



Weekly YAPPER

Weekly e-updates, networking & info sharing for
YAP Coordinators who are making a healthy difference with Maine's youth!

Welcome to the YAPPER, a fresh new e-list for Healthy Maine Partnerships' YAP Coordinators!

The purpose of this once-a-week email will be to consolidate and distribute important and practical information, announce upcoming trainings and opportunities, and distribute statewide YAP updates all in one power packed, weekly email!

Week of June 6th, 2003

*******MARK YOUR CALENDARS*******

Healthy Maine Partnership Summer Meeting for YAP Coordinators

July 31, 9:30am-5:30pm and August 1, 8:30am-noon
Lucerne Inn - Holden, Maine (15 minutes outside of Bangor)

The intention of this retreat will be:

1. To connect and network with other YAP Coordinators
2. Training on 'Initiating & Supporting' Youth Advocacy on a Local Level and on 'Youth/Adult Collaboration'
3. Roundtables on 'proven' programs, best practice tips and resources available to YAP Coordinators
4. Planning for 2003-2004, including visioning and planning for your local YAP teams and also statewide YAP youth trainings
5. Fun! Fun! Fun!

Meals provided will be continental breakfast, lunch and snacks on the 31st, and continental breakfast on the 1st will be covered. Lodging expenses will not be covered.

If you would like overnight accommodations, there is a **lodging list attached**. Questions, call Sage Hayes at 780-5814. More details to come very soon!

Eliminating Health Disparities Related to Tobacco

June 19th, 2003

Four Points Sheraton (Airport Hotel), Bangor

A conference to address the needs of Maine's priority populations in regards to tobacco control. Keynote by Bob Gordon from the Tobacco-Free Project in San Francisco, CA. The conference is from 8:30am-3:30pm and is FREE. To RSVP, contact Julie Gant at julie.gant@maine.gov and include your name, address, partnership you're associated with, phone number, email and any special dietary or environmental requirements. RSVP ASAP!

Advance Registration for MYAN's 20th Annual Peer Leadership Conference by June 30th!

The conference takes place November 6 & 7 in Bar Harbor. You can reserve spaces now for the fall conference by printing and filling out the attached form. Return by fax 874-1155 attn: Catherine Perreault, mail to MYAN at 510 Cumberland Ave, Portland ME 04101, or email it back to me at cmp@propeople.org. Please return before the **June 30 early registration deadline**. Please keep in mind that the advisor to student ratio has changed this year. You should plan on sending one adult for every 10 high school youth and one adult for every 6 middle school youth attending. We have also set a cap at a maximum of 24 people per group. We understand you may not know at this point exactly how many students will actually be able to come in the fall. If you have funds left in this year's budget, reserve a handful of spots - you can always add more later! Keep in mind that registration fees are **not** refundable.

******Submit your upcoming events, workshops and meetings which may be of interest to other YAP Coordinators. To submit, hit the 'reply' button.***

*******CELEBRATIONS!*******

MAINE SMOKE-FREE BARS! Get ready to cross bars and pool halls off the dwindling list of public places where patrons can light up. The House of Representatives voted 95-47 Tuesday, June 3, to expand the state's smoking ban, paving the way for final action in the Senate, possibly as soon as today. The Senate backed the ban by a lopsided 32-2 vote in preliminary voting Monday, so final passage there is virtually guaranteed.

******Submit your YAP team's accomplishments to Celebrations! We want to celebrate your team's awesome work! To submit, hit the 'reply' button.***

*******RESOURCE ROOM*******

YOUTH/ADULT PARTNERSHIP TRAINING CURRICULUM For those just beginning to explore youth-adult partnerships as a strategy for community and organization building, **Creating Youth/Adult Partnerships** offers step-by-step tools and activities to prepare youth and adults to work as a team. Designed with the novice trainer in mind, this 6 - 8 hour curriculum leads youth and adults through activities to challenge preconceptions, explore benefits, assess readiness and build trust to strengthen their work in partnership. Copies are \$24.99 plus shipping and handling and can be ordered by calling 301-961-2837, emailing info@theinnovationcenter.org or visiting the Products section of our website, found at www.theinnovationcenter.org.

DO SOMETHING! Do Something is an organization that supports youth and educators to make a positive difference. Go through a simple registration process and get access to some amazing resources such as building your team capacity, activities and project ideas, team building activities, and how to work with the media. Click it out now at <http://coach.dosomething.org/coach/>

BADvertising- Countering the seduction of cigarette advertising by doctoring-up tobacco ads to make them honest. Ideas are available for using BADvertising in a workshop with young people. This website is great and also has a wonderful links section. Check it out at www.badvertising.org.

