



# Countywide Prevention Newsletter

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## COORDINATOR CORNER

### - Marcus Allen

Hello Everyone! On March 7<sup>th</sup> I was appointed to the position of Countywide Prevention Coordinator and I can honestly say that the last few months have been great. Fairfax County truly is a community that is dedicated to prevention and understands the old adage, "An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure". I am a firm believer in this statement and I think that it is just as true today as it was in Benjamin Franklin's time.

Modern medicine has made life better for all of us but the cost associated with "the cure" is unsustainable. As a community, I think that we have to continue to work together to tackle the health and social issues of our time and I really look forward to working with all of you to do just that. In the coming weeks and months I will be spending some of my time visiting with the various non-profit, private, and government agencies in our community to learn about all of the wonderful prevention work that you do. Specifically, I look forward to working with you to build on our "System of Prevention" to ensure healthy children, youth and families in Fairfax County.

Feel free to contact me anytime.

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### The Prevention Unit in Neighborhood and Community Services

As some of you may know, the former Departments of Community & Recreation Services and Systems Management for Human Services have merged to form the Department of Neighborhood & Community Services (NCS). NCS is composed of three Divisions: Countywide Service Integration and Planning Management (CSIPM), Access to Community Resources and Programs, and Regional Services and Center Operations. The Prevention Unit is housed in CSIPM which is described further on [page. 2](#).

As part of the reorganization, Countywide Prevention now has seven staff members working on initiatives described throughout this newsletter: the Partners in Prevention Fund (PIPF); Take Charge, Be Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Free; and the Summer Food Service Program. We are also working with the Fairfax County Police Department and other human services agencies to provide the Road DAWGS gang prevention summer camp. Staff work closely with the county's teen centers and after-school programs, assist in resource development for NCS and the community, and work closely with CSIPM staff on the Fairfax County Youth Survey.

[Fairfax County's Prevention System](#)  
[Department of Neighborhood and Community Services](#)

## COUNTYWIDE SERVICE INTEGRATION AND PLANNING MANAGEMENT (CSIPM)

- Marcus Allen  
Countywide Prevention  
Coordinator

Fairfax County recently formed the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. Its mission is to engage, connect and collaborate with individuals, organizations, neighborhoods and communities to strategically plan, provide responsive services, and build capacity to support community and neighborhood solutions.

The CSIPM staff works internally and externally with other government agencies and community organizations to achieve these goals.

### The role of CSIPM is to:

- \* Support and coordinate collaborative human services policy development
- \* Conduct cross-system strategic planning, data analysis, and evaluation and collection, analysis and dissemination of demographic, service delivery and community level data
- \* Optimize productivity and quality of services by assessing alternative ways of doing business
- \* Manage cross-system projects to advance system changes that require coordination and collaboration with county, schools and community organizations
- \* Design and implement strategies for building community capacity to support human service strategic direction and service delivery
- \* Manage human service performance accountability efforts to include reporting service and community outcomes
- \* Coordinate and promote the design and implementation of prevention and community engagement strategies within the human services system of services and network of community providers

### [Department of Neighborhood and Community Services](#)

## PARTNERS IN PREVENTION FUND (PIPF) RELEASES RFP FOR 2012 FUNDING

- Sarah White  
Partners in Prevention  
Fund Coordinator

At the beginning of May, the PIPF released funding which will go towards the implementation of nine different evidence-based programs. During the month of April, the PIPF held a series of information sessions to advertise the new release of prevention funds in the community. Over 80 people attended the information sessions where the curriculum was presented and the prevention system was explained.

The RFP application deadline is June 9, 2011 and the programs will be funded beginning in fiscal year 2012. Anyone interested in applying for funding is strongly

encouraged to attend the pre-proposal conference, scheduled for May 24, 2011 at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 2/3. For further information, contact [Chris.Cheney@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Chris.Cheney@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### Partners in Prevention Fund Programs

- Safe Dates, a teen dating violence prevention program
- Parents Raising Safe Kids, a parenting skills program
- Strengthening Families, a parenting skills program for parents and youth ages 10 – 14
- Energize Our Families, a program to help parents make healthy food choices
- Catch Kids Club, an program to teach elementary school children about nutrition and the need for physical activity
- Media Smart, a program to help youth make connections between what they see in the media and being healthy
- S.M.A.R.T., a program to teach youth about the need to reduce screen time
- Lifelines, a suicide prevention program
- Youth Act, a depression awareness and suicide prevention program

### [Partners in Prevention Fund](#)

## PARTNERS IN PREVENTION FUND (PIPF) ADDS FOUR NEW PROGRAMS IN 2011

- Sarah White  
Partners in Prevention  
Fund Coordinator

The Partners in Prevention Fund (PIPF) is excited to be funding four new prevention programs in the community.

