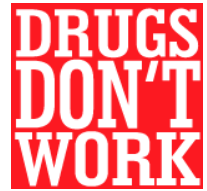


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"DRUGS DON'T WORK" NEWSLETTER

Date: June 30, 2005



"Every business should be a drug-free workplace!"



MEET YOUR DRUGS DON'T WORK COMMITTEE

Your Chamber's Drugs Don't Work Committee, chaired by Latrina Patrick, will furnish you with all the tools you need to meet your requirements as a certified drug-free workplace.

Contact Ron Hinze or Marie Cordero, ext. 24, or ext. 28, e-mail: rhinze@columbusgachamber.com or mcordero@columbusgachamber.com. The committee meets the **first Thursday of every month, 8:30 am, at the Chamber. Please note the change in meeting date. We invite you to attend.**

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, Aug. 30, 9-11 am, at the Chamber: "DDW Documentation, Discipline & Discharge Issues" by Steve Evans, Corporate Attorney, Synovus. All workshops are \$25.00 per employee for Chamber members, \$40.00 for non-members.

PLEASE CHECK TO SEE WHEN YOUR RE-CERTIFICATION IS DUE!!! YOU MUST MEET THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS YEARLY. CALL RON/MARIE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Update on HB 327: The Governor has signed House Bill 327, which will remove the eight-year restriction on certified drug free workplaces in Georgia. The 7-1/2% discount will be honored as long the company continues to meet certification requirements.

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC

Some truths about alcohol from Syndistar, Inc:

- 1- Alcohol kills over 100,000 people every year.
- 2- Alcoholism affects more people than diabetes, cancer, heart attacks and as many people as high blood pressure.
- 3- Alcohol use during pregnancy is the most common nonhereditary cause of mental retardation.
- 4- Drunk drivers kill about 15,000 and injure over 300,000 people a year.
- 5- Alcohol use is involved in: half of murders, accidental deaths and suicides; a third of drowning, boating and aviation deaths; and half of all crimes.
- 6- 32% of incarcerated teens were drunk at the time of their arrest or crime.
- 7- The top three killers of youth 15-19? Half are alcohol-related.
- 8- People that are drunk are most likely to have unsafe sex, get pregnant, or get sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS. They often get into fights and commit other crimes.
- 9- Alcohol causes headaches, sick stomachs (vomiting) and other feelings of discomfort.
- 10- Teenagers who drink have lower grades in school, lose their jobs and can be arrested if under age.