such as prevention PSA's. The club participates in many community events throughout the year such as the Community Clean up in the spring, local community events that are hosted by other organizations, the Summer Servings program, and more! If you are interested in making a difference or have a student is, please have them come to one of our meetings to check it out!

Stay tuned for information about an upcoming middle school SOAR Club!



Please share!



Upcoming Events & Community Information

Below are some events that are coming up to take note of!

A great way to see what we have going on is to follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter for updates and more information about each event.

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September

1. Thursday the 15th = IMPD Southwest District Community Day from 4-7pm at 551 N. King Avenue.
2. Saturday the 17th - Decatur Central High School Homecoming Dance 7-10pm

October

1. Run for Ali will be taking place on Saturday the 22nd
2. Red Ribbon Week is the 23rd-31st

DCHS/Gleaners Partnership

DCHS in partnership with Gleaners Food Bank is helping to get food to families in need. If you or someone you know is in need and looking for a weekly donation food box, please visit the link below to complete the form:

[Complete form here](#)

Goodwin Community Center Food Pantry

The Goodwin Center will be hosting food pantries every other Monday from 12-2pm and 4-6pm. The dates include:

September 12th and 26th

October 10th and 24th