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*United to reduce substance abuse.*



# Drug Free Communities Grant

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## Updates

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Greetings! We are now in the second quarter of the Drug Free Communities Grant year three. To say PCDFC is making progress is an understatement!

The bulk on January was spent in preparation for PCDFC's First Annual Red Ribbon Gala! The Gala was held on February 12, 2016 and was a huge success. The event brought people together for an evening of food, entertainment and guest speakers. Attendee's also shopped at our silent auction complete with hotel stays, fine dining certificates and autographed memorabilia. Thanks to the support of our community, PCDFC raised \$6,000 in proceeds! This money will be used to continue substance abuse and recovery efforts within Pontotoc County.

February concluded with a well received educational event known as a Reality Party. A reality party is a fake teen party for parents to tour. The tour allows them to see what really goes on at parties and to showcase the truth about teen substance abuse issues. About thirty parents and adults toured the carefully staged scenes and participated in a panel discussion afterwards.

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Updates Continued

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In March, DFC staff held a small Responsible Beverage Sales and Service (RBSS) training. Also in March, DFC staff along with Ada P.D., conducted alcohol compliance checks. Out of five liquor stores checked only one sold alcohol to a minor. We are committed to the continuation of this very important strategy to insure that alcohol access is reduced.

Finally, discussions have begun with the City of Ada to produce signage for local parks and public areas. This is an environmental strategy aimed at letting the public know that the parks and bike trails are considered a drug free, no tolerance zone. DFC staff hope to have signage created and posted sometime within the third quarter period.

- DFC Staff

# PCDFC Red Ribbon Gala

February 2016

PCDFC would like to give special thanks to the following agencies for their support and sponsorship of our **Red Ribbon Gala**:

**Citizen's Bank**

**Chickasaw Nation**

**FATE, Inc.**

**Hampton Inn and Suites**

**Mercy Hospital of Ada**

**OG&E**

**Pontotoc County Drug Court**

**Vision Bank**





# PCDFC Red Ribbon Gala

February 2016



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# STAND

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February marked the two year anniversary of the STAND coalition. We have seen a dwindling in the number of youth attending meetings. Because of this, our goal for the upcoming quarter is to increase recruitment efforts and re-energize students to stay involved and bring friends. We hope to do this through fun, engaging summer activities. Please help us recruit youth ages 12-18 by letting them know about the meetings. We meet on the first and third Thursday's each month. For more accurate dates and information direct them to our social media pages.

One fun activity we did in March was a Drugged Driving Simulator. Kids were put behind the wheel of a Wii race car video game and given various distracted driver situations. We then counted the number of times they wrecked and calculated the amount of time it took them to race. Afterwards we discussed why the scenario was difficult and offered solution for those dangerous situations. All in all it proved to be an educational experience.



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## Upcoming Dates

### APRIL 2016

PCDFC Meeting	April 5th
11:30-1:00 Health Department	
STAND Meeting	April 7th
5:30 ECU	
Marijuana Town Hall Meeting	April 21st
6:00-8:00 Pontotoc Technology Center	

### MAY 2016

PCDFC Meeting	May 3rd
11:30-1:00 Health Department	
STAND Meeting	May 5th
5:30 ECU	
STAND Meeting	May 19th
5:30 Lazer Zone	
ECU Closed	May 27th & 30th

### JUNE 2016

SOTD Meeting	June 1st
ECU Room 117	
STAND Meeting	June 2nd
ECU	
PCDFC Meeting	June 7th
11:30-1:00 Health Department	
STAND Meeting	June 23rd
5:30 ECU	

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