HDAAC

The Holliston Drug & Alcohol Awareness Coalition

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HDAAC is housed at Youth & Family Services (HYFS)
1750 Washington Street, Holliston, MA 01746

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Upcoming Events

November

- Thursday, November 5th, 12-2 PM: Fall Festival for the elementary schools @The Library, no sign up needed.

We are also hoping to display our Remembrance Tree again in Blair Square at the end of November through the December Holiday season. Please consider sharing the name of a loved one lost due to substances with our form here, to have them honored on our tree.

December

- Friday, December 4th, 6:30-8 PM: Family Trivia @The Library
- (TBD) Wednesday, December 9th, 11-12: Parent Meet Up @The Bird & Bear; snow globe & candle decorating with a conversation around winter blues (grief, loneliness, depression, stress, etc.)
- Thursday, December 31st, 5-8 PM: First Night on the Rail Trail; HDAAC will have a firepit in honor or those in recovery, and those we have lost to substance misuse. More details to come!

Community Engagement

Parent Wellness & Safety Night - 10/6

We started the month off with our annual Parent Wellness & Safety Night in collaboration with the Holliston Police Dept., the SAFE Coalition, and HYFS. While we only had 3 parents attend, we dove into some great contend and sparked a lot of informational conversations.



Town Meeting - 10/19

Article 15 of the October Warrant passed! This authorized the transfer of the remaining opioid settlement dollars from the stabilization fund into a special revenue account, which allows eligible spending to be approved by the Select Board instead of having to attend Town Meeting every 6-12 months. Simply making it easier for HDAAC to continue using these funds for the opioid initiatives we've been doing the last 2 years. Check out how we've been using the funds, and how we plan to move forward with them, in our new Holliston Reporter article here!



Halloween Initiatives - 10/24

We supported HYFS and partners with 300 mental health bookmarks to give out at the annual Truck or Treat, and the downtown business trick or treating. We also had 2 YAT members volunteer at Trunk or Treat.

Youth Action Team

Opportunities Night - 10/28

Jasleen Kaur bravely volunteered to give a quick, but solo, presentation about the YAT at the annual Opportunties Night at HHS to help with recruitent. Thank you Jasleen!

The Launch of Our New Teams: Advocacy & Wellness!

Our Youth Action Team will now be working on two projects during every meeting, split into two teams: Advocacy and Wellness. Our Advocacy Team will focus on policy work (locally and state-wide), our trips to the State House, the trip to CADCA, and any larger speaking opportunity. Our Wellness Team will be working on more school-wide initiatives, with some town events as well; such as the Wellness Field Day, goodie bags, partnering events with other HHS clubs, park clean ups, and more. We spent most of October brainstorming ideas and the timeline for the year. November will begin launching projects!

Upcoming

- Wednesday, November 18th, 3-3:45 PM: Narcan Training for the YAT & HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America, officially branded as "HOSA–Future Health Professionals")

The Coalition

Oct. Meeting Notes

Our October meeting focused on building out a recovery event for December. We landed on partnering with the First Walk on the Rail Trail on New Year's Eve. More details to come on this event, but mark your calendars for 12/31, 5-8 PM! See the notes for other updates.

The rest of our meetings for 2026 are as followed:

- Th. Nov. 19th, 6:30-7:30 PM, Zoom
  - Brainstorming meeting for parent education

- Th. Dec. 17th, 6:30-8 PM, 1750 Washington St. (refreshments provided)
  - Focus Group for internal members

- Th. Jan. 21st, 6-8 PM, in person (dinner provided)
  - Stakeholders' Retreat! VERY IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE!

Please reach out to Zoe for calendar invites and Zoom links. We hope to see lots of you soon!

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