

Drug Free Communities Grant Award:

Eaton Intermediate School District on behalf of the Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group (ECSAAG) was awarded a Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant. The Drug Free Communities program is directed by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The DFC program provides grants of up to \$625,000 over five years to community coalitions that facilitate citizen participation in local drug prevention efforts. Coalitions are comprised of community leaders, parents, youth, teachers, religious and fraternal organizations, health care and business professionals, law enforcement, the media, and others working together at the local level. ECSAAG will specifically work to address youth use of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana, and medication abuse. The DFC program was created by the Drug Free Communities Act of 1997, and was reauthorized by Congress in 2001 and 2006. Since 1998, ONDCP has awarded nearly 2,000 Drug Free Communities grants to local communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Palau, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

By Sara Lurie
September 15, 2011