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PREVENTION NEWS FROM THE BARRINGTON ADULT YOUTH TEAM
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THE BAY TEAM WELCOMES NEW COALITION DIRECTOR



The BAY Team welcomes our new Coalition Director, **Denise Alves**. Denise is a life-long resident of Barrington. She and her husband have raised 4 children, each attending Barrington Public Schools. She is a member of the Barrington United Methodist Church. Denise comes to us with 25 years of experience in prevention. Her last 12 years were spent as Program Manager for the Rhode Island state office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. While at MADD she managed all of the state-wide youth programming, their court monitoring program, and was a victim advocate, working with families who have been affected by the tragedy of drunk driving. She has worked with prevention specialists and law enforcement across the state. Denise is excited to begin her work to keep families safe and whole in her hometown.

Arts Alive! Protects Barrington Youth

Theatre, art, and music help youth find hidden talents, respect differences, collaboratively problem solve, and succeed academically and socially. Youth involved in programs like *Arts Alive!* are more optimistic about college success, more connected to school and community and less likely to engage in behaviors that might interfere with this, such as illegal substance use, according to a recent study from the University of Maryland (Arts Education and Positive Youth Development: Cognitive, Behavioral, and Social Outcomes of Adolescents who Study the Arts). The BAY Team is proud to support upcoming *Arts Alive!* productions. Check them out at www.artsalivebarrington.org. All performances are at BHS, unless otherwise noted: *The Jungle Book* (Nayatt) January 15-16, 2016, *101 Dalmations* (Primrose Hill) January 22-23, 2016, *The Little Mermaid* (Sowams) February 5-6, 2016, *Shrek, The Musical (Jr.)* (BMS) March 4-6, 2016 and Sowams May 20-21, 2016

BAYOUTH ATTEND MADD RI "STRIKE OUT DRUNK DRIVING" BOWLING EVENT



Six Barrington students from both the middle school CHOICE group and the high school SADD group attended MADD RI's annual "Strike Out Drunk Driving" bowling event at East Providence Lanes on November 21, 2015. The event marked the beginning of the holiday season with safety messaging while having a fun time. It also raises money for statewide youth programming.

THE BAYTEAM ANNOUNCES NEW GRANTS

The Coalition has just been awarded two new grants and both come from new funding sources! The first is from RIDOT and will involve working with HCC Marketing in town to develop social media aimed at reducing youth impaired driving resulting from texting and marijuana use. The second is from the RI Dept. of Health and will involve working in collaboration with Warren, Bristol, and EP to implement tobacco control strategies aimed at preventing youth from gaining retail access to tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes.

CALL FOR PTO REPS



The BAY Team is looking for volunteers to serve as representatives to each school PTO, specifically, Nayatt, Primrose Hill, Sowams, and Hampden Meadows. It is important for us to be able to communicate and collaborate with every school in order to share safety research and messaging to parents of young children.



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THE BAY TEAM TEAMS UP WITH THE BAYSIDE YMCA

Midnight Mayhem begins at the Bayside YMCA January 15, 2016 and will be held on odd Fridays from 9:00-11:00 pm. Members are free; non-members pay \$5. This program is on a drop in basis and is an opportunity for teens to come together to begin their weekend in a safe and supervised environment. Basketball, soccer, volleyball, as well as other activities will be offered.

Dodgeball league begins January 3, 2016 on Sundays from 5:00-6:00pm. Dodgeball combines physical skill and reactions in a safe environment. Call the YMCA for Dodgeball registration information. These programs are available for ages 12-17.

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This is your Brain on Drugs!

Watch a very informative (and brief!) Youtube series on how the brain is changed by substance use. This video series is available at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfxSA1hWjJM and will give parents with children of all ages a great overview of how the brain works and why it is crucial to do all we can to protect our children's brains.

SAFE ALTERNATIVES FOR STUDENTS

The BAY Team in collaboration with the Barrington Community School is offering several upcoming teen and family outings:

Ski Trip to Okemo - Monday, January 18th (Martin Luther King Day)

Ski Trip to Mt. Snow - Monday, February 8th (Professional Day)

5 Wits Adventures at Patriot Place - Tuesday, April 26th (Professional Day)

Contact the Barrington Community School for more information:

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