

WHO WE ARE

Crittenden Co. Coalition for a Drug Free Community



Drugs are a serious problem in every community. The Commonwealth of Kentucky has allocated funds to help provide services to communities for those with drug and alcohol addictions. In order for those funds to be received and disbursed, a local board must be formed to make decision for what programs the community needs. Therefore, Crittenden Co. has the **local KY ASAP Board** (Agency for Substance Abuse Policy), which receives money from the state's tobacco settlement each year. The KY-ASAP board is mandated to have 8 members from health, law enforcement, government and school professions and then 8 community members. The KY-ASAP board has three emphases: prevention, education and treatment. Crittenden Co. also has **Champions**, a state sponsored organization, aimed at youth prevention and education about substance abuse. This state organization is also state regulated and is funded through grant applications. Finally, as a local board, we saw an opportunity to raise money on our own that we could set aside for certain programs and projects which might be outside the range of the two state sponsored organizations. Therefore, the **Coalition**, is not only a collaboration of KY-ASAP and Champions, but is also a community organization on its own.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR

- **Sponsoring KIP surveys** to students regarding drug and alcohol abuse & sponsoring community forums to discuss the results
- **Drug Court** in Crittenden County, residential, if needed, and highly structured intensive outpatient treatment, along with aftercare
- **Providing Funds** for treatment and transportation to treatment
- **Educational Forums** for parents and the community with the Pennyrite Drug Task Force
- **Providing Support** for Ghost Out program at CCHS and 4-H's participation in drug abuse educational leadership programs
- **Supporting Emmanuel's Celebration Recovery & Parenting Classes & Lifestyles for Children**
- **Supporting "Another Way's" treatment**, the Coalition spends most all of its funding to subsidize this counseling center which in return is able to offer deeply discounted services, 2 counselors, 3 work days, serving currently more than 60 clients, and a 24hr 7day/week **HELPLINE: 965-4300.**
- **Supporting Masonic Model training**, a program designed to identify at-risk students and train middle school teachers to teach life skills to students (program to begin this fall)
- **Pennyroyle Hotline: 1-877-473-7766**



WHAT WE NEED TO DO NEXT

- **Medical Detox** - If a loved one wants help, overdoses or is arrested, he/she will either detox in jail, without medical assistance, or in a hospital with personnel who are usually untrained to help with detox. He/she will likely suffer, perhaps unnecessarily, and could even die.
- **More Residential Treatment** - Most often a residential program is 30 days and is grossly insufficient as well as a waste of time and money unless it is combined with local services. Residential treatment is a vital treatment requirement for those severely addicted. However, everyday in the state of Kentucky, we are short 300 treatment beds, meaning those who want or need help may wait weeks or months for help.
- **Assistance Programs** - Coordination of assistance programs with mental health services and drug and alcohol treatment facilities to provide food, clothing, housing, and health care.
- **More Funding to Local Facilities** - While Another Way provides discounts, approx. 75% of its clientele cannot pay. Maintaining Another Way exceeds the funds the Coalition can currently provide.