**Strengthening Our Families**, is a family skills training program designed to increase resilience and reduce risk factors for substance abuse, depression, violence, aggression, delinquency and school failure in high-risk 10-14 year old children and their parents. The PIPF will be partnering with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington and the Granato Consulting group to run five sessions of the program over the next several months.

The PIPF is also excited to be running **Parents Raising Safe Kids**, a curriculum that helps families and caregivers raise children without violence by providing basic information on child development, risk factors for

violence and its consequences and protective factors and skills for effective parenting. We will partner with Foundations for Families, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and the South County Youth Network to run 6 sessions of this curriculum.

**Lifelines** is the third new program to be implemented over the next few months. Lifelines is a comprehensive suicide prevention program that seeks to increase the likelihood that adults and children know how to identify youth at risk when they encounter them. Bethlehem Baptist Church, Shiloh Baptist Church and the South County Youth Network will run 8 sessions of this program.

And finally, the PIPF will also sponsor a program called **Youth Act**. This program, which is sometimes known as SOS: Signs

of Suicide, is a depression awareness and suicide prevention program. Its primary objectives are to educate teens that depression is a treatable illness, and to equip them with techniques to respond to a potential suicide in a friend or family member.

The Partners in Prevention Fund is intended to make available seed funding to provide specific evidence-based programs that address a broad array of primary prevention needs. In addition to the programs already mentioned, the PIPF funds programs that address childhood obesity, teen dating violence and school readiness.

For further information about the PIPF, contact Sarah White, [sarah.white@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sarah.white@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### [Partners in Prevention Fund](#)

## ZERO TO THREE 26TH NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

- Susan Rice, MSW  
Parenting Education  
Program

Zero to Three, National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families, is hosting it's [26th National Training Institute](#) (NTI) - Connecting Science, Policy and Practice December 9 - 11, 2011 with Pre-Institute Thursday, December 8 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor - Washington, DC.

Zero to Three's National Training Institute is a comprehensive and multidisciplinary conference that focuses on cutting-edge research, best practices, and policy issues for infants, toddlers, and families. Continuing Education Credits are available.

For additional information, contact NTI: [www.zttntconference.org](http://www.zttntconference.org)  
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Washington, D.C.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY YOUTH SURVEY NEW FACTSHEET - Mary Nelms  
AND PSA ADDRESSES BULLYING Countywide Initiatives**

Over half of students report being bullied in the past year according to the *2009 Fairfax County Youth Survey Report*. Students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 were asked how often they had been bullied, taunted, ridiculed or teased by someone. They were also asked if anyone had electronically bullied them through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites or text messages. Cyberbullying was reported by 14 percent of students surveyed.

Bullying is an important issue in Fairfax County and the nation. It has been linked to depression,

suicide, drug and alcohol use, and acts of violence and aggression. According to the CNN article [Study: Half of high school students admit to bullying](#), President Obama has called for greater awareness of the problem and the administration issued new guidelines for educators to address the issues of bullying and harassment.

The Department of Neighborhood and Community Services Countywide Service Integration and Planning Management, in coordination with other agencies and Fairfax County Public Schools,

has developed a *public service announcement* and *factsheet* on ***Bullying and Cyberbullying in Fairfax County*** based on the Youth Survey. These resources are aimed to help adults better understand bullying and how common it is, identify signs, build resiliency, find more information and seek help.

These PSAs and Factsheets are part of a series based on [Fairfax County Youth Survey](#) data results. They can be accessed from the website for personal use or to share with parents and other adults in your community.

