BLAIR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIPS
*Empowering Healthy Lifestyles*

**Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships Advisory Meeting**
**Location: Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnership Conference Room G**
**May 28th, 2026**

1. **Welcome and Introductions: Notes on pages** (Clark)
2. **Review of April 23, 2026 Minutes: Pages** (Clark)
3. **Additions to the Agenda:** (Clark)
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** (Clark)
5. **Presentation: Prom Promise** (Debbie)
6. **Partnership Action Items/Discussion: See Notes** (Clark)
   **No Action Items**
   Treatment Needs Assessment Discussion (Judy)
7. **Coalition Planning/Committee Reports: See Notes** (Briana/subcommittee members)
8. **BDAP Grants and Programs updates: See Notes** (Judy)
9. **Partner Updates:** Opportunity for Partners to update (Judy)
10. **Other: Next meeting: Thursday, June 25th, 2026**

***Thank you to all our partners for your support of the coalition!***

Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnership Advisory Meeting-NOTES
May 28th, 2026

**Welcome/Introductions:**

**Review of the Minutes: April 23rd, 2026**
**Action Item: Recommendation to approve the April 23rd, 2026 minutes**

**Presentation: Prom Promise presented by Debbie Ferris**

**Partnership Action Items/Discussion:**
**No Action Items**
Treatment Needs Assessment Discussion: Our office was required to submit the first tier of the needs assessment process. The process included a review of our case management and treatment system and identifying any gaps, a review of the strengths and weaknesses of recovery supports, and the collaboration our office has with different community sectors. Our ongoing gap for adolescent treatment services is a statewide issue. Recovery resources gaps included: The reduction of pregnancy care services in the region; childcare assistance has a significant waiting list; transportation from the rural areas of our community; public housing has a 24-month waiting list; and we do not have a recovery center. The assessment included a data insight section that asked specific questions on the population we served. The state provided us information from the WITS data system that collects information at time of assessment and if SCA funded the treatment providers add episode information into the system. The data provided from the state was poor. I spoke with other SCA's and all said the data counts did not represent their data collected internally. We did have the option of using other data sources, so we utilized the Medicaid data which was much more robust but did not capture all the areas they wanted us to comment on in the report. Gaps identified: Adolescent services; level 4.0 medical residential services; Veterans; high acuity of individuals entering treatment; funding streams that target specific funds limit access; low referrals from employers; Increase of synthetic drugs since last assessment and marijuana; network of care for private insurances; recovery resources identified in the previous section; increase 24/7 Narcan access through vending machines; and recovery center. Full report will be posted on the website once DDAP has accepted.

**Budget update:** We have received our new invoice for the funds approved for the January-June 2026 timeframe. Providers are being paid at this time if their contracts have been returned executed by their organization.

**Coalition Planning/Committee Reports:** (Briana)
CPDUD- discussed signage for local parks, sticker shock for "Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk" and ways to grow our committee.
Youth League- plan for summer, not approved for zoo trip so planning another event for June,
Education- no one attend this meeting, figuring out how to get people to attend meetings
Rise for Recovery- planning a fun run in the fall, recovery gala in October 24th at the Altoona Grand Hotel, working on the funding for a recovery center in Blair County. The Arts in Recovery had a low attendance but was a good event overall.

**Corporation Planning**:
**PREP Grant**: No new updates
**PCCD Re-entry Women's grant**: No Updates

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**PCCD in prison medicated assisted treatment grant:** No Updates
**Children Youth and Families Discussion:** No update this month
**PA Traffic Injury Prevention Project:** Ongoing: We received the car seats in January 2026.
**Trauma Informed Organization-**No update this month
**Opioid Settlement Funds:** No Updates

**Next Meeting is scheduled for June 25th 2026 at 12:30pm**

Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnership Advisory Meeting-MINUTES
April 23, 2026

