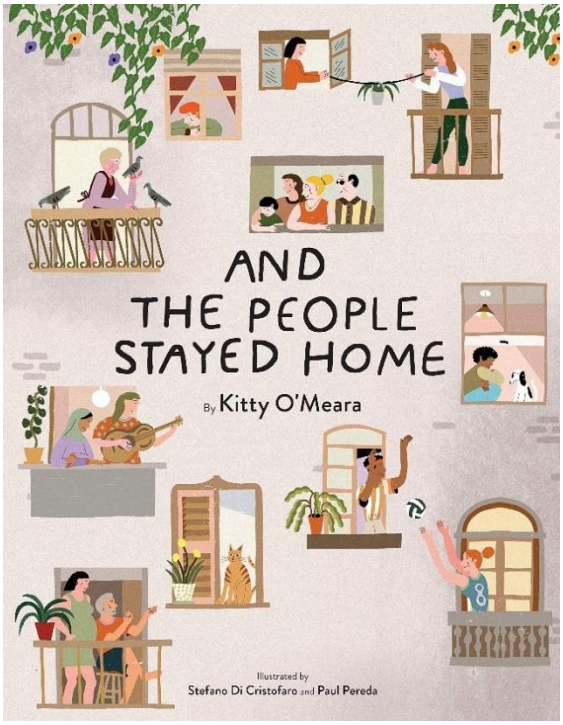
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Edisto Health Coalition

COVID-19 Edition

Kitty O'Meara's poem suggests that this era of social distancing be viewed as a chance to undertake purposeful activities like meditation, exercise, and dancing, and result in a kind of global healing. She brings a message of hope for our future.



And the People Stayed Home

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ME2OyGj6eqE



As National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week is coming up soon, encouraging everyone to follow the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Edisto Health Coalition on Facebook as the latest facts on alcohol and other drugs are posted during this week. Also, during the month of March, information on how you can turn St. Patrick's Day (one of the more notorious drinking holidays) into a more family friendly holiday without alcohol will be posted. Stay tuned.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

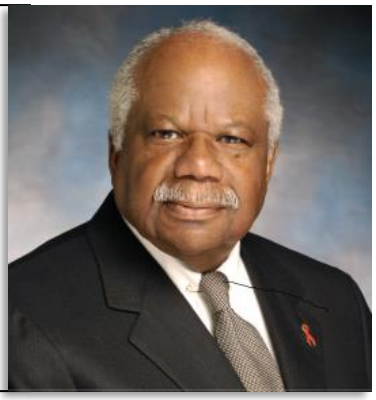


From Past to Present

Contributions of Black Americans to the Field of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Frederick Douglass, who lived from 1818 to 1895, was a leading temperance movement advocate in addition to his efforts to help abolish slavery. Douglass understood the dangerous allure of alcohol firsthand. Douglass viewed sobriety as a key strategy in the emancipation and full citizenship of Black Americans. He also considered drinking alcohol a danger to the Black man's survival.

Dr. Beny Primm helped found the Addiction Research Treatment Corporation (ARTC) in 1969, one of the largest minority non-profit community-based substance abuse treatment programs in the country. He was a proponent of medication-assisted treatment of opioid addiction, and a longtime leader within the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence. Four U.S. presidents including President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush selected Primm to serve as a consultant on substance use and public health issues. He was the first director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.





Sarah Jane Woodson Early, who lived from 1825 to 1907, was a temperance movement leader who served as the Superintendent of the Department of Colored People in the South within the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the 1880s. She gave 100 speeches on the topic in five states. She also was the first Black woman employed as a college teacher when she was hired in 1858 to teach English at Wilberforce University in Ohio. In 1888, she was elected for a four-year term as national superintendent of the Colored Division of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Lula Beatty, PhD, was the director of the Special Populations Office, Office of the Director, at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). She worked to create efforts encouraging more minority scholars to do drug abuse and addiction research. Beatty has received awards for her work to get more women and minorities involved in research. She also has been recognized for pushing for research on drug abuse and addiction in health disparity populations. Beatty received her A.B. degree from Lincoln University (Pa.), and her master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from Howard University.



https://www.cardinalinnovations.org/Resources/Blog/Black-American-History-Substance-Use-and-Prevent

FIRE SQUAD

Youth Coalition

Wants you to join!

