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EDH Community Vision Coalition “for safe, healthy and drug-free youth” receives \$150,000 to mentor S. Lake Tahoe Coalition

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced funding awards for Drug Free Communities (DFC) Mentoring Grants. The purpose of the Mentoring Program is to provide funds to existing DFC Coalitions (mentors) to support development or expansion of new community coalitions (mentees) that are focused on substance abuse prevention.

El Dorado Hills Community Vision Coalition “for safe, healthy and drug-free youth” was one of 20 coalitions nationwide to receive this award and will mentor the South Lake Tahoe Youth Task Force. They will help the Tahoe group to expand their collaborative to include all sectors of the community, conduct a thorough assessment, develop a logic model and strategic plan, and to mobilize the community to develop partnerships to increase supports and services that help prevent and reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among youth.

“Two years ago, our coalition was one of seven in the nation to receive a similar mentoring grant. We helped the Folsom Cordova Community Partnership to apply for and receive a 5 year DFC grant of \$625,000. This will enable them to provide much needed drug abuse prevention services beginning October 2011” commented Raeann Jones, Project Coordinator.

DJ Peterson, Executive Director of the Vision Coalition, accepted the award saying, “I appreciate the work of our Board, our Executive Advisory Committee and our Coalition partners. I also appreciate the community support and donations to further our efforts. We will be distributing some of the funds and making plans at our next Full Coalition meeting, Thursday, September 15, 2011, 4:30 – 6:00pm at the EDH CSD Pavilion, 1021 Harvard Way, EDH. We welcome community members to attend and learn more about the fabulous work we are doing.”

For more information on the Vision Coalition and how you can get involved in preventing and reducing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug-use among youth, go to www.edhvisioncoalition.org or call 916-941-8482.

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