

Hancock County Community Partnership

History At-A-Glance

Date	Event
1990	The Community Partnership is established through a \$500,000 grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services Center for Abuse Prevention. Grant writers were Precia Shenk Stuby and Phil Atkins.
1990	The Lifestyle Risk Reduction Model of Prevention is officially adopted as the philosophy of the Partnership's prevention efforts.
1991	The foundation for an active community coalition is under construction!
1991	Partnership logo is designed by Hancock County community member Beth Adams.
1991	Paragon is born! From the story of "The Three Little Pigs," our mascot exemplifies the strong prevention message of building your house from bricks. The word "paragon" means "a model of excellence."
1992	Writing and implementation of Strategic Plan is completed. Partnership Council is established.
1992	Volunteer base reaches 150!
1992	Membership survey and process evaluation completed and presented to the Partnership.
1992	Eight system members are sent for Lifestyle Risk Reduction Model training and certification. These eight become the certified TWYSAA (Talking With Your Students About Alcohol) and TWYKAA (Talking With Your Kids About Alcohol) trainers.
1992	Partnership leads the Red Ribbon Celebration.
1992	The first Leaf Rake is sponsored by the Partnership as a way to raise the \$15,830 in matched funds required by the grant. Almost \$1000 was raised.
1993	Partnership sponsors its first teleconference, "Classroom Connections: Building Resilience in Children of Alcoholics."
1993	TWYKAA trainings offered for all System members.
1993	Clearinghouse opens at the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library with \$10,000 in resources.
September 1993	"Be a P.A.R.T (Participation, Awareness, Resources, Trends) Cross Systems Training Conference held for Findlay/Hancock County. It is the first training of its type in our community. The conference also marks the first use of the concept of the "Socratic Dialogue" in our community.
1993	The second Leaf Rake sponsored.
1993	The first mini-grant is awarded to Education and Recreation Systems to develop and produce "Healthy Alternatives" materials.
1993	Dr. Jean Kilborn, noted author and speaker on alcohol in advertising, speaks at Partnership Annual Meeting.
1993	Ohio Supreme Court Justice Alice Robie Resnick is keynote speaker for Hancock County Red Ribbon Celebration Kick-Off.
1993	Red Ribbon Celebration receives the Outreach Award from Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth.
November 1993	Partnership is represented at CADCA in Washington D.C., the first national conference attended by the Partnership.
1994	Healthy Alternatives, HA!, materials were developed. This project marked the first collaborative project among the systems.
1994	Business System needs survey was developed and administered to nearly 750 local employers.
1994	"Splash Bash" programs for area teens offered at Findlay Municipal Pool.
1994	First ever "ATOD Free Environment" letter sent to adult leaders of area youth programs, encouraging them to refrain from using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs every time youth are together.

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1994	“Drugs Don’t Work in Ohio” trainings were developed for the business community by a collaborative effort of the Business and Health & Human Services Systems.
1994	Transitional strategic plan is completed.
1994	“Brown Bag,” programs about healthy and safe medication regimens sponsored for senior citizens.
October 1994	Lucille Fleming, Director of ODADAS speaks at the Red Ribbon Kick-Off.
1994	Red Ribbon Celebration receives the Greatest Impact Award from Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth.
1995	A meeting with local “key stakeholders” is held to discuss the future of the Community Partnership.
1995	Partnership members work in small groups to discuss partnership continuation beyond CSAP grant. It is decided to request funding through the ADAMHS Board.
March 1995	Drugs Don’t Work In Ohio The three trainings offered in this project first engaged the participation of the Findlay business sector in Community Partnership participation.
1995	“Paragon Says,” sayings appear in The Courier.
August 1995	Reality Check premiers on Continental Cablevision. The first topic is, “Class & Money.”
1995	Red Ribbon Celebration receives the Award of Excellence Greatest Impact Award from Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth.
December 1995	Partnership staff presents on the framework of the Partnership, as it is recognized by Ohio Prevention Education Conference for its uniqueness and effectiveness.
January 1996	The ADAMHS Board provides temporary funds of \$50,000 for Partnership through June 1996. Meanwhile, the Board considers permanent funding.
June 1996	ADAMHS Board decides to fund the Community Partnership, and in doing so, adds public information and awareness regarding the Board and mental health issues to the Partnership’s responsibilities.
1996	Reality Check receives the ADAMHS Board’s V.I.P. Involvement Award.
1996	Reality Check receives the Image Award for Excellence in Educational Broadcasting from the Ohio Cable Television Association.
1996	Operation Care begins, a project in which Partnership members rove the area surrounding proms, in the hopes to identify and prevent potentially dangerous situations for youth. Also, “Lifesaver” campaign begins.
October 1996	John Lasne, author of “The Red Ribbon: A Story of Hope,” conducts a reading for the community in The University of Findlay’s Mazza Gallery, and serves as keynote speaker for the Hancock County Red Ribbon Celebration Kick-Off.
1996	ADAMHS Board awards \$25,000 to Partnership to distribute locally in the form of mini-grants for prevention and education initiatives.
1996	“Healthy Alternatives” materials are distributes to approximately 9,000 students, grades K-8, throughout Findlay/Hancock County.
1996	Reality Check goes on the road to local high schools.
1996	The Red Ribbon Community Quilt debuts with nearly 120 pieces.
December 1996	Partnership staff present on Partnership initiatives, as it is recognized by Ohio Prevention Education Conference.
1997	Health & Human Services System focuses on trainings regarding suicide prevention.
1997	Final materials from “Healthy Alternatives” project distributed to approximately 7,000 students, grades 6-12, throughout Findlay and Hancock County.

