



# Youth Assistance Services *News*

***The Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods***

Community Assessment Referral & Education (CARE)

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**Summer 2010**

## FALL EVENTS

### **A Dose of Knowledge: Prescription Drug & Opiate Abuse by Youth**

Thursday, September 16th from 8:30 - 1:30 pm  
Macomb Intermediate School District, Clinton Twp.  
Free. Continuing education credits available.  
Register at [www.misd.net](http://www.misd.net) or call Heather for more information at 586.541.0033 ext. 212

### **Mad Hatter's Tea**

#### **A journey through Children's Literature**

CARE's 8th Annual Fundraiser Tea and Luncheon  
Help support CARE's children's programs with entertainment, silent auction and raffles.  
Sunday, September 19th from 12:30 - 3:30 pm  
Barrister Gardens, St. Clair Shores  
Tickets \$40 each.

For more information or to buy tickets call 586.541.0033 or visit [www.careofmacomb.com/events.php](http://www.careofmacomb.com/events.php)

### **8th Annual Keys to Understanding Addiction and Consequences Of Use Adolescents & Risky Behaviors**

Tuesday, October 5, 2010 7:30 am - 3:15pm.  
Macomb Intermediate School District, Clinton Twp.  
\$60.00/person Pre-registration is required.  
(Limited Scholarships Available) Call 248.661.6170 or email: [mce\\_cp@hfhs.org](mailto:mce_cp@hfhs.org).

### **CARE's WorkLife Solutions Presents: Spotlight on Safety Conference 2010:**

#### **Communities in Crisis: Preventing, Responding and Recovering from Economic Trauma**

Thursday, September 30, 2010 from 8am - 4 pm  
Assumption Cultural Center, St. Clair Shores.  
The Cost: \$79 per person (\$59 per person for groups of three or more) Continuing education credits available.  
For more info or to register call 866.888.1555 ext. 218 or visit [www.careofmacomb.com/events.php](http://www.careofmacomb.com/events.php)

### **Project Impact**

Leading among the challenges youth face today, are those related to alcohol and other drugs. Once we target the harm of alcohol and other drugs as a primary problem, you can easily see the correlation between concerns such as; school failure, pregnancy, violence, neglect, sexual abuse, depression, family and cultural issues, and suicidal ideations or completions.

- **Has your child demonstrated a change in personality?**
- **Have you found drugs or paraphernalia in your child's possession?**
- **Has your child started experimenting with alcohol, marijuana or other drugs?**
- **Has your trust level decreased?**

If you answered yes to any of the questions you may be interested in registering your child for **CARE's Project Impact Program**. This program will be available at CARE's Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods office. The fee is \$80.00 for a 4 part series. See CARE's website for upcoming dates and times and to register.

As we begin to recognize and address the challenges and obstacles teens face, they have a much better chance of successfully completing their high school years and develop into strong, independent and healthy adults.

### **Students Learn About Self Control**

Harper Woods Schools and CARE's Student Assistance are providing additional support & resources. *Barriers to Success* is designed to help youth develop strategies that will enable them to succeed both inside and outside of school.

Teens are enrolled in one of the enhancement programs offered during the summer school sessions; *Empowering Young Men, Young Women's Lives and Reconnecting Youth*. The programs focus on social mediation, goal setting, conflict resolution, drug prevention, and cultural diversity.

Students will learn about the harmful effects of drug use, making poor choices, and giving in to peer pressure. Positive peer relationship will be emphasized. Activities will center on real life situations where students will learn and practice ways to avoid engaging in harmful behaviors. This activity is funded by the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA).



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# In Your Community

## CARE and Family Center Discount Card

The Family Center & CARE is offering a Community Cares card that will give you discounts at many businesses in and around the Pointes and Harper Woods. The cost of the card (\$10) goes to support CARE and FC programs. Click here for the details: [http://www.familycenterweb.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=214&Itemid=87](http://www.familycenterweb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=214&Itemid=87)

## Congratulations!

Harper Woods Policy Chief, Randolph Skotarczyk has been chosen police administrator of the year by the Police Officer's Association of Michigan. The Association represents 300 law enforcement collective bargaining units and 12,000 members. Skotarczyk has been with the Harper Woods Police Department for 31 years.

## Retirement from Grosse Pointe Woods PD

"I just wanted to let all of you know that effective 6/30/10 I will be retiring from the public safety department after 30 years. It has been a wonderful, rewarding career and because I have met so many incredible people along the way, it makes this announcement very bittersweet. During my many years as a school liaison/ traffic safety officer and community educator, It has been an honor and a privilege to have had the opportunity to work closely and cooperatively with such a fine group of professionals which makes it very hard to say "good-bye".

Thanks you for your support, assistance, and friendship that you have provided me with through the years and I will most certainly miss the people more than the job. I wish all of you the best of luck in your lives and careers, until we meet again."

With fondest regards,  
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CARE is dedicated to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. Program funding is provided by SEMCA and the communities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods.

## Drugged Driving

The National Roadside Survey of Alcohol and Drug Use by Drivers, a national survey by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) found that in 2007 16% of weekend nighttime drivers (roughly one in six) tested positive for licit or illicit drugs. Moreover, approximately one in ten high school seniors responded to the 2008 Monitoring the Future Study reported driving after smoking marijuana within two weeks prior to the survey interview. The NHTSA reports that a crash involving drugged driving is one of the most frequently committed crimes in the United States.

## "Coke in a Can"

And it is not the kind bottled by soft drink companies. Kids have nicknamed Four Loko energy drink "coke in a can." Four Loko is twice the size of a regular can of soda, sells for \$3 – cheaper than a beer – and is loaded with caffeine, sugar and 12% alcohol. On July 12, 2010, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) called on the Federal Trade Commission to launch a full-blown investigation into dangerous alcohol energy drinks. **KNOW WHAT YOUR KIDS ARE DRINKING!**

## Synthetic Marijuana (K2/Spice)

K2 is a combination of herbs and spices, sprayed with a synthetic compound chemically similar to THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. Also called gold, spice solver, spice diamond, genie, Yucatan fire, blue lotus and fire & ice, K2 is widely available online and can be purchased at some tobacco shops and party stores. Side effects include a rapid heart rate, very high blood pressure, hallucinations, seizures, vomiting and paranoia. Some Michigan communities are working on making K2 illegal.



## Emergency Food Assistance

Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe qualifying residents can receive free food by enrolling at New Life Ministries Church, 19678 Lochmoor from 9 am-10am on August 14<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>. For those that are registered, food is distributed at New Life Ministries on the second Saturday of each month. Call Anne Nearhood for information at 313 828-4977.

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**Main Office Hours:**  
M, T, TH: 8:30 am - 9:00 pm  
W & F: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm