

# PREVENTION CONNECTION



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Welcome to Prevention Connection, a monthly update on training announcements, the newest resources and prevention news available, as well as an update on Prevention First and our programs.

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## General Training Opportunities

As a reminder, Prevention First reserves the right to make changes in the training personnel, date and/or location scheduled for any training event.

Check our website for the most up-to-date and available courses.

### Classroom Based Trainings

- April 2** IISAP III: A Framework for Prevention (Springfield)
- April 3-4** Developing and Implementing Successful Communications Campaigns (Chicago)
- April 9-10** Conducting Focus Groups (Bloomington)
- April 23** IISAP III: A Framework for Prevention (Chicago)
- April 24-25** Strategies for Coalition Development (Springfield) (sub-grant B only)
- May 21-22** Conducting Focus Groups (Chicago)
- June 4** Strategies for Coalition Development Training (Chicago)

### Webinars

- May 9** State Partners in Prevention: Illinois Higher Education Center

### Online Self Study

- Ongoing** FASD Studies of Hope
- Ongoing** Preventing Prescription Drug Abuse
- Ongoing** IISAP I: Welcome to Prevention
- Ongoing** IISAP II: SAPP System Orientation

## Student Assistance Program Update

### SAC Undertakes Initiative to Develops Podcasts

In an effort to find new and convenient ways to provide Student Assistance Programs (SAPs) across the state with information and resources, The Student Assistance Center is undertaking an initiative to start developing podcasts highlighting unique and successful programs from SAPs statewide. Each Podcast will be a short 5-8 minute audio file which you will be able to download and listen to from any device that plays MP3s. These podcasts will include information and voices of the members of the SAP implementing their programming. They will share such things as program awareness, school clothing closets, prevention clubs, etc. The Student Assistance Center will also be developing some podcasts with information SAPs can use with topics such as how poverty impacts Academic Achievement and other topics based on new data and research. We hope as these podcasts go online that many of you will be able to use these bite size bits of information to develop and enhance your SAP. Also keep your eye on us with [twitter](#) and on our website, [www.prevention.org](http://www.prevention.org).

Upcoming Trainings:

#### SAP Development Trainings

April 4-5: Springfield

April 11-12: Loves Park (Rockford Area)

April 16-17: Quincy

Watch for more on our website.

#### Student Assistance Program / Community Partnership Development Training

April 9: Maryville

May 9: Vernon Hills

#### Webinars

April 10: Supporting Students: Bullying

April 24: Supporting Students: SAP and RTI

May 15: Supporting Students: Gangs

May 22: Supporting Students: Positive Youth Development

#### Educational Support Group Training

May 7-8: Chicago Prevention First Office

### Dome Shift 2013

Illinois SADD is proud to announce that the fourth annual youth leadership event—Dome Shift—will be taking place May 13 and 14 at the Capitol. Sponsored this year by State Farm, Dome Shift provides Illinois high school students with useful information and real-life experience.

This year's event will also serve as a statewide Distracted Driving Summit modeled after the national summit hosted by NOYS this past December in Washington, D.C. The event will include information on AT&T's It Can Wait campaign, a presentation and take home tool kits from Impact Teen Driver and updates on pending legislation regarding teen safe driving.

SADD will also be presenting a workshop on their "Mobilizing the Community" program, using youth to take the lead in reducing underage drinking in their communities. The Student Advisory Board will be taking a line

## Prevention News

### Your Actions Matter Campaign

Congratulations to the IL SADD Student Advisory Board and member Ally Pennington for submitting the SAB's winning design for the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's (ILCC) new awareness campaign to prevent underage drinking. The new campaign slogan is "Think. Decide. Prevent. Your Actions Matter. Preventing underage drinking is everyone's responsibility." The ILCC asked students from all over Illinois to create a campaign design and slogan to educate adults about not providing alcohol to minors. They asked for the design to reach all adults, convey a positive message, and it needed to be used across several mediums.

The new materials will be unveiled and ready for distribution to local groups for alcohol awareness month. The youth-designed campaign materials will replace those created for the "Project Sticker Shock" campaign, a popular spring activity in communities throughout the state over the past four years. This year the ILCC is requesting that groups **DO NOT POST STICKERS ON ALCOHOL PRODUCTS**. New materials have been created this year, including necktags (also known as "bottleneckers" which are placed over the neck of bottles), recyclable grocery tote bags, buttons, drink coasters, and more!

For more information about getting involved in the 2013 YOUR ACTIONS MATTER Campaign, visit their [website](#), or contact Ted Penesis, Education Manager for the Illinois Liquor Control Commission at 312-814-2241, or email him at [ted.penesis@illinois.gov](mailto:ted.penesis@illinois.gov).

from conference t-shirts and presenting a workshop about "Shifting Perceptions." New to DomeShift this year is the multimedia presentation "Livin' Life" from The Media Guy Inc. Students will appreciate this fast-paced in your face production shown on three large screens.

Also new to DomeShift is our advocacy trainer, Bryant Laiche from New Orleans, LA. Bryant is a former SADD National Student Leadership Council member as well as a former member of the State Farms' National Youth Advisory Board. Bryant will prepare students for legislative meetings and train participants on advocacy. On May 14, after being trained in advocacy, and educated on issues identified by Illinois' Student Advisory Board (SAB), each attending school group will have the opportunity to speak directly with their legislators about issues affecting today's teens. Thus participants gain invaluable experience advocating on a state level, as well as the tools to remain active in their own communities.

Open to high school students statewide, Dome Shift is a truly exceptional opportunity for motivated youth to gain training in the best practices of real-world activism. [Click here](#) for more information and registration information.

## Resource Spotlight

### The Power of Grandparents

Most often, grandparents play a major role in the lives of their grandchildren. Their influence and involvement can help keep their grandkids healthy and drug-free. The Partnership at Drugfree.org provides a free grandparents guide in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) with tips for better communication with their grandchildren. The guide also gives updates about the latest drugs as well as tips on how grandparents can help keep their grandchildren healthy.

Other topics include “Grandparents Getting Tech-y;” “Understanding Teen Abuse of Prescription Drugs;” Knowing Your Grandchild’s Risk Level;” and “How to Help if You Think Your Grandchild is Using Drugs or Drinking.”

## Funding News

### Drug-Free Communities Mentoring Program Grant

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for the [Drug-Free Communities Mentoring Program Grant](#). The primary goal of the Mentoring grant is to assist newly forming coalitions in becoming eligible to apply for DFC funding on their own.

Grantees will be expected to achieve this goal by implementing the following objectives:

- Strengthen Mentee coalition’s organizational structure
- Increase Mentee coalition’s leadership and community readiness to address youth substance use problems in the Mentee community
- Assist the Mentee coalition in working through a strategic planning process that will result in a comprehensive Action Plan.

The grant will award approximately 10 projects up to \$75,000 for no more than two years, and applications are due by April 23, 2013.

Source: [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)

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