**Welcome/Introductions:**
Voting Members in Person: *Clark Sheehe, Tricia Johnson, Lawrence Fish*
Voting Members on Zoom: *Kylie Wisor, Brendan Moran*
Voting Members Absent with notice: *Holly O'Conner*
Voting Members Absent without notice: *Joshua Hayes, Amy Webster*
Non-Voting Members in person: *Brianna Cunningham, Marcee Petrarca, Judy Rosser, Amanda Humphreys, Amanda Yingling, Ryan Custead, Skylar Bailey, Aleyah Walk, Samantha Garman, Madyson Lidwell, Emily Gieg, Sarah Garman, Sage Capone*
Non-Voting Members on Zoom: *Pamela Lause*

**Review of the Minutes: March 26, 2026** – Minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented. **Action Item: Brendan Moran made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented. Clark Sheehe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all voting members present.**

**Presentation: Hollidaysburg SADD Student Presentation-** Students presented their presentation *(See attached Power Point in packet)*

**Partnership Action Items/Discussion:**
**No Action Items**
**Welcome new voting member:** The Governing board has approved Larry Fish's application as a voting member to the Coalition.
**Housing Update:** April 2026-Attachment – *Amanda Humphreys reviewed attached Housing Grant Updates handout. Judy Rosser informed board of changes BDAP has implemented on the housing grant regarding the cost of housing. BDAP noticed the cost of rent was significantly higher for BDAP compared to HUD and the fair market value. Going forward BDAP is aligning with HUD and the fair market value.*

**Budget update:** The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs contract is executed and we have invoiced for over 1 million in expenses for expenses since 1/1/2026. We have not received funds to date and it is anticipated it could take up to 60 days to receive payment. Our request for subsequent request for funds for the 1/1/2026-6/30/2026 that was reported on last month was accepted and funded at approximately 95% of our request:

**Prevention** (Base and federal block grant funds)-Requested $19,700.00 to purchase lock boxes/detera bags and Evidence Based curriculum universal application; **Funded: $17,336.00**
**Intervention/Tx/Tx related**: $425,000.00 State Opioid Response funds- Funded: **$413,000.00**
$350,000.00 treatment cost (we have seen an 8% increase in services due to 20% of individuals presenting without Medicaid. This has resulted in a 44% increase in residential cost 16% increase in emergency detoxification cost and 24% increase in medicated assisted treatment; **Funded: $350,000.00**
$55,000 case management cost: Due to individuals are presenting without Medicaid it does impact our case management unit. Funded: **Funded: $45,000**
$20,000 Recovery Services: Same issue as the case management. **Funded: $18,000**
**Total Request funded: $430,336**

**Coalition Planning/Committee Reports:** (Briana)
CPDUD- discussed signage for local parks, planning social media post all of April for alcohol awareness month, and ways to grow our committee.
Youth League- took photo for coalition billboard, fundraising plans for 2026: sold curve booklets, Marianas May-June, summer events scheduled June- zoo trip, July- curve game, August- Delgrosso's. *(Brianna Cunningham indicated there have been some issue with getting a discounted rate for the Zoo but they are working on trying a different program and will ensure the Zoo trip happens regardless)*
Education- discussion of the goals of education committee, discussion of what the direction to take the committee in, discussing ways to gain interest in the committee and bring more people to the table
Rise for Recovery- planning a 5K in the fall, recovery gala in October 24th at the Altoona Grand Hotel, went to a tour of the Recovery Center in Indiana PA, working on the funding for a recovery center in Blair County. The Arts in Recovery is scheduled for Friday, May 15th 2026 at 7:00pm at Hollidaysburg Lutheran Church. *(Brianna Cunningham reminded there is a Open Mic night scheduled for April 30th 2026)*

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**Partner Updates:**

**Trisha Johnson-** The Opioid Settlement fund is in the recommendation phase currently. It is a long process so estimated time frame for funds to be released is approximately in the next 6 months. July 1st they will still be opening for new proposals. Trisha indicated even though the money isn't released yet they will continue to apply for more.