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey)

**Youth Survey Public Service Announcements**

- Three to Succeed (also available in Spanish)
- **NEW!** Bullying & Cyberbullying
- **NEW!** Teen Dating Abuse
- Teens and Alcohol Use
- Teenage Depression
- Inhalants

**Youth Survey Factsheets**

- **NEW!** Bullying & Cyberbullying
- **NEW!** Teen Dating Abuse
- Risk and Protective Factors
- Nutrition and Physical Activity
- Teenage Alcohol Use
- Teenage Depression and Suicide
- Teenage Drug Use
- Teenage Inhalant Use
- Middle Schoolers
- High School Girls

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA FAMILY SERVICES GANG INTERVENTION, PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

- Mary Nelms  
Adapted from NVFS website

Through NVFS, the [Intervention Prevention and Education Program](#) was developed in an intensive effort to reduce youth violence and counteract the appeal of gang membership among youth, ages 12 to 21, who are at-risk or already gang-involved in the Northern Virginia area.

IPE counselors work one-on-one with youth to identify their goals, resources, referral and gang-intervention needs.

Counselors also work with the youth's parents or guardians to increase communication and limit-setting, educate about the signs of gang involvement and provide information on ways the family

can be supportive and build resiliency to gang involvement.

The majority of youth who participate show a reduction in gang activity and improvement in academic success, family relationships and pro-social activity.

There is no charge for services to eligible youth ages 12 to 21 and their families.

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**Prevent Gang Involvement**

Call or Go Online  
**1-866-914-GANG (4264)**  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gangprevention](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gangprevention)

**Gang Prevention Resource Numbers**

- Fairfax County Gang Prevention Coordinator  
703-246-2396
- Fairfax County Public Schools  
Safe and Drug-Free Youth Section  
571-423-4270
- Fairfax County Police Youth Services  
703-246-2956
- Graffiti Reports  
703-691-2131
- Fairfax County Skindeep Tattoo Removal  
703-246-7100
- Northern Virginia Gang Task Force  
703-GET-HELP (438-4357)  
(All TTY 711)

Funding for this flier was paid through the Federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Community Act. To request this information in an alternate format, call 703-324-3867 (TTY 711). A Fairfax County, Va., publication. February 2011.

### Gang Prevention Contacts and Resources

[Fairfax County Gang Prevention](#)

[Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force](#)

[Don't Lose Yourself in a Gang](#)

United States Department of Justice  
[School Administrators' Guide to Gang Prevention and Intervention](#)

[Findings from the Evaluation of the Office Of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Gang Reduction Program](#)

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### BUILDING HEALTHY FUTURES III PRIMARY PREVENTION OF SEXUAL AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

- Arlene Vassell-Richards  
VA Sexual and Domestic  
Violence Action Alliance

The Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance is excited to offer the third installment of this exceptional conference addressing the primary prevention of sexual and intimate partner violence. Participants will be exposed to some of the most promising, leading edge concepts and projects within this field.

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Richmond, Virginia

#### Featured Speakers

**Neil Irvin:** Executive Director of *Men Can Stop Rape*

**Nancy Schwartzman:** Director of *The Line* documentary and creator of [www.wherisyourline.org](http://www.wherisyourline.org)

**Laura Fidler:** Research & Project Coordinator of *Project Envision of NYCCASA*

**Robert Eckstein:** Lead Trainer & Curriculum Development Specialist of UNH's *Bringing In The Bystander* project

**Barbara Ball:** Project Director of *Start Strong Austin* and Evaluation Specialist for *Expect Respect*

**Meg Bossong:** Community Mobilization Project Manager at the *Boston Area Rape Crisis Center*

**Action Alliance Prevention Team:** Brad, Liz, Arlene, and Jonathan: Facilitators of Virginia's pioneering statewide prevention capacity building initiatives

#### Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

### FAIRFAX COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARDED PREVENTION GRANTS

- Jesse Ellis  
Prevention Programming &  
Resource Development Manager

Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) recently received a grant from the Virginia Department of Health to implement teen dating violence prevention activities. The activities are from the CDC's **Choose Respect Playbook** and are designed to increase awareness of what makes a healthy relationship and skills to ensure healthy relationships. The Fairfax County Office for Women and Sexual and Domestic Violence Services provided support and

training to NCS staff in implementing the program. NCS community and teen centers countywide are implementing a variety of **Choose Respect** activities, including ones that train participants to become peer leaders and role models.

