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**KANAWHA COUNTY
COMMUNITIES *that* CARE**

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*For more information or
to join our partnership*

*a dynamic county-wide effort
to create a safe and healthy
environment for all of our citizens.*

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*Our mission is to increase
awareness of the substance abuse
related problems and issues facing
the citizens of Kanawha County.*

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A FEW REASONS *why* WE EXIST:

Drug Use Among Our Youth:

Kanawha County's rate for youth drug related arrest per thousand is 246% higher than the state average.

Availability of Drugs To Our Youth:

Over 55% of Kanawha County youth report Marijuana as being fairly easy or very easy to get.

Binge Drinking Among Adults:

Kanawha County adults report that they binge nearly 10% more than the average West Virginian.

Alcohol Usage Among Youth:

Over 50% of 7th grade students in Kanawha County report they have drank beer within the last year. That number increases to over 57% for 10th grade students.

Unacceptable Mortality Rates:

Kanawha County's mortality rate that can be attributed to substance abuse is 73% higher than the state's average.

WE *make* A DIFFERENCE BY:

- *Maintaining an active coalition of over 40 partners that meet regularly to lead area wide initiatives to achieve our mission.*
- *Educating the public on substance abuse issues, treatment and prevention by utilizing proven program models and working closely with existing agencies.*
- *Collectively working on, submitting, and receiving grant funding that goes directly into the front-line efforts of reducing substance abuse problems that have been diminishing our quality of life in Kanawha County.*

YES! I WANT *to* LEARN MORE!

Check all that apply:

- Receive e-mail updates
- Join the coalition
- Support the coalition or workgroup
- Be advised of new laws or pending legislation
- Need information on:
 - Alcohol use
 - Tobacco use
 - Illegal drugs
 - Prescription drugs
 - Wellness or Model Programs

I may be contacted at:

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City, State, Zip

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