**Ryan Custead-** Arts in Recovery is scheduled for Friday May 15th, 2026 at 7:00pm at Hollidaysburg Lutheran Church. Please contact Ryan for flyers to display in your business if interested.

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**Housing Grant Updates** **April 2026**

To date, we have served **1527** individuals in our housing program including,

- Rental assistance
- Utility assistance
- Emergency housing
    - Hotel stays and/or furniture assistance

Within the 2025/2026 fiscal year, we have helped a total of **111** new individuals with this housing project

- This number is included in the 1527
- Of those 111 individuals, **98** of them reported maintaining recovery or reported a reduction in substance use
- **104** of them reported new no contacts with the criminal justice system
- **97** of them reported no utilization of emergency room services

**Challenges/Successes**

| **Challenges:** | **Successes:** |
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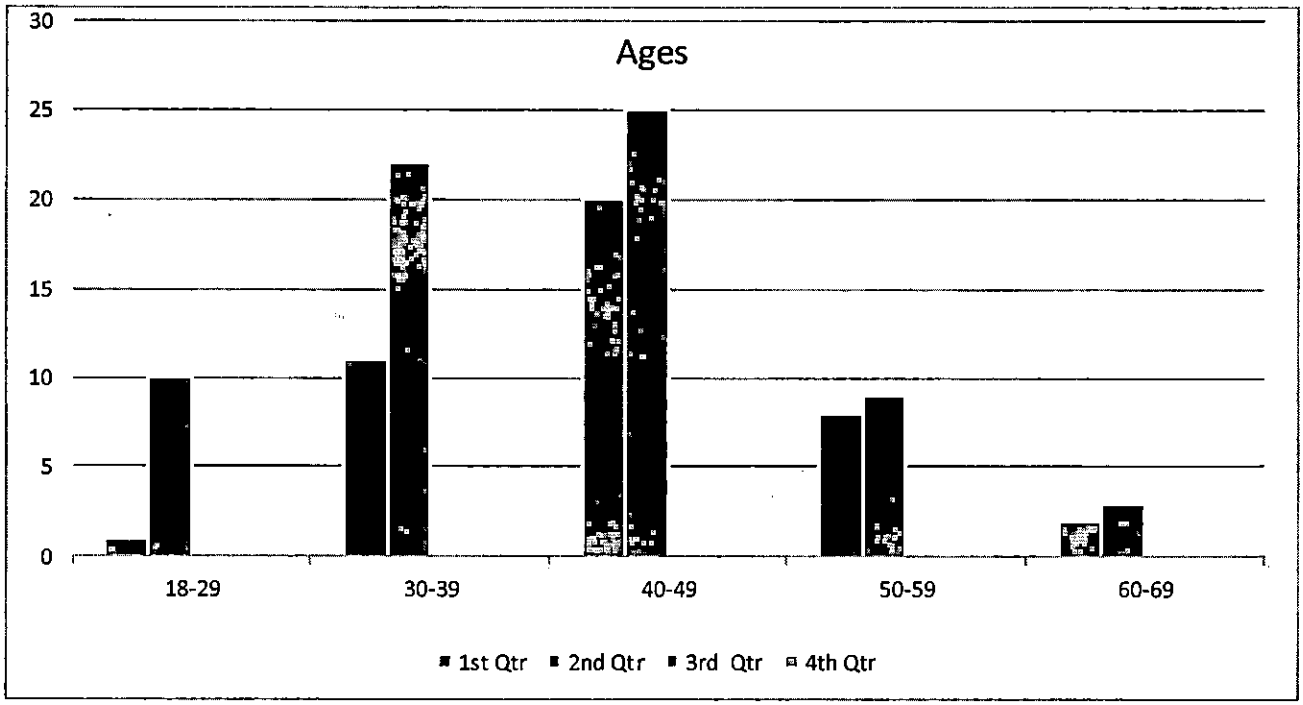
| The lack of available housing for our increasing homeless population continues to climb. | 100% of individuals who are open in the housing project are receiving case management services and are active in drug and alcohol treatment. |
| The rent continues to increase in apartments making it difficult for individuals to sustain housing. | |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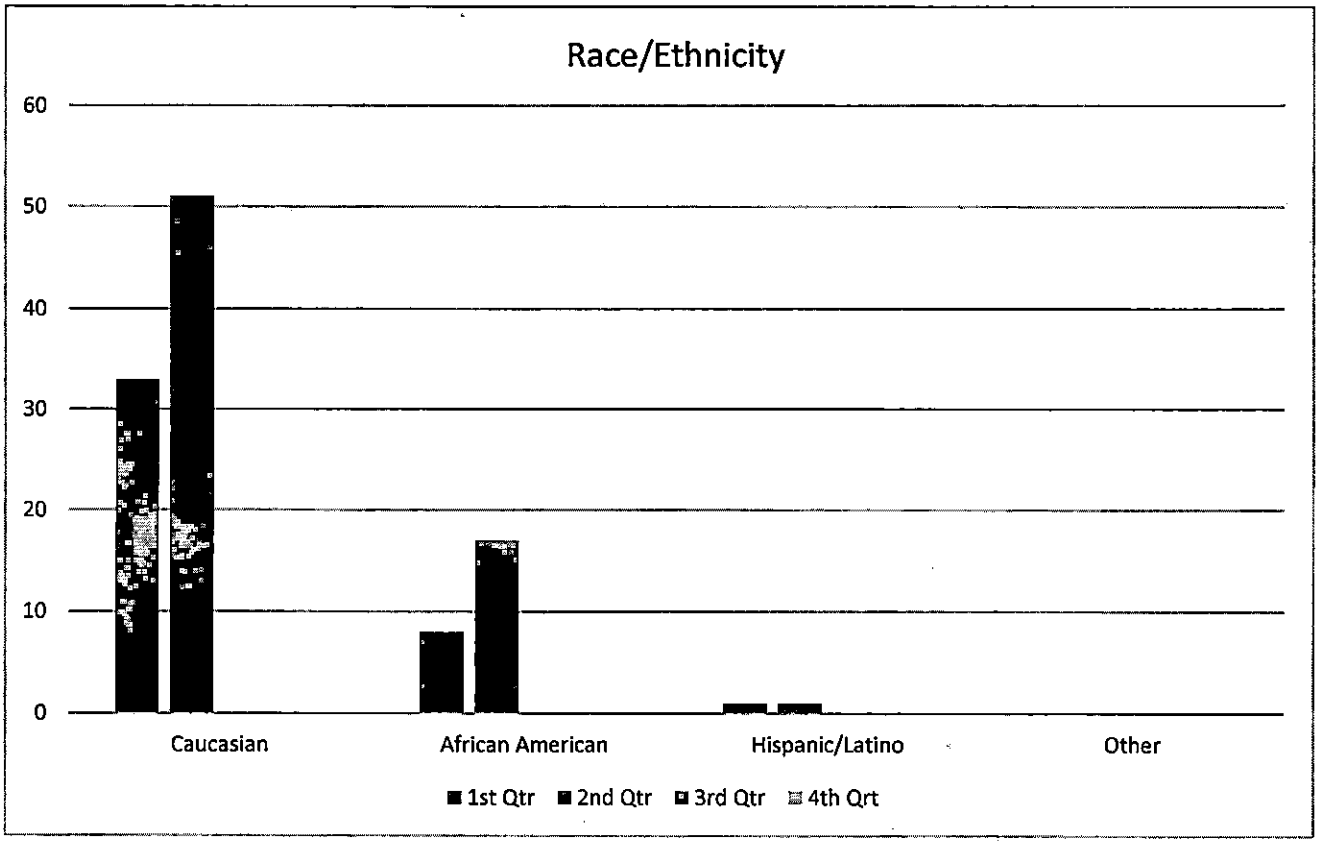
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# Hollidaysburg SADD

SADD OVERVIEW

SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions, part of the national organization, brings Hollidaysburg students together to promote healthy habits, smart decisions, and teach other students healthy ways to express themselves and their emotions without the use of drugs or alcohol.

