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**Washington, D.C.** — Health advocates from El Dorado Hills Community Vision Coalition joined substance abuse prevention leaders from across the country at Community Anti-Drug Coalitions (C of America’s 21st annual National Leadership Forum.

The forum is the nation’s largest training for substance abuse prevention and treatment profession: researchers, featuring more than 100 training courses to help community and state leaders prevent reduce substance abuse and its related problems.

Besides learning the latest strategies to prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, the coalition h inspiring words from a number of national leaders such as Gil Kerlikowske, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP); Howard Koh MD, assistant secretary Health and Human S and Gen. Arthur T. Dean, CADCA chairman and CEO.

The coalition also had the opportunity to meet and brief Congressman Tom McClintock and Sen. D Feinstein and Sen. Barbara Boxer on Capitol Hill about the importance of substance abuse preventi funding. They also took part in two Federal Town Hall meetings, featuring experts from various fed agencies.

“It was so exciting to be able to spend a week in our nation’s capital, learning and honing our prevention skills so our community can be a better place — one that doesn’t suffer from the harms of drug and abuse,” said DJ Peterson, executive director of the coalition. “We’ve come back reenergized with new strategies under our belt to tackle drug use in El Dorado Hills.”

The coalition is planning a Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking on April 7 at Oak Ridge High and will participate in the DEA’s National Drug Take-back Day on April 30. On June 3 the California Alcoholic Beverage Control will partner with local teens from the Vision Coalition to perform their “Sting Operation” to see if local alcohol retailers are complying with the “We Card” law.

Another strategy being employed by the coalition is creating video PSAs to change social norms by kids that “everyone is NOT doing it” (i.e. risky behaviors).

For more information about upcoming activities and events visit [www.edhvisioncoalition.org](http://www.edhvisioncoalition.org) (<http://www.edhvisioncoalition.org/>) or call (916) 941-8482.



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