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1997	Petition circulated through Spiritual System to express concern about alcohol at public “family” events. Over 350 signatures received. The petition leads to the first meeting of local event planners to discuss changes.
1997	“Together We Can!” trainings offered.
October 1997	The first annual Youth Rally is added to the Red Ribbon Celebration. This event marks the beginning of a spiritual focus for Red Ribbon.
1997	Red Ribbon Celebration wins the Greatest Youth Participation Award from Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth.
1997	Community volunteers and ADAMHS Board staff attend the 30 th Annual American Association of Suicideology Conference. They presented information regarding Findlay/Hancock County efforts
January 1998	“How Safe Are Our Youth: Youth Violence Prevention” trainings take place. Nationally recognized expert Ken Trump is speaker.
February 1998	Teleconference on “Addiction and the Need for Community Response,” offered by the Partnership.
1998	Project CLASS, Children and parents Learning Awareness through Skills Streaming, is funded by the Partnership.
1998	Partnership begins collaboration with ASSET development efforts.
1998	Partnership begins collaboration with The University of Findlay on “Preventing Binge Drinking on Ohio Campuses” initiative.
1998	Reality Check recognized again! This time it receives the National Beacon Award, and, the Ohio Image Award for Excellence in Community Service for an Ongoing Project, both from the National Cable Television Association.
October 1998	“When Substance Abuse & Domestic Violence Come To Work presentations developed as a part of Red Ribbon Celebration, Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Crime Prevention Month. It receives statewide attention and is featured in Ohio Violence Prevention newsletter.
1998	Red Ribbon Celebration receives the Award of Excellence Outreach Award from Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth.
1999	Partnership Receives Combating Underage Drinking (CUD) Grant for \$97,000 from Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS.)
1999	Lifestyle Risk Reduction trainings are provided to all Findlay Police officers as part of their regular training process.
1999	CUD Task Force hosts meetings with local liquor permit holders to discuss collaboration on reducing underage alcohol sales.
1999	The Zero Tolerance definition regarding alcohol violations is developed and adopted by partnership and ADAMHS Board.
1999	A letter is sent to all candidates running for policy setting offices in Findlay/Hancock County regarding alcohol issues. Responses are published in The Courier.
1999	Safe Ride Program, which gives rides to high school prom-goers, debuts as a pilot program at Findlay High School.
1999	Partnership participates in the Arts Partnership’s Kids Fest Prevention Connection.
1999	Reality Check receives Image award once again.
1999	Hancock County is chosen to have a representative on the Advisory Council to the Statewide Prevention Coalition Association.
October 1999	Health & Human Services System Presents “Mental Health Aspects of Body Image” in response to teen body art and piercing popularity.
November 1999	Partnership receives Service Award for Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention from Findlay/Hancock County Crime Prevention Association, Inc.

