

# TEAM CBI HIGHLIGHTS

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## AIDS WALK ARIZONA

Team CBI Pride proudly represented our organization at the annual AIDS WALK Arizona on October 26<sup>th</sup>. We also learned that our CBI team received a sponsor on the day of the event in the amount of \$500! We won't let her hide from this one...a BIG thank you to Vicki Helland, CBI's Director of Peer Support & Outreach, for this very generous donation to a cause! It was a great day for PRIDE and we are proud of everyone who came out and participated.

## Rx360 TRAINING A SUCCESS IN NAVAJO COUNTY

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, CBI hosted a Train the Trainer on the Arizona Rx360 curriculum in Navajo County. The training was held for 25 attendees representing law enforcement, schools, community coalitions and nonprofits, who will now go out and deliver the program to youth, adults and the community at-large, to educate on Rx misuse and abuse prevention.

The AZ Community, Parents & Youth Rx360 Curriculum is evidence-based and provides PowerPoint presentations, discussion guides, videos, educational handouts and a parent talk kit to help raise awareness of prescription drug misuse.



## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PREVENTION MONTH



The **Mesa Prevention Alliance** Peer Leaders, also known as "CHAMP'S", created a prevention display for Prevention Month and put it up at Carson and Westwood Junior High Schools in Mesa. At Carson Junior High School, students traced their hands and wrote what keeps them drug-free, along with inspirational words to help others stay away from drugs and alcohol. For Westwood, they wrote myths and facts about drugs and alcohol for students to see.

The **Mesa Prevention Alliance** teamed up with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office to collect over 400 student pledges to stay drug and alcohol free during Friday Night Football Games at Mountain View High School and Red Mountain High School.

The Mesa Prevention Alliance, Mesa Police Department and Mesa City Prosecutor presented a Social Host Ordinance for the City of Mesa Public Safety Committee and the committee moved to have the ordinance go before Mesa City Council. The Social Host Ordinance will help to decrease adults providing alcohol to Mesa youth.



# Community Education

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## Collaboration

CBI hosted the October East Valley Synthetic Drugs Task Force (EVSDF) meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Our primary presentation was provided by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) regarding the latest updates on the Arizona Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Initiative. ACJC staff shared what plans are in the works to roll out the strategic plan throughout Maricopa County and reduce Rx abuse, still reaching epidemic levels throughout the State and locally in Maricopa County.

## Training & Community Workshops

Community Bridges continues to provide community education workshops to our partner agencies, law enforcement, schools and the criminal justice system. The focus of our workshops presented an overview of Community Bridges services, signs and symptoms and emerging drug trends. The following education & training workshops were provided during the month of October:

- **City of Phoenix detention officers** received training on the latest synthetic and opiate drug trends on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **CBI set up an informational booth at CCV church in Surprise as part of community collaboration with Surprise Police Department** on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 100 people attended to learn about the Heroin and Rx drug problem and what resources are available.
- **22 Maricopa County Probation Officers** learned about latest trends of synthetics and opiates at a training on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>
- **16 nurses from the Higley School District** learned about the latest drugs trends of synthetics and opiates on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>
- **8 High School Students, 12 teachers and 10 SROs and/or security staff from Tempe Union High School District** learned about latest drug trends including synthetics and opiates at a safety meeting on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>
- **CBI's "Parent's In the Know" community education program was offered to the following groups during the month of October:**
  - **Tempe Moms Group** on October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - **Improving Chandler Area Neighborhoods (ICAN) parent group** on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
  - **32 Maricopa County Probation Officers on October 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Presented to 8 Chandler area Realtors on latest drug trends** including BHO, synthetics, Rx and heroin on October 29<sup>th</sup>
- **Presented at Desert Vista Behavioral Health in Mesa** on October 30<sup>th</sup> about synthetics and opiates emerging trends and community prevention resources

