

235 Participants at the SOLD OUT Opioids and the Overdose Epidemic: Clinical Tools for Safety and Success Conference, May 7, 2016

We had a sold out crowd of health care providers, behavioral health professionals, pharmacists and others at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center for this conference which featured keynote Alexander Y Walley, MD, MSc., Michael Landen, MD, MPH, NM State Epidemiologist, Dan Duhigg, DO, MBA. Project ECHO, Jeanne Block, RN, MS, and many others. Powerpoint presentations and resource materials are posted on this website under [Projects](#). Taped sessions will be available SOON.

6th Annual DWI March of Sorrow/March of Hope & Day (Y):H Youth Taking Action.

Please join us for a celebration of Generation "Y", and an opportunity for New Mexico youth to build their civic engagement capacity at the State Capitol Roundhouse. This is a great way for youth to learn about the NM State Legislature and get familiar with the Capitol. Press conference at **noon** to showcase youth advocates and the talents they possess! Then march with us as we walk in solidarity to honor and remember those affected by DWI. The day will round out with a ceremony to celebrate positive youth and what they do to take care of their communities and themselves. Please contact Shelley Mann-Lev or Brendon Baca for more information! Spread the word

Nationwide Teen Use of Prescription Drugs, Alcohol and Cigarettes Declines

The 2015 [Monitoring the Future](#) report released Dec. 16, 2015, showed important shifts in teen substance use. The percentage of high school seniors who said they had used prescription opioids such as OxyContin or Vicodin dropped from 9.5 percent in 2004 to 5.4 percent this year. The percentage of students who said the pills were easy to obtain also decreased. Rates for New Mexico teens, including Santa Fe County, will be released in Fall 2016.

City Council Denies Liquor Sales at the "old" Walmart!

On Dec. 9th, the City Council denied Walmart's request to sell alcohol at their store at 3251 Cerrillos Rd. Members and staff of the SF Prevention Alliance presented compelling evidence collected from police, EMS, Department of Transportation and community members that alcohol sales at that location will be detrimental to public health and safety.

SWAT Santa Fe Launches New Website

Go to **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**nd check out our fabulous youth partners.

Liquor Sales at the "old" Walmart?

Walmart has requested to sell alcohol at their store at 3251 Cerrillos Rd. On Dec. 9th, 7pm, our City Council will hold a Public Hearing to decide whether to approve or deny the license. They need evidence about whether alcohol sales at that location will be detrimental to public health, safety or morals. If you live nearby or serve clients who live nearby that might be negatively impacted, please attend the Public Hearing or send your testimony to santafeventionalliance@gmail.com for us to submit.

Drug Take Back - Every Day in Santa Fe



62% of youth who abuse opioid painkillers get them from home medicine cabinets. Please store medications carefully and dispose of unused drugs.

Santa Fe now has two permanent locations where drugs can be safely disposed. The Santa Fe Police has a box in their lobby at 2515 Camino Entrada and the Santa Fe Fire Department has a box at Station 1, 200 Murales Road, behind Ft. Marcy Park, both open 8:00am - 5:00pm, Monday thru Friday.

Mental Health in New Mexico

Check out this new [Fact Sheet](#) on Mental Health in NM. Mental health is a public health issue that is strongly linked to substance abuse. Here are a few facts:

People with mental disorders are: **30x more likely to develop illicit drug dependence, 3x more likely to develop alcohol dependence, and 2.3x as likely to develop nicotine dependence.** More reasons to work together with all of our partners to help strengthen the health of our community.

Sign the Resolution - Alcohol Taxes Save Lives and Money



Source: Sacks, et al. [State Costs of Excessive Alcohol Consumption, 2006](#) [PDF - 190KB] *et al. American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 2013

CDC tool at www.cdc.gov/features/costsofdrinking/index.html#map

[Click here to sign the resolution](#) to support increasing alcohol taxes. Too many people in New Mexico die from alcohol-related causes. We are the highest state in the nation in deaths and second highest in per capita cost. An increase in alcohol taxes of 25 cents a drink would save over 50 lives and raise over \$150 million to be used for health care, prevention and treatment. For more information, go to the [website](#).