We are a drug prevention youth group that focuses on community service, leadership development, and sound decision making. Youth ages 12-17 are eligible to apply. We are looking for youth in the tri-county area of Orangeburg, Bamberg and Calhoun counties. If interested contact Vincent Sanders at (803)308-6857 or email him at vsanders@tccada.state.sc.us.



Under the supervision of prevention specialist, Vincent Sanders, the youth coalition has really taken shape. They have learned about some of the drugs of current abuse, explored personal values and the impact of drug use on those values, distributed drug facts with candy at the community Trunk or Treat, put together Thanksgiving food boxes with Deterra bags for medication disposal and presented to the Samaritan House. Now the book club partnership with SC State's 1890 Extension Program is up and running. They'll be starting with the book, Tears of a Tiger. Extension Agent, Mrs. Sydney Keith, joined members of the squad to discuss the program.

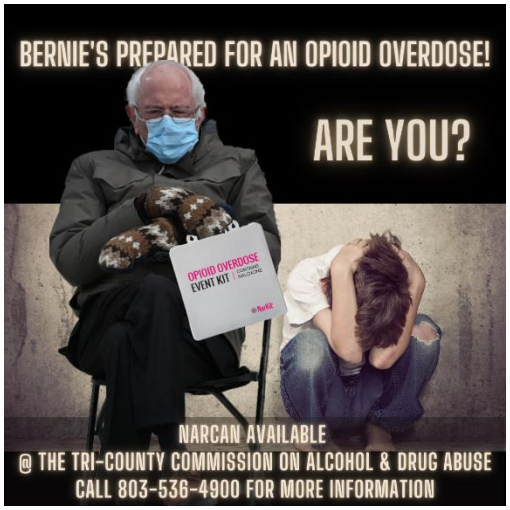


Coalition Member Highlight



Straight out of the College of Journalism at the University of South Carolina, Kandie Goodwin began a 37 year and counting career in prevention services at the Tri-County Commission. For many years, she was the entire prevention department and earned an award for best prevention program in the state. During that time, she has served as chair and region IV representative several times for the South Carolina Association of Prevention Professionals and Advocates (SCAPPA), the Behavioral Health Services Administration's Prevention Committee and the Blunt Truth Task Force. She is a Certified Senior Prevention Specialist and holds international certification status from the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium. She has seen many different prevention strategies implemented over the years ranging from the Just Say No movement, the SC Teen Institute, environmental prevention, and more recently efforts to address the Opioid epidemic with NARCAN and Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT). She has been instrumental in maintaining the longest standing substance abuse prevention coalition, The Edisto Health Coalition, in the community since it's conception under the Department of Health and Environmental Control in the early 90's. Although she is not originally from Orangeburg, she considers herself a local as she has been here since the first grade when her family moved here to take care of her grandmother, Clara Solomons, a well-known heraldic artist. She attended Mellichamp Elementary and graduated from Willington Academy, more commonly known today as Orangeburg Preparatory School. She remembers when Orangeburg had two bowling alleys and two movie theatres. The importance of prevention to her began with the loss of an Aunt who was a very gifted local artist at the age of 37 and her oldest brother at the age of 60 to complications relating to alcoholism. Community substance abuse prevention became even more important to her as her own two children grew up here. Remembering some of her own shenanigans, she wanted to make sure they grew into adulthood safely. She can be reached at 803-536-4900, ext.138 or kgoodwin@tccada.state.sc.us.

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If you haven't followed the Edisto Health Coalition or the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, please do. We don't want you to miss some of our creative messages and videos. If you have an idea for a short video or ad, please send a message to kgoodwin@tccada.state.sc.us.

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