# Officer Positions

**2025-2026 Officers**

Megan Yoder - President

Aleyah Walk - Vice President

Samantha Garman - Secretary

Sage Capone - Treasurer

**2026-2027 Officers**

Aleyah Walk - Co President

Sam Garman - Co President

Maddie Lidwell - Vice President

Emily Gieg - Secretary

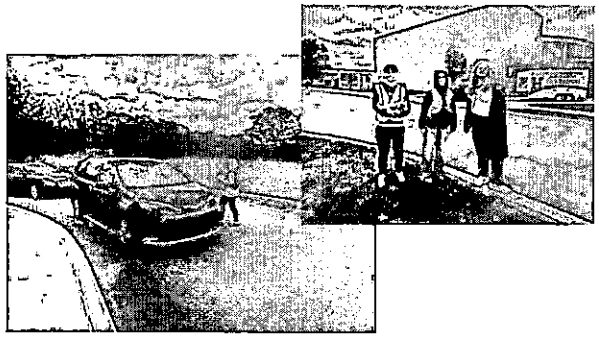
Skylee Bailey - Treasurer

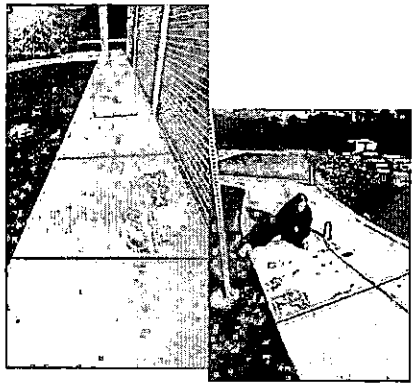
Riley Foster - BDAP Coordinator

# What we do

- Red Ribbon Week
- Wellness Fair
- Junior High Wellness Fair Activity
- Seat Belt Checks
- Expressions Against Depression
- BDAP Events
- Coffee With a Cop
- BDAP Committees
- Sticker Shock
- Prom Promise
- NAMI Conference
- CPA Youth Summit Conference
- You Matter Hockey Game

# Red Ribbon Week





**Courthouse Proclamation**

Our club came together to speak at the Courthouse informing all in attendance the importance of Red Ribbon Week and how we incorporate the message into the school.

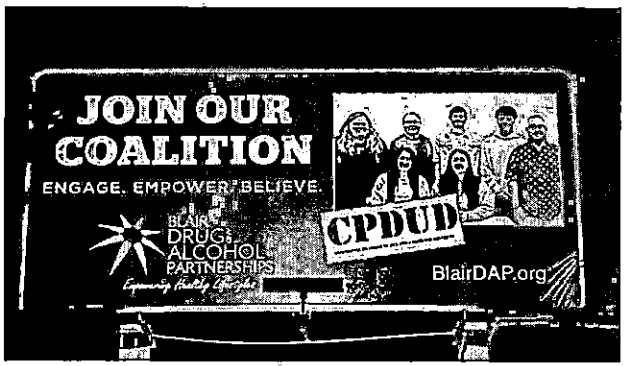
**Seat Belt Checks**

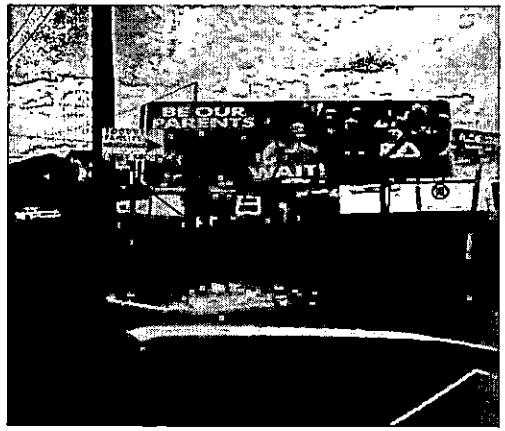
After School members from SADD got together to check seat belts as the kids were leaving school. If students were wearing their seatbelts, they got a piece of candy.