NCS was also awarded a **UnitedHealth Heroes** grant from Youth Service America and UnitedHealthcare. The grant funded a youth service project in which teen leaders learned about

healthy eating and engaged their peers to develop "menus" of healthy snack foods that can be served to teens in community and teen centers. The process was intended to ensure that nutritious offerings are more likely to be consumed by participants. The teens intend to disseminate their findings and the process they used to other organizations interested in providing healthy food environments for their teen participants.



## FAIRFAX COUNTY SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

- Brent Quarles  
Summer Food Service  
Program Manager

During the school year, many children receive free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs. What happens when school lets out?

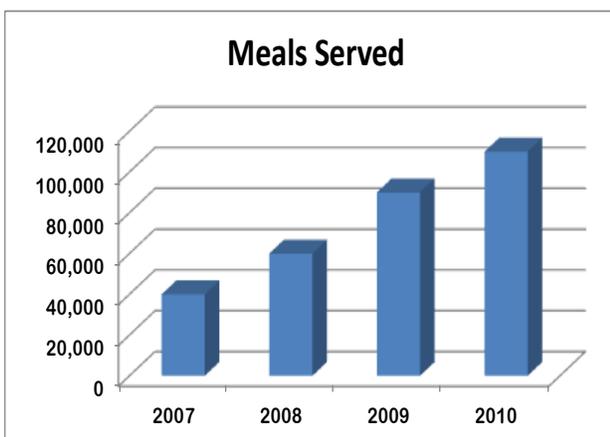
Hunger is one of the most severe roadblocks to the learning process. Lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins again. Hunger also may make children more prone to illness and other health issues.

The USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is designed to fill that nutrition gap and make sure children get the nutritious meals they need. In Fairfax County, the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) sponsors the SFSP and is looking for community meal sites to run summer food programs to prevent children from going hungry when school lunchrooms close. Such meal sites were in short supply last year, leaving many communities without a way to distribute the free meals to needy kids. There are approximately 44,000 children in Fairfax County who qualify for free and reduced meals during the school year. The need for healthy and nutritious meals is much greater this year than in years past.

The SFSP serves nutritious meals to school-age children up to age 18 who qualify for free or reduced price school meals. Sites may be located at schools, community centers, faith-based centers, apartment complexes, public or private nonprofit summer camps, or local, county or state government locations. Sites must be approved according to USDA's guidelines.

Program (SFSP) over the past four years. In 2007, the total number of fully reimbursable meals that were served throughout the entire summer was 38,517. In 2008, the number of fully reimbursable meals was increased to 56,712. In 2009, there were 87,254 fully reimbursable meals served. In 2010 the SFSP experienced another surge in fully

reimbursable meals to 105,398 meals. This is an increase of 173% since 2007 and 21% from 2009 alone.



If you or your organization would like to volunteer or become a meal site, please visit our website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs) "Summer Meals for Kids" to

Meal sites receive free training, technical assistance and assistance with recruiting volunteers to serve the meals. A meal site can participate in the program at any time during the program's operating cycle, which is June 22 through September 2, 2011. This year, our breakfast and lunch menus will include a variety of hot and cold meals, and vegetarian selections.

download an application, read Frequently Asked Questions, or get more information on the USDA Summer Food Program.

In Fairfax County there has been a dramatic increase in the Summer Food Service

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## PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARENT EDUCATION - Cheryl Keiper, Parenting CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION Education Courses, DFS

Department of Family Services Child Abuse Prevention Services' Parenting Education Programs is always seeking to expand and serve families in creative ways. On February 9, 2011, a new adolescent program was begun in partnership with the **Beta Program** - a Juvenile Court residential treatment program for delinquent youth. Youth are detained for a six month period and housed at the Juvenile Detention Facility. During this time, their parents work with the counselors and their teens in a group setting. In developing the program was, Beta Program staff had the idea to establish a partnership. Last year, six of the

Beta Program staff were trained as **Nurturing Parenting** facilitators and several more attended the training in March. Krissa Slone and Calvin Robertson kicked off the first night's class. Calvin will be supporting the program for the remaining 11 classes. The initial pre-test showed that the parents were significantly below the national average in demonstrating empathy towards their teens and they expressed a strong belief in corporal punishment.

