

Link Together's Prevention Newsletter



{ November - December 2021 }

Link Together is Wheeling Township's youth drug and alcohol prevention coalition. Evidence-based prevention services are provided to Buffalo Grove, Hersey, Prospect, Rolling Meadows and Wheeling High Schools and Cooper, Holmes, London, MacArthur, River Trails, South and Thomas Middle Schools. The coalition members represent all sectors of the community. Link Together is funded by the federal **Drug Free Communities Grant**, sponsored by the Office of National Drug Control and Policy



(ONDCP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Link Together was recognized as Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's (CADCA) 2020 Coalition of the Year.

Throughout the newsletter, there are interactive links, they are bold and underlined.

— Navigating Healthy Families Parent Series —

Link Together is collaborating with the Glenbard Parent Series for the 2021-2022 school year. The public is welcome to these free virtual programs and no registration is required. Visit glenbardgps.org for updates. All are encouraged to check out the summer reads from upcoming authors-their books can be found in bookstores and area public libraries. Click here for the full [2021-2022 speaker brochure](#).

— Impaired Driving —

D214 has collaborated with Link Together to prevent impaired driving amongst teens, with the support of local law enforcement. Each school designed their parking pass tags to include the IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT logo. It is a national slogan from **NHTSA (National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration)**. To receive a parking pass at any of the high schools, both the parent and student have to sign a contract. Having a conversation about the following is highly encouraged.

1. Driver inexperience
2. Driving with the teen passengers
3. Nighttime driving
4. Not using seat belts
5. Distracted driving
6. Drowsy driving
7. Reckless driving
8. Driving under the influence

**IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT
YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT**

Parents, model safe driving for your teen.

— Link Together Coalition Meetings —

All meetings are from 5:00pm - 6:30pm, locations TBA

November 17th

January 26th

February 23rd

April 27th

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— English, Spanish, Polish, Russian —

The **Link Together website** is now available in four languages: English, Spanish, Polish and Russian! Using the Google Translate button at the top of the site, select your preferred language and continue to learn more about preventing youth drug and alcohol use.



— Drug Take Back —

Thank you to everyone who participated in the DEA National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 23rd. It is never too late to keep your home and our community safe. If you were unable to attend one of the local events, there are many locations in Wheeling Township that offer year-round drug take back options. You can find more information on the **Drug Take Back page** of the Link Together website.

— Deterra Drug Deactivation System —

The **Deterra Drug Deactivation System** is for safe at home medication deactivation and disposal. If you are interested in receiving a free Deterra pouch for yourself or your organization, email kzerfass@omniyouth.org or call 847-942-1750.



PLACE MEDICATION IN POUCH



FILL HALFWAY WITH WATER



SEAL, SHAKE & DISPOSE IN TRASH

Dr. B's Medical Corner

Dr. Brottman, Board Certified Pediatrician

Parents have a significant influence in their children's decisions to experiment with alcohol and other drugs.

1. Educate your self on the **latest information** about vaping

2. **Talk with your kids** early and often