

# Link Together's Prevention Newsletter



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**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](http://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](#).

## — Social Norms Marketing Campaign —

As students return to school in the fall, we will resume our Social Norms Campaign with posters, student stall street journals, PSAs and many more prevention initiatives! Social Norms is an evidence-based campaign aiming to change student behavior by correcting misperceptions of peer norms. We ask all adults, school faculty and parents/guardians, to remain positive about the prevention efforts—your attitude and involvement makes a huge difference!

## — Link Together Executive Board —

Introducing our 2021-2022 Executive Board:

**Chairman - Don Angelaccio**

Prospect Heights School District 23

**Vice Chairman - Marni Johnson**

High School District 214

**Secretary - Samantha Gallagher**

Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists

**Business Manager - Mark Pufundt**

Prospect Heights Police Department

**Community Relations Manager - Lisa Schaps**

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**YOU ARE INVITED!**

Link Together is a community coalition with partners from all twelve sectors: youth, youth-serving organizations, government, civic organizations, parents, healthcare, media, schools, businesses, law enforcement, faith-based organizations and other prevention organizations; all dedicated to empowering drug and alcohol-free youth in Wheeling Township.

**IT TAKES A COMMUNITY!**

Everyone plays a role in the safety and culture of the community we live in, regardless of who you are, what you do, or how old you are.

Check out the Link Together **[community partners!](#)**

If you are interested in getting email updates from Link Together or attending coalition meetings, please **[use this form](#)**.

The next Link Together Coalition meeting is September 29th from 5:00 - 6:30 pm at the Mount Prospect Police Department or via Zoom.

## Dr. B's Medical Corner

***Dr. Brottman, Board Certified Pediatrician***

Prevention is understood as any activity designed to avoid substance abuse and reduce its health and social consequences (World Psychiatry). The Prevention Teams at local schools work to provide staff with up to date information about substances and to facilitate programming for the students.