



2010 Community Assessment Activities

Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY): The Task Force partnered with Ron Fuller at KRESA to educate local school districts and advocate for the administration of the MiPHY survey. All but 1 district participated during this school year which allowed Kalamazoo County to have a county-wide report on health risk behaviors of our school age youth.

Medical Examiner Records: The Task Force partnered with Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services to collect all substance abuse related death records from 2008-2010. This data is currently being analyzed and a report will be available upon completion. The Task Force has also arranged to get bi-annual reports from Dr. DeJong who took over the role as Medical Examiner for Kalamazoo County in September 2010.

Focus Groups on Prescription Medicine Abuse: The Task Force conducted Seven focus groups with parents, educators, medical providers and youth on the growing issue of prescription drug abuse. This data has been extremely helpful when identifying strategies for impacting this growing epidemic.

Bronson and Borgess Hospital Data: The Task Force established relationships with both Bronson and Borgess hospitals and is now receiving data on ER admissions that are substance abuse related on a bi-annual basis