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March 2000	Fake ID Training takes place as a CUD Task Force initiative.
April 2000	First Annual Youth & Officials Summit takes place in which the recognized Socratic Dialogue debuts.
April 2000	CUD Task Force members present the Socratic Dialogue at Regional Training for the federal Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention, hosted in Columbus, Ohio.
April 2000	First Annual "Grad, Dads, Moms And Proms: Your Ultimate Party Planning Showcase," takes place through the Education and Judicial/Law Enforcement Systems.
2000	"Food For The Soul" speakers' bureau is developed by Spiritual System.
2000	Partnership takes the lead in confronting the first Findlay rave.
August 2000	The University of Findlay New Student Orientation addresses alcohol use via presentations from Partnership staff and volunteers.
2000	Safe Homes Network Pilot program launched, in which parents pledge to provide supervised social locations for youth in their homes.
2000	"Billy's Red Ribbon Championship" is authored locally by Red Ribbon Honorary Chair Judy Erven.
2000	CUD Task Force presents Socratic Dialogue again at the National Conference on Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws, hosted in Reno, Nevada.
January 2001	An eight-hour retreat was held to discuss the future of the Partnership and future initiatives.
February 2001	Red Ribbon Celebration Committee receives the "Outreach Award" given by Ohio Parents For Drug-Free Youth for exemplary activities.
Spring 2001	Reality Check moves to Channel 20, The University of Findlay's station.
Spring 2001	Education dollars from the Community Partnership begins the first Juvenile Sex Offender Group at Family Resource Centers.
Spring 2001	A mini-grant to the Smoke-Free Coalition from the Partnership assists in passing a local tobacco vending regulation by the City Health Department.
Summer 2001	Spiritual System distributes the 2 nd edition of the Summer Camp booklet, printing 675 booklets, doubling the previous year's distribution.
Summer 2001	The Community Partnership receives \$60,000 from the Governor's Spouses' Initiative to fight promote leadership in youth, ages 9-15, to fight underage consumption.
July 2001	The Partnership presents the "Prevention Connection" at the community's KidsFest at Riverbend Park for the 3 rd year in a row.
Fall 2001	Partnership members attend a Club Drug training in Chicago and begin offering local trainings to the community.
December 2001	The H.A.P.P.Y. (Hancock Addiction Prevention Program for Youth) Youth Staff perform "Bang, Bang...You're Dead" at the Ohio Prevention and Education Conference in Columbus for approx. 500 professionals.
Spring 2002	First Focus Groups are held to support the Community Partnership's new organizational structure.
April 2002	A local Lifestyle Risk Reduction Training is held to increase the number of Hancock County Trainings.
June 2002	The Partnership Council meeting is converted into a Porch Cookie Party at Chair, Ginny Williams, home.
June 2002	Over 2500 "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" payroll stuffer cards are distributed through local companies, reminding parents of the legal ramifications for hosting underage drinking parties.
July 2002	Community Partnership secures \$40,000 through the "Leadership to Keep Our Kids Alcohol-Free" grant to provide healthy alternatives in Hancock County.

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August 2002	The Partnership Council votes to join the statewide fight to Oppose State Issue One, known as the Drug Offenders Amendment. This becomes the catalyst to the creation of Hancock County's Citizens Opposed to State Issue One advocacy group.
August 2002	Five representatives attend the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's National Conference on Underage Drinking in Dallas, Texas.
September 2002	The annual meeting, "Relationships Build Success" is the first to be combined with ADAMHS Board.
October 2002	Over 120 youth attend the "Rock Sober in October" which combines a spiritual rock concert and all night lock-in for Red Ribbon.
November 2002	Ohio voters defeat State Issue at the polls. Hancock County voters beat the Issue by the largest county margin, 86%. First Lady Hope Taft sends the Citizen's Opposed to State Issue One a congratulatory note for their hard work.
January 2003	The Suicide Prevention Taskforce is formed to create a Community Plan and is assisted by the Ohio Department of Mental Health with a \$10,000 grant.
February 2003	Seven representatives attend the National Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Conference in Washington D.C. and advocate with legislators to change policies regarding the advertising of alcohol to youth.
March 2003	An article on bar crawling in The Courier spurs a full Partnership meeting that was also attended by the Bowling Green Police Department (BG bars were the feature of the article). A meeting with The Courier's Chief Editor, Partnership Chair, Staff, and Bowling Green Police Chief is arranged to discuss the high risk behaviors promoted in the article. A specific article on the dangers of binge drinking is printed in The Courier.
April 2003	A new campaign targeting the dangers of high risk drinking, "It is that black and white", is unveiled during Alcohol Awareness Month. Youth are targeted through banners at their schools, prom tuxedo bags and flower boxes. Adults are targeted through billboards.
April 2003	The 2002 Red Ribbon Planning Committee receives the State Media Award from Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth for their efforts during the October 2002 campaign.
May 2003	A letter is sent to local youth recreation clubs and organizations, reminding adults to refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs at youth activities.
May 2003	The Spiritual Twist Initiative distributes 1,600 Summer Camp booklets, doubling 2002's numbers.
July 2003	A meeting of prevention professionals is held to discuss the Partnership Council structure- a new structure evolves from this meeting.
August 2003	With partial funding through Partnership initiative dollars, Family Resource Centers trains twelve additional community members in the Parent Project Model to expand the number of support groups offered.
August 2003	Crime Prevention Association holds its first National Night Out with the assistance of Partnership funds and staff.
September 2003	Suicide Prevention posters and educator packets are delivered to Findlay City and Hancock County schools.
September 2003	A community picnic funded through the LEAD grant is held in conjunction with Parent Appreciation Week. Over 400 hotdogs are served by volunteers.
October 2003	The 3 rd annual Mental Illness Week Walk held at Dorney Plaza has over 75 attendees, the largest turnout yet.
October 2003	Over 200 youth and adults attend the Red Ribbon Youth Rally that is hosted by Gateway Church and featured air personality Denny Shaffer (92.5 Breakfast Club) as the keynote speaker.
October 2003	The Red Ribbon 6 th Grade Leadership Day reaches over 120 youth and 30 adults. With all city and county schools participating-it makes for the largest one yet.

