

April/May 2010
CGA, Inc., Casa Grande Alliance
Director's Report: Cindy Schaidler

1. CG Alliance Administrative

- a. **Grant applications:** we are looking at the new SAMHSA LAUNCH program and considering an application. If any of our partners are doing the same, please contact us asap.
- b. **Board of Directors:** We welcome Mike Brubaker as our newest Board member!

2. Membership – Thank you to everyone who completed a coalition member satisfaction survey and/or a community readiness survey (online). These measures are critical for us to monitor our growth and success.

3. Enforcement – Following the Operation Fertile Ground press conference announcing 25 indictments of local dealers, we announced our community rehabilitation plan. This is the plan devised by the coalition last December as a way to rebuild and restore neighborhoods following a large enforcement action. Each of the three components are moving forward and we will discuss this at length at our May meeting.

This is a very unique approach and we have been asked for more details by both our DFC liaisons and the Governor's Office. I will be presenting information about our plan at the May meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (a Governor's committee).

This project is a very appropriate component of our Safer Neighborhoods strategy.

I have also become a part of the Adult Drug Court planning team as they prepare to expand the scope of the Drug Court.

4. Supporting other prevention efforts: I continue to serve as mentor to the Florence FASA coalition. As is true for all new coalitions, membership and interest waxes and wanes, but fortunately Florence has a prevention champion who is not easily discouraged. I welcome any and all of you to consider attending one of the FASA meetings – it would be a huge encourager for this plucky group.

5. Community awareness: Our elementary school rallies are going well – we have five more to go before the end of May. Jan tabled at the Oasis event on 4/24 with good attendance at her table. I spoke to ROTC students all day on 4/12 on the topic of the impact of drug use on the brain and body. Jan and I attended the Central Arizona Human Resource Managers Assn lunch in April, inviting them to use our employee and supervisor training service. One employer (City of CG) has invited us thus far!

I will be taping a radio show with Jessica Smith of Arizona SADD on underage drinking. The show will air sometime in May. I am also going to Tampa, at CADCA's expense, to do a CADCA television show on reaching parents with the prevention message (May 24); program will air in June online.