



Join the Putnam County Communities That Care Coalition today! Here's why:

The Coalition has been working on youth alcohol and drug abuse awareness (such as alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs), prevention and advocacy since 2005. Our Coalition includes individuals from all sectors (faith based organizations, parents, youth of the community who work together to reduce risk factors and strengthen protective factors. Community members are always welcome to join the Coalition.

Some of the activities we've done and will continue to do:

- Every two years we conduct the Prevention Needs Assessment survey in all of the school districts for grades 8-12 so that we know what students are using and what we need to take action on.
- Co-sponsor alcohol compliance checks across the county with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.
- Pre Prom Presentations at Brewster, Carmel and Mahopac which are mandatory educational session for parents of high school students. Parents must attend in order for their child to get their prom tickets.
- Co-sponsor the Medication Take Back Day Events.
- During the summer months we are in four high schools doing trainings with students that focus on distracted driving, drugged driving, Social Host Liability Law, simulated field sobriety testing, and simulated driving course.
- We do parent presentations on drug trends, synthetic drugs, opiate abuse, teen stress, impaired driving, and anything related to substance use and youth. All are always invited to these free seminars.
- Medical provider trainings as it relates to opiate addiction and overdoses.
- We do prevention and advocacy public service announcements on television, print, billboards and in the movie theaters.
- Advocate on the national, state and local level. We go to Washington, DC every year to speak to our representatives about the importance of drug prevention.
- We do extensive media and community outreach. We can be found on Facebook and Twitter.

For more information, contact Coalition Coordinator Elaine Santos at putnamdfcgrantee@gmail.com or call 845-225-4646. Please visit and join us on Facebook by searching "Putnam County Communities That Care – NY" or on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/PutnamCTCNY>. Our website is <http://www.putnamncadd.org/ctc>

The NCADD Putnam, the grantee for the Coalition, does information and referral. You can reach NCADD Putnam at 845-225-4646.