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November 2003	Eight youth bands compete at the Partnership's first Rock Off. Over 250 youth and adults attend the first competition, with over 300 attending the final competition. Multiple organizations sponsored this unique healthy alternative.
December 2003	A mini-grant is given to Big Brothers/Big Sisters to pilot a Diversion Youth Mentoring program that was created through the Spiritual Twist Initiative of the Partnership.
March 2004	Ohio's First Lady, Hope Taft, visited the Community Partnership on March 29, 2004. She brought Mary Ann Solberg, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, to hear a presentation about the Community Partnership's initiatives which span 14 years.
April 2004	The Center for Alcohol Marketing and Youth hosted a training in Findlay on April 6, at The University of Findlay.
May 2004	Over 150 youth/kids attended the Kids Karnival held during Mental Health Month at Family Resource Centers.
September 2004	<i>Rockin at Riverside Summer Concert</i> was held at Riverside Park. The event was held on Saturday, September 18 at Riverside Park's Band Shell.
January 2005	The Community Partnership received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from Ohio Parents for Drug-Free Ohio for the "Parents Who Host..." campaign.
March 2005	The Partnership receives a Leadership To Keep our Kids Alcohol Free Grant in the amount of \$40,000. This will be a grant for two years (\$40,000 each year).
May 2005	The Partnership sent and received a positive response to a letter mailed in April to The Courier regarding adding a "no reference to alcohol, tobacco or other drugs" clause to all youth projects.
July 2005	As of July 1 st all prevention services previously housed at Century Health will be offered through Family Resource Centers.
August 2005	The Partnership released its new brochure along with a canvas background of the "house" for use at picture taking events with Paragon.
September 2005	New Paragon Clipart released. These cliparts feature Paragon doing various healthy activities. Also released was the "Paragon Approved" concept. Organizations can apply to have their activities/events "Paragon Approved" which will allow the community to know that it is a drug/alcohol free event and meets the mission and guidelines of the Partnership.
September 2005	Teens attend the Rib Off held in Findlay. They survey the event and make notes and take pictures of things that are not youth friendly. These results were shared at a Statewide Prevention Coalition Association meeting.
January 2006	The Community Partnership received a grant in the amount of \$3,500 from Ohio Parents for Drug-Free Ohio for the "Parents Who Host..." campaign.
February 2006	The Partnership had folders and suckers made with the "Paragon Approved" logo for use at trainings and special awards. The suckers are made by Dietsch Brothers and the mold is specifically made for only the Partnership.
March 2006	The Community Partnership received a \$40,000 renewal of the Leadership to Keep Our Kids Alcohol Free Grant.
April 2006	Judge Davis presented to Lincoln 5 th graders on April 3 rd as part of the <i>Reach Out Now</i> Project. The youth were very receptive to the alcohol prevention message. Mike Martien presented to youth at Washington School.
Summer 2006	A new Paragon mascot suit was unveiled.
June 2006	www.paragonapproved.org website launched.

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September 2006	Paragon showed off his dancing skills at a United Way fundraiser.
April 2007	Self Harm training was held on April 10 th to 87 professionals and 7 parents.
April 2007	The Community Partnership and United Way jointly released the Alcohol Protocol/Standards for Community Organizations that hold festivals and fundraisers.
April 2007	Three ID scanners are now housed at The Partnership for use at community functions where IDs would need to be checked. These were purchased by a local organization through the United Way.