**Chalk Art**

The Sunday before red ribbon week started SADD members came to the school to write motivational messages and pictures on the side sidewalk for the students coming into school Monday morning.

# BDAP Events



### Monthly Meetings

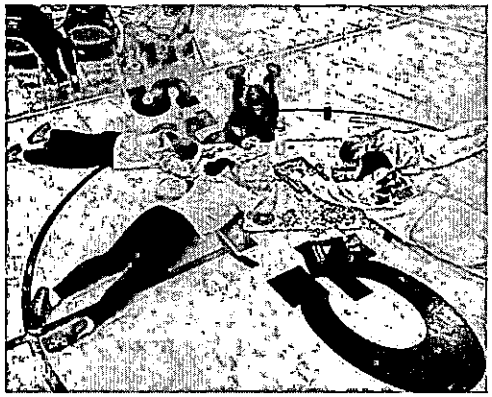
### Billboards

### Their Events

# Wellness Fair

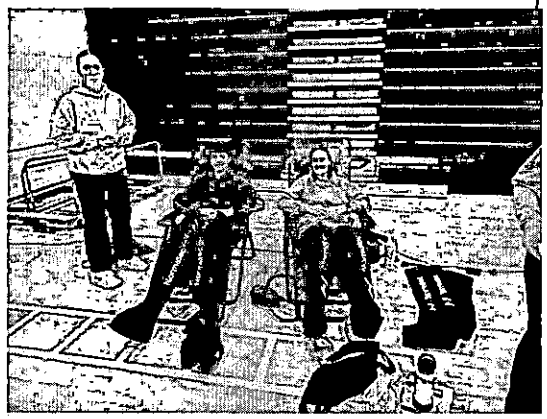
**Vendors**

Vendors from around Blair County come and have booths to educate students about local options and resources they have in their own community.



**Organizations**

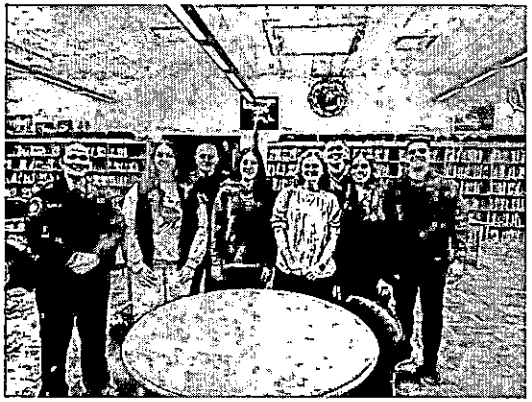
We had speakers of many different organizations including May's Mission, Family Services, Penn State Altoona, and even our local fire departments.



**Giveaways**

We also have a prom ticket give away! In order to be entered you must go around to each booth and get a card stamped. In order to enter, you must have a stamp from every vender. This is a fun way to ensure that the students are truly having interactions with the vendors.

# Coffee With a Cop



**LOCAL Resources**

We have our local officers and state troopers come into school for 2 periods in the morning to connect to students and answer any questions they may have.

**Connections**

With this opportunity for students to connect with the officers more casually in conversation it helps the students recognize that if they are in need of help to not be afraid to ask.

**Activities**

SADD and Hollidaysburg High School provide food and drinks for both the students and the officers

# Sticker Shock

**Sticker Message**

We are given between 500-1000 stickers each year to place on alcoholic beverages that remind adults that it is illegal to buy for people underage.

