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Lake County Communities That Care Coalition Honored at National Forum

The Lake County Communities That Care coalition was one of 171 community coalitions honored during a graduation ceremony at CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) National Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. On February 7th, Lake County CTC received a graduation certificate for completing CADCA's National Coalition Academy, a rigorous training program designed to increase the effectiveness of community drug prevention leaders.

"We are so proud of our coalition for investing the time and resources to take advantage of the best community coalition training in the country. To graduate from this year-long intensive course is no small feat and Lake County CTC is more prepared today to be an effective, sustainable coalition because of this training," said coalition member Shawn Washington of Baldwin, MI. "We look forward to applying our knowledge and strategies to ensure the youth in our community live drug free."

The Lake County CTC, substance abuse prevention coalition has been meeting since 2013. Over the last several years the coalition has been working to develop a sustainable coalition that aims to reduce the percentage of youth using alcohol and marijuana and reduce the number of teens in which abuse over the counter medications. The coalition continues to be involved at Baldwin Community Schools, working to provide students with facts about alcohol and marijuana. CTC also provides education to parents about the signs that their youth may be using drugs as well as the health risks associated with youth drug use.

To learn more about the CTC coalition or how to be a part of the solution, consider attending a coalition meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for:

Date: March 14, 2017

Time: 10:00am- 2pm

Location: Lake Osceola State Bank, Community Meeting Room

Lunch will be provided, please RSVP using the contact information below.

If you are interested in substance abuse prevention information or education for your organization, please contact health educator Quran Griffin by phone 231-368-1051 or email qgriffin@dhd10.org.



Pictured from left to right Gen. Arthur Dean, CADCA Chairman & CEO, Lake County Communities That Care Coalition Member Shawn Washington, CTC Coalition Coordinator Quran Griffin, Rep. from the Office of National Drug Control and Policy, and Carlton Hall, Deputy Director of Training for CADCA.

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