

drugFREE DESOTO COALITION

Quarterly Newsletter

3rd Quarter 2025

Our Mission is to facilitate community collaboration, connect resources, develop innovative strategies and align actions to eliminate substance abuse in DeSoto County.

Community Engagement

DeSoto County Community Involvement Dinner

January 8, 2025 at Turner Center



DFDC had the opportunity to set up a table at our Community Update and Involvement Dinner graciously put on by the Patterson Foundation. It was a night filled with nonprofits and businesses gathering together to provide our knowledge and services for our community.

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Let's Educate

We had the opportunity to partner with our Collaborating Agency, Tobacco Free DeSoto at our Chamber Noontime Network this February. We were able to educate on the dangers of vaping and tour our Hidden in Plain Sight trailer, a tool that we use to educate parents and teachers on where the youth are hiding vapes and other paraphernalia. It was a great turnout, and we look forward to hosting more events like this in the future! #preventionpartnerships



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Compliance Checks Highlight



DFDC partners with Arcadia Police Department on quarterly compliance checks at the local convenient stores. This quarter we highlighted Citgo as they passed the check! We supplied them with a certificate of compliance and We ID stickers to display in their shop. Thank you Citgo!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Coalition Meeting and Discovery Dash Event

May 1, 2025

4:00-6:00pm

Location: RMZ Realty

3263 US 17

Arcadia, FL 34266

Come join us for an afternoon of family fun with our Discovery Dash family wellness adventure! There will be a scavenger hunt to different booths educating while having fun with your bigs and littles! We will also tie in our Coalition meeting and invite our community members to join in!

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