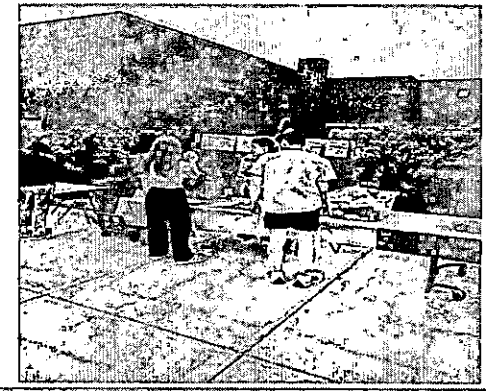
**Our Goal**

We hope to bring awareness to adults that that it is illegal to buy alcohol for students. We hope this will make them think twice before purchasing for any underaged individuals.

**Where we go**

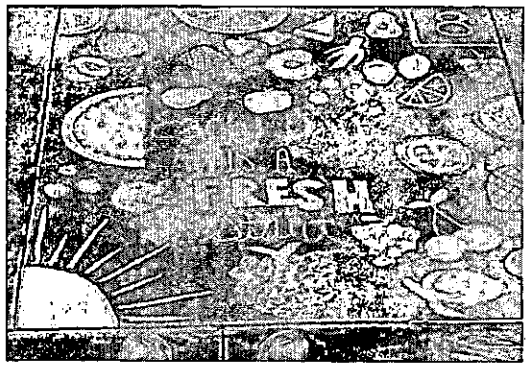
For the past 4 years SADD has teamed up with BEER WORLD in Durango to

# Expressions Against Depression



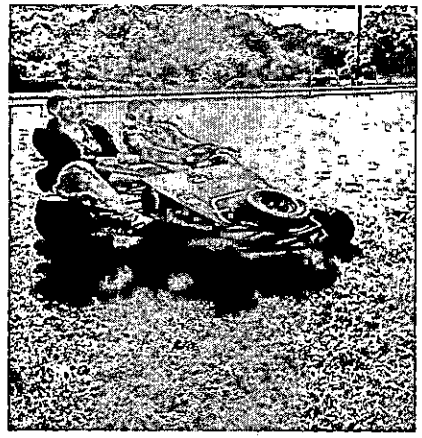
**Booths**

During this event, we host multiple different vendors, host fun activities to provide students ways to cope with their overwhelming emotions. Some vendors include bracelet making, bubble blowing, and even wired art.



**Sidewalk chalk message.**

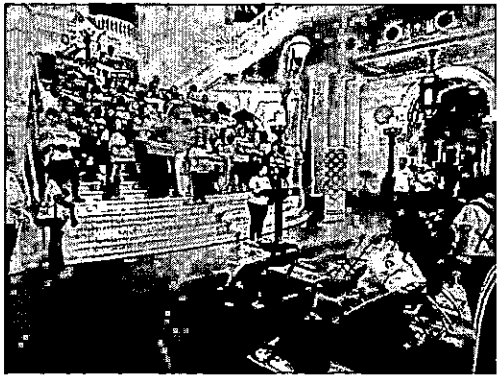
During the duration of the day multiple different representatives at vendors interact with students about their mental health projects.

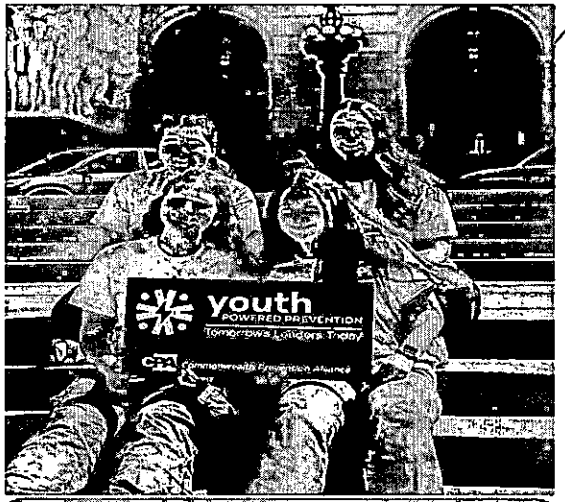


**Drunk driving buggy and field sobriety test**

Different activities that take place each year would be the drunk driving buggy and the chalk contest along with other activity vendors.

