



Tobacco Free Times

The Voice of the Tobacco Free Florida - Volusia County Partnership

Promoting healthy lifestyles through tobacco free living.

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SWAT Students Working Against Tobacco

SWAT club gets booked for Tobacco Education display

Yes, there's a perfectly good explanation for this...Silver Sands Middle School's SWAT club hosted a Book Swap at the school on January 28th to help celebrate Literacy Week. The club had an information booth (pictured at right) and a selfie station where students could express how they were "Not a Replacement." This is part of a campaign to fight against tobacco companies who are targeting youth in order to replace the adult customers they are losing due to quitting.



Feb. 19 day to quit spit

Those who use smokeless tobacco, also called "spit" or "chew," are urged to quit on February 19th as part of the Great American Spit Out. And, not surprisingly, it falls during Through With Chew Week (February 15th - 21st)



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Tobacco & nicotine citations to be discussed on Feb. 23rd

Laura Roth, Chief Deputy Clerk/General Counsel for the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Volusia County, will be at the February 23rd Partnership meeting to explain what happens when a person under the age of 18 receives a citation for possession of tobacco and/or nicotine dispensing devices. Stetson University (DeLand) is hosting the meeting. See below for date, time and location of the meeting.

Citation Class now FREE and will be offered at alternative West Volusia location

Anti-Tobacco Education Classes, traditionally a \$30 cost in Volusia for those who receive citations, will now be free for everyone. For several months, the Partnership has been working on two problems: 1) The \$30 fee is a hardship, and 2) West Volusia residents find the Daytona class location too far. It was decided to offer the class for free. Bethune-Cookman University is providing classroom space at its Deltona campus and the first West Volusia class will be on April 7, 2015. The class location will alternate monthly between the Daytona and Deltona venues. "The most important thing here is to educate kids about the dangers of tobacco and nicotine," said Tobacco program manager, Kristen Mialki.

Partner Highlight

Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Volusia County

Last month we highlighted the Volusia County Sheriff's Office for their part in tobacco prevention and educating youth about the dangers of tobacco and nicotine. Thanks to a new law and the prompt reaction by the Sheriff's Office, citations are now being issued for underage possession of nicotine dispensing devices (e-cigarettes). This month we celebrate the cooperative efforts by the Clerk's Office to move ahead with the new citations. Many thanks to Melanie Anderson, Assistant Court Operations Manager, for her work to obtain the administrative order for the court to process the citations and for updating the instruction sheet, which is given to citation recipients by officers. We have also gained a new partner, Laura Roth, who is Chief Deputy Clerk/General Counsel for the Clerk's Office. Be sure to see this month's article which talks about Laura joining us at the February 23 Partnership meeting in DeLand. Next month, we will highlight the third Partnership in the process - offering a venue in West Volusia for Anti-Tobacco Education Classes to better serve all Volusia residents.

Join Us!

Please join us for our next Tobacco Free Florida - Volusia County Partnership meeting on **Monday, Feb. 23, 2015** at 4:00 p.m. at Stetson University in DeLand (Hollis Center).

We also come to you!

The Partnership wants to bring the Tobacco Free Florida message to everyone. We do presentations for all ages and are happy to participate in health fairs and expos. For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact Kristen Mialki at 386-274-0601 or Kristen.Mialki@FLHealth.gov.