On another note, in our ongoing work with pregnant and parenting teens, parenting education staff are currently offering classes at

Lee High School, West Potomac High School and Mountain View Alternative High School. The classes are 10 weeks and use the **Nurturing Parenting Skills** curriculum. The staff fit the classes into the school schedule based on their flex days. Unlike classes offered in community settings, they are constrained to one-hour sessions. Findings show that schools with strong involvement on the part of the school social work staff show much better results because they help get the girls to class and to follow through with assignments. Krissa Slone coordinates with FCPS to locate classes in close proximity to the pregnant and parenting teens who are attending.

### [Department of Family Services](#)

## TAKE CHARGE IN MOVING YOUTH TOWARD NO TOBACCO OR DRUG USE - Lauren Hitz Virginia for Healthy Youth Foundation Prevention Specialist

"Take Charge" a free tobacco, alcohol and drug prevention program is available to your youth. "Take Charge" consists of a TNT (Toward No Tobacco Use) 6th - 8th grade program or a TND (Towards No Drug Use) 8th - 12th grade program. The programs are offered through Fairfax County's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services and available to youth in grades 5 - 12 and have been an active resource in the community for the last eight (8) years.

"Take Charge" is fun, interactive and aimed at providing youth with

the facts on tobacco, alcohol and drug use. The two age-specific curriculums encourage youth to consider the consequences of substance use. Both curriculums focus on life skills, debunking myths, and providing youth with a safe environment where they can ask questions and learn. "Take Charge" presents information on personal development and empowers youth to make healthy choices.



The "Take Charge" program can be facilitated at your site by a Neighborhood and Community Service staff person at no cost, or you can ask to receive free facilitating training. At the end of "Take Charge", a party will be held to thank the youth for their participation. Materials will be supplied to participants.

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## “LIFE IN THE MIDDLE” PREVENTION CONFERENCE

- Becky York,  
Unified Prevention  
Coalition, FCPS

More than 100 youth, parents, facilitators, and exhibitors attended the April 2 prevention conference hosted by the Unified Prevention Coalition (UPC) of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). “Life in the Middle: What Students and Parents Face in the Middle School Years” was held at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

The UPC, a substance use and violence prevention coalition with support from many county agencies and organizations, chose to focus its second prevention conference on middle school this year because it is such a time of major transitions in friendships, academics, physical growth, and brain development. This year’s conference addressed three

important topics parents and youth face: substance use, bullying/cyberbullying, and parent/youth communication.

“It represents a time of great change for young adolescents with many opportunities for shaping positive youth behavior and well-being,” said Lisa Adler, the event’s coordinator.

“Unfortunately, during this same period of time, parents often disengage from school involvement and youth supervision while research is telling us that the biggest influence on students is their parents.”

Opening the day’s event was Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohrer. The keynote speaker was Jack W. Claypoole, deputy director in the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, and a Hayfield Secondary School parent. Claypoole is the administrator of the federally funded Drug Free Communities program, and the UPC is a nationally recognized coalition under this program.

Presenters from FCPS, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, and Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services delivered brief presentations on each topic. Presentations were followed by round table discussions in mixed youth and parent groups, led by high school students and adults who facilitated very engaged conversations on each topic.



“Teens gave incredible input on the bullying topic with real-life situations,” said one parent. Another parent suggested, “Make this [program] mandatory for all FCPS students.” One high school student facilitator stood at the end of the conference and challenged parents to set boundaries, noting that middle school students are doing what many parents did in college.

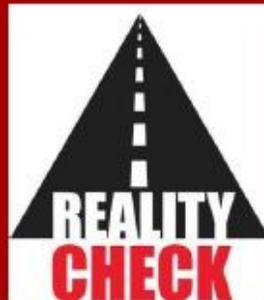
“It is clear that the ability to openly communicate is a tremendous asset for families as they build healthy relationships and keep their children safe and substance-free,” Claypoole said.

