

## **Grand Forks Call to Action Prevention and Education Grant Activity, January 2, 2017**

**Objective 1:** Conduct Public Education campaigns to:

- Reduce the negative effects of substance abuse
- Remove the stigma of addiction and substance abuse disorder

**Accomplishments:** *The Grand Forks Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is disseminating Parents LEAD and “Lock, Monitor, Take Back” materials throughout the community.*

**Objective 2:** Evaluate existing substance abuse prevention curriculum

- Review existing elementary school substance abuse prevention curriculum
- Conduct focus groups (Parents, GFPHD, School staff) to determine effectiveness of “Winning Decisions”
- Provide summary/report

**Accomplishments:** *Grand Forks Public Schools Character Education & Prevention Coordinator, Sarah Shimek, has been meeting with school personnel to evaluate the current substance abuse prevention curriculum taught in elementary schools.*

**Objective 3:** Continued opioid management, including increased physician training and opioid alternatives.

**Accomplishments:** *GFPHD utilizing NDDHS Community Grant funding is partnering with Public Health Units in Northeastern North Dakota to conduct a regional multi-media educational and informational campaign to increase awareness that prescription opioids can be addictive and dangerous. The campaign will also strive to decrease the number of individuals who use opioids recreationally or overuse them.*

**Objective 4:** Promote activities for at-risk youth by:

- Providing scholarships for activities and transportation vouchers
- Securing funding to implement an adult mentoring program facilitated by South Middle School Teacher, Jodi Dodson

**Accomplishments:** *The Grand Forks Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is actively seeking sources to provide funding to implement Jodi Dodson’s Adult Mentoring Program.*