

Decatur Township Drug Free Coalition

Newsletter

Welcome Jess!

Please welcome Jess Sandvold, the new Coalition Coordinator! Jess joined the coalition in March. She has 4 children that attend Decatur Township Schools. Passionate about her community and youth, Jess brings her energy and experience to help the team push the coalition in new directions. Outreach is extremely important to Jess, who has experience with members of her own family who have committed suicide and struggled with substance abuse. Check out our in person events for a chance to stop by and say hello to her!



"You Matter" Sign Fundrasier!

May is mental illness month. The Drug Free Coalition alongside the DCHS SOAR Club is selling "You Matter" yard signs as a fundraiser, but also to help raise awareness of mental illness. The signs are \$15 each and include the yard stakes. You may have the signs delivered to your home if you are within Decatur Township, delivered to a loved one within the township, or you may pick them up in person from Decatur Middle or High Schools from the front office. Cash is accepted. You may order online at:

<https://forms.gle/sjN7U5zpnBXaC4hw5>

The Decatur Township Drug Free Coalition will be handing out small toys and games to the children that come to the Decatur Township Summer Servings Program that is offered by the school district. If you need more information please visit:

<https://www.decaturlproud.org/child-nutrition/summer-servings>

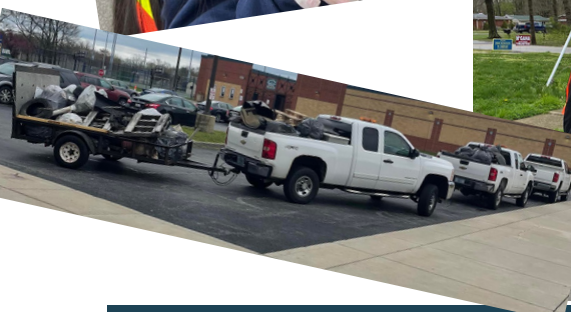


Decatur Township Drug Free Coalition

DCHS Soar Club

High School Clean Up

On Thursday April 21, 2022 the Decatur Central High School participated in their annual community clean up! The event, sponsored by the DCHS Athletics Department and Soar Club, along with the coalition was able to achieve a group of 65 students to clean up four major routes near the high school area. The groups covered Thompson Road, Epler, Furnas, and Mann, along with Mooresville Road. The clean up lasted approximately 2 hours, and the students successfully managed to fill about 6 loads of garbage!



A very big thank you to the Decatur Township Fire Department and Police Department, along with the Decatur Transportation and Maintenance Departments, and the Decatur Central Athletic Department for transportation, safety, supplies, and coordination in this amazing effort!

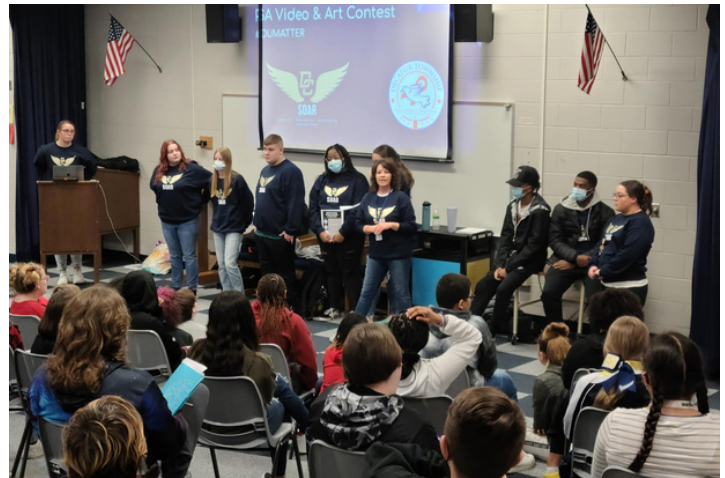
Decatur Township Drug Free Coalition

SOAR Continued..



Middle School Marijuana PSA Presentation

The DCHS Soar Club went to the Decatur Middle School to present the Marijuana Prevention PSA Contest! The contest was open to all middle school students and high school students to participate in. The contest ended on April 29th. A very big thank you to Mr. Criswell and his staff for allowing the SOAR Club to present the PSA Contest to the students!



Are you interested in joining the SOAR Club?

If you are a high school student or even entering high school in the fall and you would like to learn how to join the SOAR Club at DCHS, please email Brittany Huber bhuber@decaturproud.org or Jess Sandvold jsandvold@decaturproud.org. There are several opportunities to get involved this upcoming 2022 Summer!

If you are a middle school student, or entering middle school and would like more information about any upcoming club opportunities please email Jess Sandvold at jsandvold@decaturproud.org.

Decatur Township Drug Free Coalition

Coalition News!

Trailer Introduction

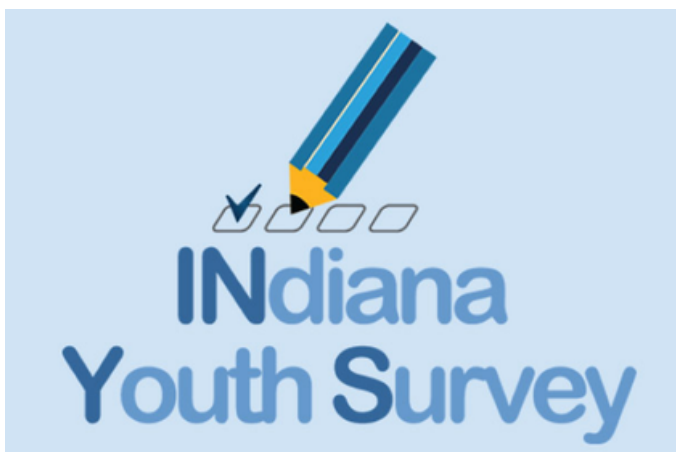
Fundraising results have allowed the coalition to purchase a trailer to further our education efforts at community events! We will be introducing it at summer events this year!

If you would like to reserve the trailer for your event or would like us to attend an event you may be hosting, please visit drugfreedecatur.org and click on the "educational trailer" tab.



Indiana Youth Survey Update

Bi-annually our school system administers the INYS survey to students in grades 6-12. The purpose of this survey is to provide us with valid estimates of the prevalence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among their students, as well as mental health, gambling behaviors, and levels of risk and protective factors present in the students' lives. We will have the results of the survey soon. These will help us in knowing where we need to focus our prevention efforts with our youth.



Decatur Township Drug Free Coalition

Upcoming Events!

June Events

IMPD Southwest Commanders Walk

Date: Friday June 3rd

Time: 2-3:30pm

Location: Rhoades Elementary
School

Goodwin Center Grand Re-Opening!

Date: Monday June 6th

Time: 4-7pm

Location: Goodwin Community
Center

Lion's Club 4-H Fair

Date: June 8th-11th

Location: Decatur Central High
School

Camby Community Church VBS

Date: June 20th-24th

Location: Camby Community Church
Cambychurch.org
(317) 856-6844

July Events

Camp Invention

Date: July 15-19

Time: 9-3:30

Location: Blue Academy
Contact: Rebecca Bersani
rbersani@decaturproud.org

Annual Community Day!

Date: Saturday July 16th

Time: 12-3pm

Location: Excel Center Parking
Lot

