



**Who is ASAC?**

ASAC is a coalition of Kent County citizens who recognize the damage substance abuse does to our young people and who have a plan and resources to do something about it. We implement strategies to prevent, delay, and reduce youth substance abuse in Kent County.

**Why ASAC.**

Kent County has a significant alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) problem among its youth. No single person or agency by itself can change Kent County's existing community norms that expect and accept youth ATOD use. ASAC is a partnership, it brings concerned citizens (including youth) together with public sector officials in such a way that a shared will is created and actions taken to change these community norms.

**statistics**

12th graders in Kent County reported the highest usage in the last 30 days in the state for liquor (47.9%), binge drinking (45.7%), and any form of alcohol (58.5%)

Maryland Adolescent Survey, MD State Department of Education

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**Join ASAC!**

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There is not a moment to lose; please join us in creating a healthy environment for our kids in Kent County. We want Kent County to be a place where non-use is normal, and where youth feel valued and are vital contributors to our community.

**Contact ASAC:**

Kent County Adolescent Substance Abuse Coalition (ASAC)  
118 North Cross St. Chestertown MD 21620  
410.810.2673  
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**ASAC goals:**

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Our desired outcome is to reduce key ATOD indicators and to increase age of onset. We do not function as a support organization, but rather we sustain partnerships in ASAC, so that all of the Kent County community is involved in solving our drug problem.

ASAC provides a path for community members concerned about substance abuse to turn their concerns into action. We bring community members together with public service professionals to share ideas, to identify needs, and to get things done. We provide an opportunity for both of these groups to work with youth, engage their interests and strengthen their assets.

**Agencies that participate in ASAC:**

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- The Kent County Commissioners
- The Department of Juvenile Services
- Family Support Services
- Kent County Circuit Court
- Kent County Behavioral Health
- Kent County Health Department
- Kent County Parks and Recreation
- Kent County Public Schools
- Kent County Sheriff's Office
- The Local Management Board for Children's and Family Services
- Youth 2 Youth

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**Get Involved with ASAC:**

**Become an ASAC member,** attend our meetings or help with programs...

**Be an ASAC Volunteer...**help staff ASAC sponsored youth activities or find out about youth organizations looking for volunteers...

**Donate...**

ASAC welcomes the input of concerned citizens and youth; we respond quickly to new needs and ideas as new risks emerge. However, the group cannot exist without financial support. Some of the costs that cannot be absorbed by supporting agencies and individuals include youth programming, marketing, informational brochures, event registration costs, training, and coordination and evaluation of coalition work. Contributions to ASAC can be made through The Foundation for Community Partnerships. This foundation has a proven track record of raising considerable funding for community endeavors like ASAC which are not legally able to self fund raise.

**Donations can be made by mailing your check payable to:**

Foundation for Community Partnerships - ASAC  
118 North Cross St. Chestertown, MD 21620

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**ASAC general meetings**

Meetings are open to the public and are held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating two weeks at 3:30 pm and then followed by the next two weeks at 5 pm at the Local Management Board (LMB) offices on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall in Chestertown. (118 North Cross Street)

note: Please call 410.810.2673 or email info@kentasac.org to confirm meeting times before coming.

**The Power of youth activities...**

**ASAC believes in promoting positive activities to combat youth substance abuse. If you are an organization or an individual with a program or just ideas as to how to engage our youth please let us know.**

**Visit [www.kentasac.org](http://www.kentasac.org) for a listing of youth activities and resources that we are starting to build.**

