



FACE-IT

County, MD

Mission:

The mission of this faith-based coalition is to provide educational intervention through training to prevent substance abuse and to combat addictions in Harford County.

Vision:

Building a community of spiritual healing by empowering and supporting faith and community organizations in their services to people suffering from substance abuse and other addictions through prevention, awareness, education and training.

How to include drug prevention in your religious programs:

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1. Elevate substance abuse prevention on your faith agenda
 2. Put substance abuse prevention messages in the context of your faith and religious beliefs
 3. Help youth sort out the meaning in the messages
 4. Look for opportunities to spread the word

FACE-IT works in conjunction with:

- ◆ Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy
- ◆ Addiction Connections Resource, Inc.
- ◆ Harford County Cancer & Tobacco Community Coalition
- ◆ Harford County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Liquor Control Board
- ◆ Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
- ◆ Upper Chesapeake Health Link



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Faith Acti-Community Intervention

www.faceitcoalition.org



Our Goals:

To **educate** the faith community about the issues of use, abuse and addiction in Harford County.

To **encourage** local faith based organizations to form partnerships to provide substance abuse and recovery assistance by providing an informal format for interdenominational meetings.

To **increase** cooperation between community organizations, government agencies and all faith-based organizations.



Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Historic Colored High School on 205 Hays Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

National Center on Addiction & Substance Abuse Statistics

- Adults who never attend religious services are **twice** as likely to drink, **three** times likelier to smoke, and **five** times likelier to have used an illicit drug other than marijuana
- Teens who don't consider religious beliefs important are **three** times likelier to drink and smoke, **four** times likelier to use marijuana, & **seven** times likelier to use illicit drugs
- 94% of clergy members recognize substance abuse as an important issue among family members in their congregations
- 79% of Americans believe that spiritual faith can help people recover from disease

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FACE-IT Highlights:

• Partnered with over 35 Harford County congregations

• Launching a Social Norms Campaign for 2008-2009

Recipient of:

• Two SAMHSA grants to provide educational opportunities as a means of combating substance abuse issues

• The 5-year Drug Free Communities Grant in partnership with the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy

Sponsors:

• A full-day training symposium in June

• An annual Faith-Based and Community Resource Fair in September that addresses substance abuse issues; with over 70 non-profit vendors participating

• Specialized training and educational workshops for faith and community members

• Y.E.S. (Youth Empowered to Succeed) Conference in December