



## **CADCA Overview**

# **National Chief and Presiding Judges Symposium**

**Major Arthur T. Dean, Chairman and CEO  
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)**

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## What are coalitions?

A coalition is a formal arrangement for cooperation and collaboration between groups or sectors of the community, in which each group retains its identity but all agree to work together towards a common goal of building a safe, healthy and drug-free community.



# Coalition Sectors

- Youth (18 or under)
- Parents
- Business community
- Media
- School
- Youth-serving organization
- Law enforcement agencies
- Religious or fraternal organizations
- Civic and volunteer groups
- Healthcare professionals
- State, local, or tribal governmental agencies with expertise in the field of substance abuse
- Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse.



## Data Shows Coalitions Work

- Current use of marijuana among high school students in DFC communities is **9.9 percent lower** than the reported national average.
- Average youth alcohol use in DFC communities is **23.3 percent lower** than the national average.
- Annual tobacco use is **ten percent lower** in DFC communities than the national average.
- While youth drug use has been declining across the United States, it has declined more rapidly in communities with DFC coalitions.

- *Source: DFC national cross-site evaluation conducted by the Battelle Memorial Institute's Centers for Public Health Research and Evaluation*



## *What is CADCA?*

- Founded in 1992 out of a recommendation from President's Drug Advisory Council, today CADCA is one of the nation's leading organizations involved in the demand reduction of illicit drugs.
- Our Mission: *To build and strengthen the capacity of community coalitions to build safe, healthy and drug-free communities*



## CADCA's Reach

- CADCA represents more than 5,000 community coalitions across the United States.
- CADCA has nearly 2,000 dues-paying members.
- CADCA's e-newsletter *Coalitions Online* reaches 25,000 subscribers weekly.
- CADCA's training reached 8,000 youth and adults in 2008.
- CADCA TV series –satellite and web broadcasts that reach approximately 2.6 million households per program.



## CADCA Core Services

- Public Policy & Advocacy
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Research Dissemination & Evaluation
- Membership & Communications
- Special Events & Conferences
- International Programs



## CADCA's Public Policy Leadership

- Since FY 1994, CADCA has been responsible for the restoration and/or plus ups of substance abuse prevention funding totaling **over \$2.65 billion.**



## National Coalition Institute

- Drug Free Communities Act reauthorization of 2002 provided for a national coalition institute
- CADCA participated in a competitive RFA and was selected to create the Institute and deliver services to the field.
- National Coalition Institute Mission: to increase the knowledge, capacity and accountability of community anti-drug coalitions.
- Institute Federal Partners
  - ONDCP
  - SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention



# National Leadership Forum



**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
CADCA National  
Leadership Forum**

February 8-11, 2010

Gaylord National Resort  
and Convention Center,  
National Harbor, MD



# Obama Administration Supports Coalition Approach

- *“I would also ensure that Congress robustly funds prevention and treatment programs like the Second Chance Act, Drug Courts, and **the Drug Free Communities Support Program.**”*

*–President Barack Obama*

- *“We know we needed tough laws, and we have tough laws. But that wasn't enough. We needed a balanced approach in combating drugs... That's why I fought so hard for the **Drug Free Communities Support Program**, so we could bring together parents, teachers, business leaders, police, medical profession to prevent drug abuse and addiction in local communities.”*

*-Vice President Joe Biden*