



# news for Community Leaders

## Calendar of Events

**February 6, 2010**  
Community Health Expo, Wildwood Middle School, 10 am to 2 pm.

**February 16, 2010**  
Coalition Executive Committee Meeting, Crestview Middle School 3-4:30 pm.

**February 18, 2010**  
Drug-Free Coalition meeting, Crestview Middle School Library, 3:30-5 pm.

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## Rockwood Drug Free Coalition

## Community Leaders Pledge Posters Available

Posters illustrating the commitment of community leaders to our children's safe and healthy futures are being distributed for display across the Rockwood region. Posters are available to any organization at no charge.

Throughout the Fall semester of the 2009-2010 school year, members of the Rockwood Drug-Free Coalition have circulated pledge cards inviting area leaders to show solidarity for the wellbeing of our youth. Pledges from community leaders within schools, churches, law en-

forcement agencies, civic organizations and business leaders, illustrates the shared concern for protecting our children's potential.

"An important component in

### Community Leaders Pledge

I pledge to take responsibility for my community and its youth by supporting collaborative partnership with the Drug-Free Coalition to promote safe, healthy schools and neighborhoods for our children.

the minimization of risks for our children is having everyone on the same page," says Ken McManus, Director of the Drug-Free Coalition. "We believe having this demonstration of leadership in our community will enable parents to feel supported in managing their families— that their leaders understand the challenges involved in raising healthy, successful children."

To learn more or sign the Community Leaders Pledge [click here.](#)

## Coalition Receives Grant For Youth Leadership Academy

In November 2009, the Rockwood Drug-Free Coalition was awarded a \$5,000 mini-grant by MO ACT, a state level prevention organization that supports community based efforts to reduce substance abuse. The project approved for this funding is the development of a youth leadership program for the prevention related activity groups and community youth groups across the Rockwood region.

In the Rockwood region these groups include faith-based youth groups, middle

and high school TREND (Turning Resources and Energies in New Directions), STAR (Supporting Teens at Risk), TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use) and WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) groups, among others.

"Community leaders have an opportunity to become involved in this project," reports Ken McManus, Coalition Director. "We are designing the program to include local leaders as both faculty during the summer academy, scheduled for July 29-31, 2010 at Babler State

Park, and as mentors to program participants throughout the 2010-2011 school year.

"This project will empower our youth seeking to promote healthy, drug and alcohol free lifestyles," says McManus. "It will provide them leadership skills, tools and ongoing support for accomplishing their goals."



To become involved with the Drug-Free Coalition or to get more information about its mission, goals and programs, visit us at [RockwoodCoalition.org](http://RockwoodCoalition.org)

