

ASAP Community Coalition October 2026 Newsletter



Hey there ASAP Community! Are you ready for all the excitement — and candy — this month?



Hello October! Pumpkin patches, apple cider and Trunk-or-Treats aren't the only things happening this month. We've got another exciting month of community events, outreach and partnerships ahead!

Thanks to your help, we:

It's safe to say September was a very busy month! We joined all the beginning of the school year activities around our communities and beyond. We had a very busy month and enjoyed every part of it. Seeing new faces throughout the schools while reconnecting with familiar students and staff was both heartwarming and fulfilling. What made it even more meaningful was seeing how well students and staff recognized the ASAP Coalition and remembered who we are, what we do, and the support and resources we provide.

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SUD and Tobacco Prevention Team conducted prevention outreach, reaching 349 community members, and distributed 36 Naloxone Kits, 66 Detera Medication Safety Disposal Pouches, and 300 Hygiene kits. Team also completed 37 tobacco screenings through the WIC Clinic.

The ASAP Youth Groups are starting to plan a year full of prevention activities. In partnership with Crestwood Key Club, the ASAP Coalition and the ACCESS mobile health team will be at Crestwood Key Club Trunk or Treat on October 28th. Stop by for a treat and resources on substance use prevention and wellness!

None of this would be possible without your continued investment and dedication. Thank you for being such committed champions to our cause!

– ASAP Community Coalition Team



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September Photo Recap



Suicide Prevention Event Recap @ Hope House

In honor of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, our coalition came together with the behavioral health team at Hope House. Not only to show support to the members but also to “Celebrate Life”!



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SUICIDE
AWARENESS
MONTH



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Upcoming Events

Dearborn Heights Fire Department
Open House - Fire Safety Month
October 3rd @ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
1999 N. Beech Daly Rd., Dearborn Heights

John F. Kennedy Jr. Library
Community Naloxone Training
October 6th @ 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
24602 Van Born Rd., Dearborn Heights

Henry Ford Centennial Library
Community Naloxone Training
October 13th @ 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Hamtramck PD
Domestic Violence Awareness Walk
October 17th @ 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
9829 Winfield St., Hamtramck

Dearborn Fire Department
Open House - Fire Safety Month
October 17th @ 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
19800 Outer Dr., Dearborn

Allegria Village Senior Living
DEA National Take Back Day
October 22nd - Dearborn

Corewell Health
DEA National Take Back Day
October 23rd @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

John F. Kennedy Jr. Library
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October 24th @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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Crestwood High School Key Club
TRUNK or TREAT
October 28th @ 4 PM - 6 PM
1501 N. Beech Daly Rd., Dearborn Heights



Voices for Change

Reframing Substance Use

Changing the conversation. Reducing stigma. Connecting people to support.



Voices for Change is an ACCESS community awareness campaign designed to reframe how we talk about substance use disorder through:

- **Real Voices & Real Stories** – Humanizing substance use disorder and recovery
- **Increase awareness of prevention, overdose, and recovery**
- **Reduce Stigma and Encourage Open Conversations** - rooted in compassion rather than judgment
- **Harm Reduction & Prevention** – Promoting Naloxone education, access and life-saving resources
- **Connecting individuals and families to treatment and support**
- **Connecting our community to treatment, recovery and support**
- **Strengthen community involvement and partnerships**

*“A Story Can Start a Conversation.
A Conversation Can Change a Life.”*

Together, We Can Change the Conversation.

Visit our website for more information about our SUD Prevention and Intervention services, as well as the ASAP Community Coalition!



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DEA Take Back

BRING US YOUR EXPIRED, UNUSED, & UNWANTED MEDICATIONS FOR SAFE DISPOSAL

COREWELL HEALTH DEARBORN

October 23rd @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

JOHN F. KENNEDY JR. LIBRARY

October 24th @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

24602 Van Born Rd., Dearborn Heights

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY

October 24th @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn



WHAT'S ACCEPTED?

- Vitamins
- Prescription Medication
- Prescription Patches
- Pet Medication
- Over-the-counter Medication
- All Pills

WHAT'S NOT ACCEPTED?

- Needles
- Inhalers
- Liquids
- Hydrogen Peroxide

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.



Henry Ford Centennial
Bryant Branch
Esper Branch



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Community Naloxone Training Dearborn Heights

FREE NALOXONE TRAINING



Tuesday, October 6, 2026



04:30 PM - 05:30 PM



John F. Kennedy Jr, Library
24602 Van Born Rd,
Dearborn Heights MI, 48125

Receive life-saving training on overdose prevention and response. Learn how to recognize an overdose, use Narcan safely, and respond effectively using harm reduction principles.

You Will Learn To:

- Recognize signs of overdose
- Use Narcan safely
- Follow emergency response steps
- Practice basic overdose response
- Apply harm reduction strategies
- Build confidence in emergencies

Please come early to pick up resources and giveaways.

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