



## Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency

*Healthy People, Healthy Communities*

### Press Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Stacey Cryer, Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency Director is pleased to announce that they have just been awarded a five year, \$125,000 per year, *Drug Free Communities* (DFC) grant from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The grant will provide Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention services to students in the Ft. Bragg School District and community members. The grant also provides support to the community coalition that advises on the grant. The DFC grant will be administered by Community Health Services' Prevention and Planning Unit (PAPU).

Services include student-driven efforts to improve school climate (safety, prevention of substance use/abuse, gang prevention, etc.) as well as student prevention groups, curricula and after school activities. The grant will also provide community/school trainings and other events. The grant is geared toward the development and implementation of policies that will positively affect the environments in which students learn and reside.

According to Armand Brint, PAPU Manager, "We are excited to receive this very competitive national grant. We've long felt that local coalitions are one of the best ways to respond to local substance abuse issues. This grant also enables us to provide evidence-based prevention services to Ft. Bragg students."

Anyone interested in more information or interested in joining the Coastal Coalition may call, Suzy Miller at 472-2611.

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