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2017 Outstanding Prevention Advocate Award Recognizes Darin Burrell

This award was given in recognition of his vision and dedication to prevention issues.



Growing up on the Fall River just south of Ashton, Idaho, Darin was surrounded by a big, loving family. He graduated from North Fremont High School, went on to Ricks College and graduated from Boise State University with a degree in criminal justice. While still in school he began working for the Idaho Department of Corrections at the maximum security prison. He later transferred to felony probation before taking on his current role as the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for Fremont County.

Darin has always been an advocate for prevention and understands the important role it plays in behavioral health. He has worked with local community coalitions such as the Bonneville Youth Development Council and Madison County Community Coalition. He also works closely with the statewide Community Coalitions of Idaho, serving in the past as their Advocacy Chair. He chairs the Juvenile Justice Council, serves as a member of several groups such as the Idaho Grant Review Council, the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board, the Office of Drug Policy's Marijuana Workgroup, and the Idaho Conference on Alcohol and Drug Dependency Board.

Darin understands the importance of educating his community about the devastating effects of substance use. He works diligently with a wide range of community members including elected officials on the issues that impact prevention. He frequently travels the state, taking every opportunity to learn about resources and programs available in the community, region, and state and sharing that information with others. In this effort, he is often away from his wife, Natalie, and three daughters, Madison, Hannah, and Payton, and we appreciate their support of his work which benefits all of us.

One of the first things people notice about Darin is his professional, calm and well-reasoned approach to problems. For those of us fortunate enough to know him well, we also admire his integrity, depth of knowledge, and innovation. Idaho's prevention community is grateful for his leadership and honored to present him as the 2017 ICADD Prevention Advocate of the Year.

13th Annual Prescription Drug Take-Back

Day a success!

Idaho took back 3,746 pounds.

The National Drug Take-Back Day on April 29th, 2017 resulted in 450 tons across the nation.

Idaho Take-Back results were:

- Idaho Law Enforcement participation – 30
- Idaho's Total Collection Sites – 36
- Total pounds of drugs collected in Idaho – 3,746

Take-back days and prescription medication drop boxes are important in curtailing the abuse of prescription medication by reducing access to unused, unwanted or expired medications. If you missed your local drug take-back day and need to dispose of prescription medications, find a drop box near you.

[Idaho Drop Box Locations:
ODP.Idaho.Org](http://ODP.Idaho.Org)

What are Convo Cards??



A deck of Convo Cards is used in a fun way for parents and teens to open up communication.

Convo Cards are used to spark engaging conversations at dinner, on a drive, or anytime. They're a fun and easy way to stay connected and get to know your child as they become more independent.

Children who feel close to their families are less likely to drink. Also, kids cite their parents' influence as the #1 reason they choose not to drink.

If you wish to order a deck of cards, please visit:

<https://prevention.odp.idaho.gov/order-resource-materials/>

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Idaho Sixth Graders from Sandpoint, Idaho, Going to

Spain



Shared by Erika McCall

Back in March, Ann Dickinson, 6th grade teacher at Washington Elementary, engaged the 7B Drug Free Coalition with an invitation to join the Design for Change project she was leading with several of her students. Their mission was to create an environment of hope among their peers through multiple avenues. They did things like launched a YouTube channel that explores topics of resiliency and strength, created a "catch a compliment" board at the school, became mentors to younger kids by spending one-on-one time with these younger kids reading them stories and being their friend, implemented school wide assemblies on hope and friendship, and implemented a "buddy bench" on the playground for anyone who was feeling sad or lonely during recess. In addition, they hoped to reach out to the community to brainstorm ways to reach beyond the walls of their school.

This is when they invited the coalition to become a community partner in this mission. Several coalition members attended a Q and A session where they explored the topics of teen suicide, toxic stress and resiliency. These kids took on a new level of commitment to this cause when they saw how many community members were behind them in this endeavor. They bolstered their YouTube channel and furthered their research on the topic.

A few weeks ago, they submitted their final project to Design for Change USA, a non-profit group that seeks to empower young people to make a difference in their community. They entered a contest that highlighted their work. They competed with hundreds of other groups from across the county. The work of these groups encompassed many topics including human trafficking and social justice, and the youth traveled from all parts of the United States from Washington to North Carolina.

Yesterday, this group of 6th graders found out that they received the top award. Truly incredible! These young people have been rewarded with an all expense paid trip for 5 of their teammates to attend the Design for Change Global Convention in Madrid, Spain in November. These kids will be presenting their project on a global stage in front of 22 other countries and will highlight the importance of their work within THIS AMAZING community. Sandpoint, Idaho, will be featured on the global stage with some of the brightest minds from across the world.

This group is truly incredible and their efforts would not have been as effective without the support and dedication from so many of our very own coalition members. Thank you to everyone who was involved with this project and a HUGE congratulations to Ann Dickinson and her team! WAY TO GO WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY DESIGN THINKIING! You are truly an inspiration.

[Please check out their winning submission here.](#)

Drug Trends

Fentanyl is Threatening the Safety of Police and First Responders

Fentanyl and its analogs are powerful opioids that are fast acting and can be fatal. Although there are several formulations of fentanyls, they are all more potent than herion and dosage the size of a grain of salt can be fatal, if inhaled. Recently, after a police officer in Ohio came into contact with

fentanyl during a seizure arrest, he overdosed within an hour. Fortunately, emergency medical service providers were able to administer multiple doses of Narcan to revive him. Fentanyls can endanger not only the drug users, but also first responders, laboratory technicians, court personnel, police K9 officers, and bystanders.

One particular fentanyl, carfentanil, is an analog that is over one hundred times stronger than prescription fentanyl. Carfentanil is an elephant tranquilizer and has been linked a rising number of overdose deaths. Fentanyls can be administered in a variety of ways including through powder, blotter paper, tablets and spray.

Sources: Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Department of Drug Enforcement

[DEA says Fentanyl seized by law enforcement doubled in 2016](#)

The Idaho Office of Drug Policy leads Idaho's substance abuse policy and prevention efforts by developing and implementing strategic action plans and collaborative partnerships to reduce drug use and related crime, thereby improving the health and safety of all Idahoans.



We envision an Idaho free from the devastating social, health, and economic consequences of substance abuse.



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