# CPA Youth Summit



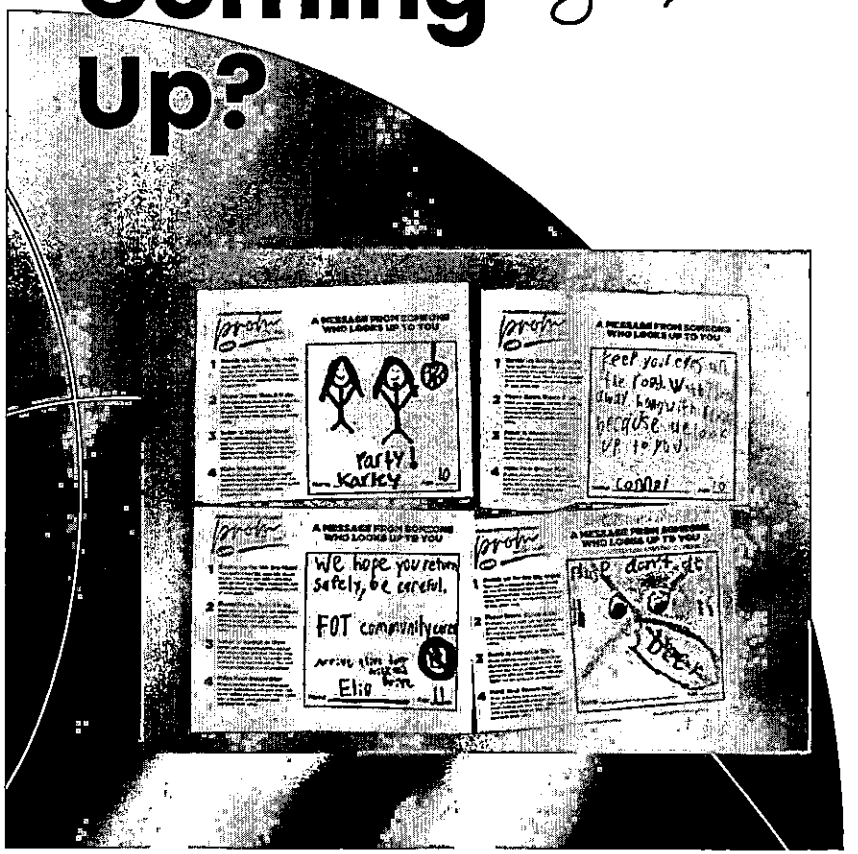



**Legislatures**

**Speakers**

**Activities**

# What's Coming Up?




**Nami Conference**

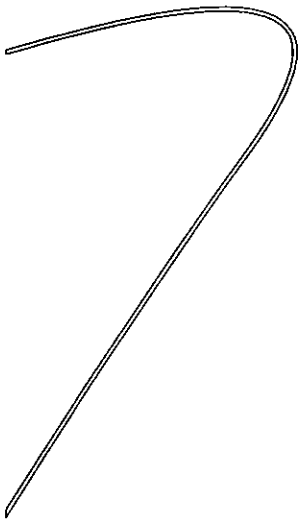
We are continuing to learn about our community and the resources within it as we plan to attend the upcoming NAMI conference.

**Prom Promise**

We are asking the local elementary schools classes to write a way to be safe on prom night, then giving them out during parking pass distribution the day of prom to encourage other to make smart decisions on their way to and from prom.

**Expressions Against Depression**

Annually SADD does an end of the year event that allows students to relax during the last couple days of school after finals and AP testing is over. It provides a fun day full of activities while also showing students the support they have from the community around them in terms of mental health.



# Thank you!