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ALLIANCE OF COALITIONS HONORED AT CADCA'S NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM

TROY, Mich. – On Monday, Jan. 31, the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities was one of 178 community coalitions honored during a graduation ceremony at CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) 32nd Annual National Leadership Forum, just outside of Washington, D.C. The coalitions received a graduation certificate for completing CADCA's Graduate Coalition Academy, a rigorous training program designed to increase the effectiveness of community substance use and misuse prevention leaders.

"We work hard every day to increase our prevention efforts in Oakland County and these awards are a testament to that!" said Julie Brenner, President and CEO of the Alliance. "Together we can truly make a difference."

CADCA's Graduate Coalition Academy (GCA) completed its inaugural year and was designed to take coalitions to the next step of tracking implementation and reporting the long, intermediate and short-term outcomes of their efforts. Participants of the GCA were taught and mentored to enhance their effect in the community by improving their community assessment and logic models, developing comprehensive strategies targeting local conditions and monitoring and tracking coalition and community implementation efforts to achieve coalition objectives.

The Alliance was also an inaugural recipient of the CADCA Blue Ribbon Coalition credential that recognizes high performing coalitions that achieve measurable success in community-level substance misuse related outcomes by implementing a comprehensive and feasible plan guided by local data.

CADCA's National Leadership Forum is a four-day event packed with opportunities to learn the latest strategies to address substance use and misuse. Attendees have to opportunity to hear and learn from nationally prevention experts, federal administrators and concerned policymakers. Forum brings together approximately 2,500 attendees representing coalitions from all regions of the country and internationally, government leaders, youth, prevention specialists, addiction treatment professionals, addiction recovery advocates, researchers, educators, law enforcement professionals and faith-based leaders. It is the largest training event for the prevention field.

[The Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities](#) is a substance misuse prevention and wellness organization that supports a 22-coalition prevention partnership in Oakland County serving more than 55 local communities and provides recovery support and education groups for anyone affected by substance misuse. Predominantly funded by Oakland Community Health Network, the Alliance also provides free Narcan training. The Alliance connects, strengthens, and mobilizes strategic partners to promote healthier communities. For more information call 248.221.7101 or follow us on social media on [@allianceofcoalitions](#) on Facebook and Instagram and [@ACHCMichigan](#) on Twitter.

About CADCA

The mission of CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) is to strengthen the capacity of community coalitions to create and maintain safe, healthy and drug-free communities globally. This is accomplished by providing coalition development assistance and training, public policy advocacy, special events, media strategies and marketing programs.

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