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The Economic Development Authority's Business Breakfast Forum Scheduled for **Friday, Feb. 27, 8-10 A.M.** at the Sully District Governmental Center HAS BEEN POSTPONED to a later date to be determined.

WFCCA Sponsoring Budget Meeting

The Western Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) is sponsoring a budget meeting for interested citizens on **Tuesday, March 17, 2009** beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the James McDonnell Community Room in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. County staff will be in attendance.

Countywide Substance Use and Violence Prevention Conference, "What Today's Youth Need You to Know"

The Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Safe and Drug-Free Youth Section and its Unified Prevention Coalition (UPC), in collaboration with Fairfax County agencies and organizations in Northern Virginia, are organizing the first county-wide substance use and violence prevention conference, *"What Today's Youth Need You to Know."* The conference, designed for Fairfax County residents and employees, will focus on educating adults, youth, and professional service providers on current trends recently reported in the 2008 Fairfax County Youth Survey, as well as issues pertinent to raising healthy families. The Conference will take place on **Saturday, March 28, 2009**, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at **Oakton High School** at 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna, VA 22181. The UPC 2009 prevention conference

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task force is already working with county agencies and organizations, many of whom plan to sponsor the conference and provide exhibits.

We are pleased to announce that the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services (CRS) has taken on a major role in this year's conference. Its annual regional Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) conference will be integrated into the 2009 Prevention Conference. YADAPP youth leaders and its regional partners--Manassas Parks and Recreation; and Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services--will plan and implement four youth workshops, as well as the closing program, and have arranged for a youth-focused keynote speaker.

A wide variety of workshops will be offered for adults, youth, families and professional service providers. Translated language workshops also will be offered with translation services available. We will serve a continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be available for service providers who remain at the conference all day; the certificates will be handed out at the close of the conference.

Exhibitors from local county agencies, organizations and businesses will be available with valuable information and resources for everyone and some will also be involved with the conference organization and sponsorship. Youth attending the conference will have the opportunity to receive prizes at the end of the day. Check out our website at www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org and click on the conference logo for information. Registration is now open for attendees, exhibitors and sponsors! Youth attend for free, individual adults are \$10; families (2 adults) \$15 and we will take requests for waiving fees in cases of hardship.

The just-released Fairfax County 2008 Youth Survey results prove we are making progress with our county-wide prevention efforts. Please join us to help continue educating our community on substance use and violence prevention safety issues. For information please contact Lisa Adler, prevention conference coordinator, at (571) 423-4270 or Lisa.Adler@fcps.edu.

Community Forum: Heroin - A Deadly High — March 5

Learn how heroin is impacting Fairfax County teens at a community forum on Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m. in the Virginia Run Community Center, 15355 Wetherburn Court, Centreville. Presenters include a police narcotics detective, alcohol and drug coordinator from area high schools, a local physician and a



recovering teen and her family.

For more information, contact the Sully District Station at 703-814-7048 (TTY 703-204-2264). For reasonable ADA accommodations, contact MPO Wellford Brock, 703-814-7048 (TTY 703-204-2264).



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