*Teens who engage in risk behaviors often have their first experience by age 12. The Fairfax County Youth Survey reports that 31% of those who have ever used alcohol tried it first by the age of 12. For those who ever smoked cigarettes, 35% started by age 12.*



## INOVA FAIRFAX HOSPITAL HOLDS REALITY CHECK

- Linda Watkins  
Prevention Coordinator  
Inova Trauma Center



**Car crashes are the leading cause  
of injury and death for teens**

*Attend Reality Check with your  
teenager to help keep them from  
becoming another statistic.*



Linda Watkins, Prevention Coordinator, IFH Trauma Center,  
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### Next Reality Check

#### Date

Saturday, May 21  
10:30 am – 1:00 pm

#### Location

Inova Fairfax Hospital

#### Additional Info:

Course Fee: \$35 (includes one teen and two parents/ guardians).  
*Fee discounts or waivers are available based on limited income guidelines.*

To register, call 703-776-3259 or  
e-mail [linda.watkins@inova.org](mailto:linda.watkins@inova.org).  
Spaces are limited, register early!

#### Student Program

- Educational Program w/slide presentation by a Level 1 Trauma Surgeon
- Trauma Unit Visit and witnessing of a mock resuscitation of a trauma victim
- EMS Unit Visit with tour of an ambulance unit and Q&A session with fire/rescue personnel..
- Survivor Presentation – teen crash survivors share their experience

#### Parent Program

- The parent program is held concurrently w/ the student program. Parents will learn:
- How to be effective role models to their teen drivers
  - How to coach and teach their teen drivers
  - How to talk to their teen about decision-making, alcohol, and other difficult subjects
  - How to implement a parent-teen driving safety contract

## THE PERILS OF THE COLLEGE DRINKING CULTURE

- Becky York  
Unified Prevention  
Coalition, FCPS

Fairfax County college-bound students and their parents and guardians are urged to make plans to attend together an upcoming forum entitled ***"The Perils of the College Drinking Culture."***

The Unified Prevention Coalition (UPC) of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and its County-wide Initiative to Reduce Underage Drinking (CIRUD), in collaboration with the Fairfax County Police Department, Safe Community Coalition, and others, are hosting multiple forums across Fairfax County in an effort to reach students before they head off to college.

Each event features a screening and panel discussion on an award-winning powerful documentary, ***HAZE***. Two events are scheduled for May, and two more are set for July. The program is part of an ongoing effort by county leaders to address the health and legal risks associated with underage and binge drinking.

Nearly 350 people attended two such forums last summer and urged that the program be continued and expanded. "This program should be extended across Virginia, in every community," wrote one parent. "HAZE should be required viewing for all high school students," commented another. "It is a powerful movie," noted another.

"We know from our very

successful 2010 programs that this is a great opportunity for parents and students to learn how they can best prepare to handle difficult issues they will face here at home as well as on college campuses next fall," said Sara Freund, chair of CIRUD.

Featured speakers and panelists include Chief David Rohrer and Captain Bruce Ferguson, Fairfax County Police Department; Raymond F. Morrogh, Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax County; Dr. William Hauda, emergency physician, Inova Fairfax Hospital; Jeff Levy, father of a student who died following drinking at a college party; and a college student. A question-and-answer session will follow the film.

*The Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County Public Schools is dedicated to promoting prevention and early intervention for violence and drug use in our community.*

### ***The Perils of the College Drinking Culture***

**Tue, May 17, 2011**  
Langley High School

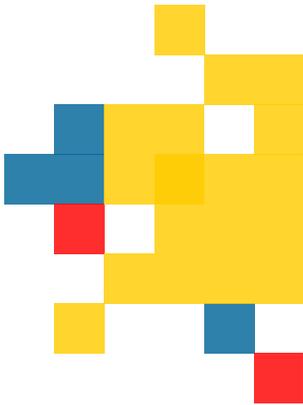
**Tue, May 24, 2011**  
Providence Presbyterian Church,  
9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax

**Wed, July 20, 2011**  
West Springfield High School

**Wed, July 27, 2011**  
Westfield High School

**All events will be held from 7-9 p.m.**





Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) engages, connects and collaborates with individuals, organizations, neighborhoods, and communities to strategically plan and provide responsive services, and build capacity to support community and neighborhood solutions.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITES**

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs)

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/prevention](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/prevention)

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey)

**LET'S TALK  
PREVENTION**

Send us an update on how you are spreading the word about prevention or furthering the prevention system goals.

**Summer 2011 Countywide  
Prevention Newsletter**  
Submit articles to Mary Nelms  
**by July 25, 2011**

We hope you find this newsletter useful. Feel free to forward it to others who may also make use of the information.

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