

# PREVENTION PRESS



In Phoenix, from left:, Arizona Department of Liquor Director John Cocca, NCDP Executive Director Vicky Solomon, Det. Dan Webb and Sgt. Wes Kuhl

## Who Says There's No Such Thing As A Free Lunch!

NCDP's Parent-Teen University Saturday, March 3, 10 am-2 pm, focuses on education and communications for parents and teens. Lunch will be provided at Licano's Mexican Food and Steakhouse in Show Low, along with 7 raffle prizes. This four-hour program tackles topics such as helping parents and teens talk about drugs and alcohol, addiction, how to say no, and offers tips for parents to help teens.

Parents, bring your teens and tell a friend! Limited seating with reservation on a first-come first serve basis. Secure your seats and lunch for the whole family at [bwncdp.rsvpify.com](http://bwncdp.rsvpify.com). Raffle sponsors include Ross, Dress For Less, Wal-Mart, White Mountain Theaters and White Mountain Donuts.

## State Honors NCDP for Prevention Excellence

Guidance in helping local youth make healthy life choices is core to prevention. Arizona Dept. of Liquor Prevention Unit recently recognized Nexus Coalition (NCDP) for outstanding prevention performance in the Pinetop-Lakeside and Show Low communities. "NCDP is absolutely the epitome of excellence in prevention work, and I am honored to select your organization for a Prevention Unit Award of Excellence," said the liquor department's prevention coordinator Det. Dan Webb.

"After extensive consideration, NCDP was selected to receive the award," said Webb. "The criteria for this award includes recognizing an entity that has shown excellence in engaging youth in making healthy choices in regard to underage drinking or experienced excellence in underage drinking prevention efforts. NCDP has greatly exceeded those requirements. NCDP's efforts and accomplishments are too numerous to list, but include providing alcohol/substance abuse prevention programs and presentations to over 3,000 youth annually around Pinetop-Lakeside and Show Low, providing semi-annual Parent-Teen University education for teens and parents about the dangers of alcohol and drug use, and experiencing a steady decrease in underage drinking in Navajo County after coordinating numerous community outreach efforts, documented in the Arizona Youth Survey," said Webb.

"It is imperative that we recognize those who are helping guide our youth to make healthy life choices, which is why your coalition was so deserving," Webb added.

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## Still Time To Support

Keep your state tax dollars on the mountain where they can make a local difference. Your state tax-exempt donation to youth substance abuse prevention can direct a child toward a positive future for our community—**AND reduce your state tax balance.**

The state tax credit allows Arizona taxpayers to donate up to **\$400 as individuals or \$800 for married couples** filing together. This can be claimed as a dollar for dollar tax CREDIT on the 2017 Arizona Income Tax return and a federal charitable contribution tax deduction. The donation should be made to NCDP's non-profit auxiliary "Friends of the Navajo County Anti Drug Coalition, Inc." EIN: 26-0468100.

This contribution doesn't conflict and may be made in conjunction with those to Arizona public or private educational institutions or foster care.

Send your 2017 donation by April 15 to: PO Box 1596, Pinetop, AZ 85935-1596 or may be direct deposited to Friends of the Coalition bank account at BBVA Compass, # 2508156009 For information and assistance, contact [vsncdp@gmail.com](mailto:vsncdp@gmail.com) 928-243-2014 or go to [www.ncdp.rocks](http://www.ncdp.rocks).

## Get Your Art On!

Youth art design could be featured in the annual 2018-19 school calendar with other prevention materials. Enter now to win cash and fame!

"Think of all that you can BE when you stay drug FREE!" is this year's contest and calendar theme. Three prize packages total **\$225**. All winners are featured in the calendar with recognition and artistic credit plus, special hot off the press copies!

The contest is open to youth ages 6-18 in Navajo and Apache County. Submit original art work for consideration by 5 pm on May 4. For details and entry form, go to [ncdp.rocks/events](http://ncdp.rocks/events) or call office 928 358-1645.

## CADCA Honors NCDP

Nexus Coalition for Drug Prevention was one of 160 community coalitions recently honored during a graduation ceremony at CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) National Leadership Forum, near Washington, D.C. Coalitions received a graduation certificate for completing CADCA's National Coalition Academy, a rigorous training program designed to enhance effective prevention leaders.

NCDP Executive Director Vicky Solomon recently completed the national training on site in Santa Fe, NM. "We are so proud of our coalition for investing time and resources to take advantage of the best community coalition training in the world. To graduate from this year-long intensive course is no small feat and NCDP is more prepared today to be an effective, sustainable coalition because of this training," said Solomon "We are applying our knowledge and strategies to ensure the youth in our community live drug free."

CADCA's National Coalition Academy (NCA) is a comprehensive, year-long training program that incorporates three, week-long classroom sessions, web-based distance learning, online workstation to share planning products and free ongoing coalition development technical assistance. To graduate, coalitions must complete a rigorous curriculum. They must participate in all components of the NCA and complete six essential planning products that serve as the foundation of their comprehensive plan for community change.

Former NCDP executive director Debe Campbell also is a NCA graduate and previous youth coalition members Raphael Banuelos and Emilia Banuelos also attended the Youth Leadership Academy conference. NCDP Program Coordinator, Brenda Willis accompanied Solomon to the 2018 forum.



From left: CADCA Chairman & CEO Gen. Author T. Dean, Andrea Alexander, Vicky Solomon, Brenda Willis, Sean Fearn/DEA

## New Online Parent Prevention Tool

A new online guide about interventions in early childhood helps prevent drug use and other unhealthy behaviors. The research-based guide shares principles that affect a child's self-control and overall mental health from pregnancy through age 8. Recognizing that substance abuse usually begins in teen years, it has known biological, psychological, social, and environmental roots that begin even before birth. Find it at: [www.drugabuse.gov/publications/principles-substance-abuse-prevention-early-childhood/index](http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/principles-substance-abuse-prevention-early-childhood/index)

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