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JTNN Join Together Northern Nevada
Building Partnerships for a Healthy Community

August 2014 Newsletter

Youth Video Contest

Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval and Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto are sponsoring a contest for middle and high school students to create prescription drug abuse prevention messages via social media. Winners will be selected from each school district across the state and receive cash prizes of \$500, \$750 or \$1,000. Click [here](#) to get the details.



News and Resources

[Be Aware of New Marijuana Product that Looks Like Lip Balm](#)

[College Casual Drinker or Alcoholic?](#)

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[Marijuana Infused Soda](#)

[More Teen Athletes Abusing Prescription Drugs](#)

Recovery Month Activities

In its 25th year, National Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders. Washoe County is celebrating by offering the following free activities:

- The film [The Anonymous People](#) will be shown in the Joe Crowley Theater at University of Nevada, Reno at 6 30 p.m. on September 10.

- The **Steppin' Out for Recovery** walk-a-thon will take place at Virginia Lake from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on September 13.
- The **Recovery Month Picnic** will take place at Mira Loma Park from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on September 27.

If you have questions about any of these free activities, please call 324-7557.

Rx Round Up/DEA Take Back Day - September 27

Dispose of your unwanted, unneeded prescription drugs on Saturday, September 27 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the following locations:

CVS- 5151 Sparks Blvd., Sparks
 Raleys- 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno
 Save Mart- 4995 Kietzke Lane, Reno
 Save Mart- 565 E. Prater Way, Sparks
 Smith's - 750 South Meadows, Reno
 Scolari's - 8165 S. Virginia St, Reno
 Walgreens - 10370 N. McCarran Blvd., Reno

Click [here](#) to read more about the Round Up and how to dispose of prescription drugs throughout the year.

CSAP Fellow

We're excited to announce approval from the State of Nevada and SAHMSA for a Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) Fellow for the next year. Charlotte Andreasen has already begun her fellowship at JTNN and will be working toward becoming a certified prevention specialist. She'll be tasked with researching gaps in prevention services, participating in trainings for other agencies, and preparing and maintaining reports, records and data. Charlotte can be reached at charlotte@jtnn.org.

[One in Ten Will Die of Excessive Alcohol Use](#)

[Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Report](#)

[Special Report on Painkillers from Consumer Reports](#)

[Test Your Drink for Date Rape Drug](#)

[Tiny Town May Force National Change in Marijuana Law](#)

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[Check out the JTNN Calendar of Events \[here\]\(#\).](#)

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Chronic Pain Support Group

Do you or someone you know suffer from chronic pain? JTNN has created a free, weekly, facilitated support group for individuals with chronic pain. It's a safe, supportive environment for meeting and talking with others who may share similar experiences. Click [here](#) to find out more.

New Data from Colorado Relating to Marijuana Use

The Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) released a report last month that outlines the number of growing problems in Colorado since the commercialization of marijuana began in 2009. A few highlights appear below.

Driving Under the Influence of Drugs

- Traffic fatalities involving operators testing positive for marijuana have increased 100 percent from 2007 to 2012.
- Toxicology reports with positive marijuana results for driving under the influence have increased 16 percent from 2011 to 2013.

Youth/Young Adult Marijuana Use:

- Colorado's 12-17 year old marijuana use rate is 39% higher than the national average and ranks 4th nationwide.
- Colorado's marijuana use rate among 18-25 year olds is 42% higher than the national average and ranks 3rd nationwide.

Emergency Room Admissions:

- From 2011 through 2013, there was a 57 percent increase in marijuana-related emergency room visits.

School Impact:

- A June 2014 survey of 100 Colorado School Resource Officers (SROs) found 89% of SROs have reported an increase in student-marijuana related incidents since legalization.

The entire report can be accessed [here](#).

Seeking a Drug and Alcohol Evaluation?

The Northern Nevada Evaluation Center, an arm of JTNN, is a nonprofit certified, court-approved drug and alcohol evaluation center. The center is located next door to JTNN at 505 S. Arlington, Suite 108, and can provide evaluations within 24-48 hours of an inquiry. **Call 775-329-5006 for information.**

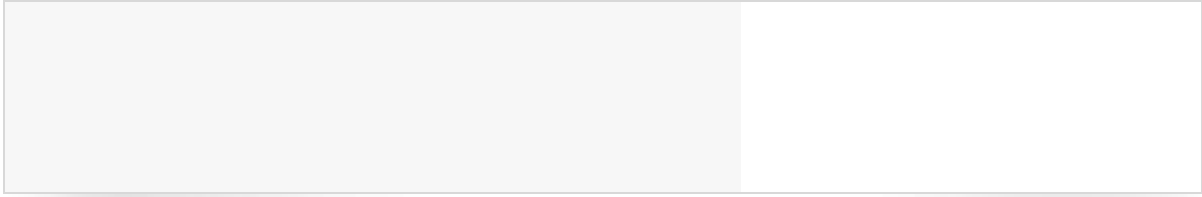
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