

**January - March 2010**  
**CGA, Inc., Casa Grande Alliance**  
**Director's Report: Cindy Schaider**

**1. CG Alliance Administrative**

- a. **Dose of Prevention award** Casa Grande Alliance was selected for this national award through CADCA for our work to reduce the abuse of over the counter cough medications. Staff spent 3 days with a video producer and camera crew the first week of January getting all the footage needed. Award was presented at the CADCA conference in February. Director and Chairman planned to attend and receive the award, but freakish snowstorm prohibited them getting into Washington, D.C. that week. Award received on our behalf by Briana Kreibich of the Governor's Office. Video has been used by staff as community education opportunity.
  - b. **Website** Web developer Richard Rosales is doing an amazing job with our new website and everyone is encouraged to go see (and use) it at [www.casagrandealliance.org](http://www.casagrandealliance.org). We still have a few pages of info to load, but it is a wonderful portal into the world of drug prevention!
  - c. **Grant applications:** We applied to Arizona Parents Commission for funding for parenting outreach and education on drug abuse, but were unsuccessful.
2. **PCAMC** – Director facilitated a meeting of key County Dept. Heads to determine how they can integrate a drug prevention objective into their Management For Results departmental plans. This is a huge public policy outcome for all of us!
  3. **Mentoring** – SAMHSA mentoring funds may not be used to mentor DFC funded coalitions, so Director is somewhat restricted in how much time can be spent with Coolidge and Maricopa coalitions. She continues to act as an 'advisor' to these coalitions and works with members and staff regularly. She also continues to work closely with the Florence coalition (supported by PCAMC and DFC Mentoring funds).
  4. **Rx turn-in events:** We were notified by DEA that any medications turned in at events should be weighed, not counted. This is good news for all concerned. Reminder that only the County Attorney has the DEA permission to authorize a take-back, and meds must be turned in to a police officer on site. CGA staff, working as County Atty volunteers, facilitated a take-back on 3/20 with CGPD; total of 15.2 pounds of Rx meds turned in. Next one planned is in October.
  5. **Awareness and outreach** (full reports with contact counts available on file)
    - Staff updated the treatment information cards with 3 new local contacts. Color for 2010 version is RED (to distinguish from older blue version).

**JANUARY**

1. Assisted at Crime-Free Multi-Housing monthly meeting
2. Provided materials to nurse practitioner for Sun Life Health screening at Glad Tidings Church
3. MLK Unity Day event
4. Head Start Mid Service Training (150 employees)
5. Distributed posters to pharmacies re: Drug turn-in event at Chamber Expo
6. Chamber of Commerce Health & Home Expo and Rx turn in – 100 contacts
7. Crime Forum – information table

8. Attended Casa Grande Middle School competition for A+ Award
9. Florence Coalition meeting

### **FEBRUARY**

1. Provided Vacant Homes brochures at City Council Meeting
2. CGUHS Parent Teacher Conferences
3. SADD presentation/rally to Casa Grande Middle School
4. Casa Grande Elementary School Principals meeting (to schedule rallies)
5. Assisted at Crime-Free Multi-Housing monthly meeting
6. Casa Verde High School Parent Teacher Conferences
7. Juvenile Court Parent Empowerment Workshop

### **MARCH**

1. Distributed posters to pharmacies re: Drug turn-in event at CGPD Safety Awareness event
2. Care Network meeting – PGCS
3. AAI staff training
4. Kinship Caregivers & Others – Seeds of Hope
5. CGPD Public Safety Awareness event and Rx turn in
6. Met with personnel from Millennium Physician Group
7. Began working with Adult Drug Court expansion committee
8. Presented CG Alliance information at Kiwanis Club meeting
9. Provided consulting service/presentation to Parker Area Alliance Coalition

### **Upcoming activities:**

- Calendar of events
- Town Hall for underage drinking: Feds have paid us \$500 to hold a town hall on underage drinking. Coalition has voted to hold 2, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> in collaboration with SADD chapter. All three will be facilitated by one person: Billie Davis of One More Step coalition, who will be paid for her services of facilitation and creating a report. There will be one town hall at Pinnacle Charter High School (contact: Tamara Slavik), one at CG Middle School (contact: Beth McEvoy) and one at CGUHS (contact: Jan Skelley). Questions from town hall will be shared with PCAMC coalitions to see if we can create county-wide data collection.
- Seven rallies at elementary schools are planned from April 26 – May 30. We will need several adult volunteers at each one. About half are first thing in the morning, and half at 1 or 2 in the afternoon.