****The Resource Room invites you to submit resources you have come across that might be of interested to other YAP Coordinators. Please keep these focused on advocacy, physical activity, nutrition and anti-tobacco, youth/adult collaboration, and group development. To submit, hit the 'reply' button.*

*******COORDINATOR CORNER*******

Transporting Youth for Events and Trainings!? What's YOUR 'best practice'?
We're looking for any information from YAP Coordinators about how they transport youth to meetings, events or trainings. Lots of coordinators have questions about the legal liability of youth transport and other logistical challenges. If you do transport youth, please summarize how this happens...What type of permission slips do you use? Does your partnership have legal obligations and/or restrictions regarding youth transport? Can you transport in your personal vehicle and/or do you use school buses? Please forward your thoughts and ideas to rhayes@usm.maine.edu. I will summarize and post the results. We will share results and go over this issue at our summer YAP Coordinator retreat.

The latest issue of the MYAN News and Teen Talk Newsletter has probably already arrived in your mailbox!

Make as many copies as you like for students and colleagues and pass it on! If you haven't gotten a hard copy in the mail and you'd like to, contact llb@propeople.org to be added to our mailing list. The latest issue brings us numerous articles written by youth all over the state. Check out what other peer programs are doing, find out more about the 20th Annual Peer Leadership Conference, find fun healthy recipes, and much much more!

* The May edition is the last one of the school year, but we will continue to accept articles over the summer for publication in the fall. Contact Lindsey Bomba at llb@propeople.org or 1-800-698-4959 x258 for more information.

To access the newsletter via the web, the links are as follows:

http://www.myan.org/march_teen_talk.pdf

http://www.myan.org/may_teen_talk.pdf

http://www.myan.org/march_newsletter.pdf

http://www.myan.org/may_newsletter.pdf

*****Any YAP Coordinator looking for ideas, advice and/or resources can post in the Coordinator Corner! To submit, hit the 'reply' button.**

*****NEWS, INTERESTING TIDBITS, \$\$\$, FEATURED WEBSITES*****

- **Legacy Foundation faces financial challenges.** Facing the loss of \$300 million a year from tobacco companies, the Legacy Foundation banks on new funders and its investments to continue its youth anti-smoking campaigns. For more on this story, click here: <http://www.youthtoday.org/youthtoday/story8.html>
- **TEENS ACT OUT! WEBSITE FEATURE** - California's Project Lean's website for Teens! It's very cool, interactive and informative- great to show your YAP youth. The 'Teens Act Out' section is especially exciting as it supports youth involvement and advocacy. Check it out at www.caprojectlean.org/default.asp .
- **Counter-Marketing Campaign Successes** The San Jose Youth Anti-Tobacco Collaborative has created some simple, yet powerful commercials to counter-market the tobacco industry. These are great ideas for YAP activities. Check them out at http://www.notbuyinit.org/out_there.html
- **Nationwide, Daily Tobacco News!** Each day, the website tobacco.org collects over 100-200 news stories related to tobacco, and posts them on www.tobacco.org. You can receive these news stories via email in one Daily News Summary or individually as news breaks! Just fill out a simple form on the site receive these updates!

*****Submit your news, interesting tidbits you've discovered, grant opportunities available or great websites! To submit, hit 'reply'!**

SUBMISSIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S YAPPER DUE NEXT THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH AT NOON

WHY AN E-LIST?

One thing we have heard consistently from YAP Coordinators is excitement about getting in touch and sharing ideas with other coordinators around the state. We believe this e-list can be a valuable tool for all coordinators. We welcome any feedback, positive or critical, you may have about it. Just send it on to the keeper of the list, Sage Hayes at rhayes@usm.maine.edu.

CAN YAP COORDINATORS POST ON THE YAPPER?

You sure can! Feel free to send me upcoming events, your victories & challenges, resources & information, and requests for information, support or ideas from other YAP Coordinators. Please keep it brief, clear and concise. Include your contact info. Submissions for any YAPPER will be due on Thursdays by noon.

WHO SENDS THE YAPPER OUT? WHO WILL RECEIVE IT?

Sage Hayes created and sends out the **YAPPER**. Sage, based at the Muskie Institute in Portland, works with the Maine Youth Action Network (MYAN) as the training and advocacy specialist to support Healthy Maine Partnerships' Youth Advocacy Programs build capacity across the state. All YAP Coordinators who have registered their email addresses with Sage or the Bureau of Health Healthy Maine Partnerships are on this list. If you received this email, you're on the list! The Maine Youth Action Network staff and HMP related Bureau of Health staff will also be on the **YAPPER** list. If you would like to add a name to the list or be taken off the list, please email me at rhayes@usm.maine.

WHY IS IT CALLED 'YAPPER'?

It's cute. Actually, if you don't like the name, feel free to suggest a new one!

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