

FOSTERING YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN THE PREVENTION OF UNDERAGE DRINKING

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MADD Power Camp 2009 Youth Leadership Program

*An interview conducted by Ashlee Chatfield, YDTRC
Summer Intern*

YDTRC Intern: What is your holding position in this program?

John: Vice President of the Youth Council.

YDTRC Intern: What type of projects did you guys complete?

John: Drink and You Will Sink, Project Clean Up, Black History Month, Thanksgiving Event.

YDTRC Intern: What did they teach you at the MADD Power Camp 2009?

John: They taught different things you can do to prevent drinking and driving.

YDTRC Intern: What is one important thing that you remember the most from attending this camp?

John: Parents talked about teen drinking and driving. Some lost family members to drunk driving.

YDTRC Intern: What did you like the most at the MADD Power Camp?

John: Rock band. They played music about the negatives of drinking.



John Castillo, Youth Leader WOW/NRZ Community Center Waterbury Youth Services attended MADD Power Camp 2009

Harris and Tucker's Kids TV 's Edutainment Factory

Please meet Miss Kim! This amazing wonder woman is a movie producer, a savvy business woman, and creator and founder of "The Edutainment Factory", known locally as Harris and Tucker's Kids TV. Harris and



Kim Harris with Geoffrey Golding, crew member, Kids TV

Tucker was founded by Kim's mother, Patricia Harris, and her Auntie Margaret Tucker in 1970. Since then, Harris and Tucker has been the bedrock of the Newhallville neighborhood in New Haven, CT. Kim also serves the Highwood section of Hamden, a street over. Young people in this fine neighborhood know who to call with all the happenings, wonderful, amazing, tragic, and necessities to keep this special urban space a "safe, productive, lively zone" for little children, growing teens and industrious families. Harris and Tucker really does it all to support families; year round daycare, before and after school, health and wellness activities, summer "movie" production camps, senior citizen programs, Freddie Fixer parade events, and Hollywood premieres every two years. Kids TV Edutainment Factory helped lead, film, and produce the YDTRC Youth Forum for the past eight years.
Here's to you KIM and KIDS TV Crew!

Geoffrey Golding, 19, recently completed Job Corps. He is a Summer Staff 2009 at Harris and Tucker and works at Walgreens in New Haven.

CT Resources At A Glance

- City of New Haven Commission on Substance Abuse Policy and Prevention (CSSAP)
www.cityofnewhaven.com/SubstanceAbuse/index.asp
- Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)
www.dmhas@ct.gov
- Governor's Prevention Partnership
www.preventionworksct.org
- Mothers' Against Drunk Driving Connecticut (MADD-CT)
www.maddct.org
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
www.sadd.org
- Office of Policy and Management (OPM)
www.opm.state.ct.us

2009 YDTRC Annual Youth Forum

STAND UP, SPEAK UP: Share YOUR Message!

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Original Works, Bridgeport, "Not So Sweet 16" Stage Play and video



Harris and Tucker's Kids TV, New Haven, "Drinks on Us" Alternative Drink Menu, Hosted 2009 YDTRC Annual Youth



Hill Youth Action Team, New Haven, "Your Voice Your Choice" Workshops



Teens Breaking Barriers, New Haven, Town Hall Meeting



B Tru 2 U, New London "Life is Full of Opportunities" Educational games and posters



Newtown Advisory Board, Newtown, Sticker Shock Campaign at liquor stores



WOW/NRZ Community Center, Waterbury, "Drink and You will Sink" Workshop

The YDTRC, with generous support from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, has begun a project that empowers youth to address underage drinking issues. YDTRC supports *Youth Action Teams* led by a youth co-leader and an adult advisor. We are seeking youth and adults who are interested in sharing their voices and viewpoints.

Yes, I am interested in supporting Youth Action Teams to help prevent underage drinking and alcohol abuse.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Agency (if applicable; or School): _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

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Fostering Youth Leadership to Reduce Underage Drinking

Youth Take Action and SPEAK OUT !

Mini Grants Expand Opportunities for Youth Voices

Funding from the Governor's Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to the Youth Development Training and Resource Center (YDTRC) supported local youth action teams to express themselves through youth-led mini grant projects that sent positive messages to other teens and young children.

Teams from all across Connecticut did research, wrote a grant, created messages and engaged others in actively sharing the messages in their own community. Youth teams partnered with adult resources in their own agency, school or community to learn and teach about the dangers of Underage Drinking and Alcohol Abuse.

Teams during year one:

- Be Tru 2 U Youth Team, New London
- Community Renewal Team – Teen Center, Hartford
- Hamden High School S.A.D.D. , Hamden
- Harris and Tucker KIDS TV, New Haven
- Hillhouse High School Youth Team, New Haven
- Hill Youth Action Team, Casa Latina, New Haven
- Original Works – East End Youth Art Works, Bridgeport
- Newtown Youth Youth Advisory Board, Youth and Family Services, Newtown
- Teens Breaking Barriers, Commission on Substance Abuse Prevention, New Haven
- Waterbury S.A.D.D. , Waterbury Youth Services, Waterbury
- WO.W. Center Team, Waterbury Youth Services, Waterbury



Your Voice—Your Choice: Forum by the Hill Youth Action Team

Youth-led Workshops about Preventing Underage Drinking



Davon Myles, HYAT, welcomes guests to the Your Voice Your Choice Forum



Poster created by HYAT of celebrities that teens idolize and imitate. These individuals have been found driving under the influence and labeled as drunk, obnoxious and party goers. The display is to emphasize what not to do.....



HYAT Youth Leaders and guests of the forum work together on a statistical task given to them at Kate Antonucci's workshop.

The Problem in Connecticut

Alcohol continues to be the #1 drug of choice among Connecticut youth with 47% of 9th-10th graders surveyed reporting using alcohol within the past 30 days. In fact Connecticut's youth drink at rates 26%-28% higher than their peers nationally.

Kate Antonucci, Program Manager, with *The Governor's Prevention Partnership* provided a workshop at HYAT *Your Voice Your Choice Underage Drinking Youth Forum*. Along with an Q&A session, Antonucci provided a Health Risk PowerPoint Presentation titled, **'Why is Underage Drinking so Dangerous: The problem in CT and How to Make a Difference'**.



Kate Antonucci

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The Choice is Yours...

A good leader inspires others with confidence; a great leader inspires them with confidence in themselves. ~ Unknown

A real leader faces the music, even when he doesn't like the tune. ~ Anon