

THE SAD CAFÉ

Services provided by The Sad Café are considered prevention services by State, Federal and County funding agencies. Programs provided by the Sad Café ensure that there is a safe place where teens can gather in Rockingham County where they will be supervised in a safe and substance free environment. The Sad Café also provides many community services, such as family and parenting support workshops, and community based initiatives such as the Sanborn / Timberlane Safe and Drug Free Community Coalition. The Coalition, in collaboration with Family Strength was successful in securing state funds to provide home-based substance abuse treatment services, free of charge to Sanborn School District students and their families for 2005/2006. The Sad Café secured funds to provide a Family Resource Center to provide prevention services to area families for a second year in 2005/2006. Through the Center, the Coalition, with The Sad Café as the lead agency, maintains a website with updated coalition activities, resource lists and helpful links for parents. The Center has hundreds of written and visual resources for loan for youth and their families on alcohol, tobacco, substance abuse and violence prevention, intervention and treatment. The Sad Café also raised funds to augment school prevention activities, providing youth leadership training, after school programs with full scholarships as needed, assists in coordinating and funding assemblies, coordinates local health resource fairs and projects, coordinates local informative forums, provides space for community workshops and leads the local substance abuse coalition, as well as coordinates a regional coalition of youth organizations. The Sad Café also provides for middle school dances for Newton youth and provides for Project Getting to Know You, aimed at easing transition to middle school.

The Sad Café applied for and received funds to hire a part time program director for a tobacco prevention program for the Sanborn and Timberlane School Districts, with a start date of 7/01/06.

Newton teens represent the 4th largest number of NH youth attendees to our evening music events. We tracked 284 Newton teens last year to the evening music events and 25 attendees over 21. (Our projected target was 240 Newton teens) The Arts After School/summer program averages 63 kid hours (counts number of hours a teen from the town was signed in each month) per month for students from Newton in 2005/2006. An average of 60 middle school students from Newton attended 6 dances and 3 evenings of Project Getting to Know You at The Sad Café. Additionally, we attend Plaistow Old Home Days and Kingston Days and at least two large resource fair events annually at each regional high school, providing alcohol/substance treatment and prevention information and resources to hundreds of residents. We anticipate 290 Newton clients for next year.

Continued community financial and technical support will be necessary to allow The Sad Café to provide the sustainable innovative prevention based programming that is so important to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in our towns. The Sad Café would like to thank the Newton residents for your continued support and the privilege to serve your community.

Respectfully submitted,
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