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**TRUTH Pontiac Youth Coalition and Hazel Park Community Coalition
Join Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities**

**Oakland County
Prevention Coalitions**

Birmingham Bloomfield
Clarkston
Clawson
Greater West Bloomfield
Hazel Park
Holly
Huron Valley
Madison Heights
North Oakland
Pontiac TRUTH
Rochester/Auburn Hills
Royal Oak
South East Oakland
Tri-Community
Troy
Walled Lake/Commerce
Waterford
White Lake

**ACHC Oakland County
Families Against Narcotics
Regions**

Central Region – Pontiac
NE Region – Lake Orion
NW - Holly
SC Region – Farmington Hills
SW Region – New Hudson
SE Region – Clawson
Walled Lake

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Thanks to the generous funding provided by Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN), the TRUTH Pontiac Youth Coalition supported by the Ascend Foundation and the Hazel Park Community Coalition joined the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities (ACHC) through its Greater Urban Community Coalition Initiative implemented in October 2016.

ACHC serves as an umbrella organization to what will now be 18 prevention coalitions in Oakland County and continues to promote a healthier Oakland County. These partnerships all share the same vision: stronger and healthier communities through prevention, support and recovery efforts.

“Prevention efforts are strong and collaborative in Oakland County,” said Julie Brenner, ACHC Executive Director. “With the support of OCHN, we have been able to further increase prevention, support and recovery to greatly benefit the people we serve. These two new coalitions are integral to keeping our county a healthy one.”

These new partnerships with ACHC will allow access to new opportunities for positive community involvement for both Pontiac and Hazel Park including ACHC’s dedicated resources and technical assistance to ensure success.

“Hazel Park is excited to be part of the ACHC network of coalitions. Having the opportunity to educate our students and citizens on the prevention of drugs and alcoholism is important to our community. We are fortunate to have leaders across this community take an interest in this topic and to have the support of the ACHC network to support us.” Amy Kruppe, Superintendent of Hazel Park Schools and Coalition Board President.

More information about these coalitions can be found at www.theascendfoundation.org and on Facebook, @HazelParkCC

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Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities, founded in 2004, is an 18 coalition prevention partnership based in Oakland County and predominantly funded by Oakland Community Health Network. ACHC also represents the Oakland County chapter of Families Against Narcotics (FAN). Together, the members mobilize a diverse group of persons and organizations from all community sectors to take coordinated action in building healthier communities. For more information call (248) 221-7101 or visit www.achcmi.org.