



Working together to reduce youth substance use and abuse by aligning existing resources, facilitating education, and supporting families, schools and communities.

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River Valley Rising Meeting

August 14th, 2018 8:00am-9:15am
49 Congress St, 3rd floor

Attendance: Allie Burke, Melissa Harding, Kat & Sabrina, Leanne C.

I. RVR Updates

● Stall Talk- August

This month we are doing Acts of Kindness!! Something positive for the kids to start off the school year with! We will also be working on a Teen vaping flyer so they can get some facts out to the students.

- Grants & Sustainability Funding-n/a**
- DFC Progress Report- CCT**

We submitted our progress report a few days before the deadline and it was approved a few days later!

● Photo Voice Project

We worked with middle school kids students in grades 6-8 during the WFKA Summer Adventure Program. Kids took most of their photos during the class time since many of them didn't have personal phones or cameras. The students seemed to get the point of the photo voice project and got some great photos. We showed the slide show we made capturing some of the best images. Please check out slideshow presentation on our FB.

- NOMINATE RVR- Please nominate us for the Franklin Bank Saving non-profit funds. We would love your support and extra funds to do some extra projects in the area!**

Here's the link to nominate your favorite: <https://www.fsbcommunity150.com>.

II. Community Update(s)

- Oxford County Wellness Collaborative**
- Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative & Project Save ME Updates-**
Rally is Sept. 22nd and starts at 11am in Norway.
- Law Enforcement**

Police Officer Gallant brought Niko into the office last week. Niko is the new K-9 dog that will be patrolling with the Rumford Police Department.

- Western Foothills Kids Association**

Miki is the new Afterschool Program Director. Welcome!!

- YAEK Group**

They are going to try and combine the YAEK group with the Civil Rights team this fall at

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the MVHS since both groups have very similar missions. RVR will work with the middle school this fall every Thursday.

- **UNE & Healthy Communities Coalition Preventive Services**
 - HCC has a great, In the Middle campaign that is targeted for middle school youth and parents. We will hand out over 100 flyers during the Culture of Compassion event that is happening in Rumford.
- **Oxford County Resiliency Project**

Idea to table: ·

What is National Night Out? National Night Out is a community-police awareness-raising event in the United States, held the first Tuesday of August.

September 11, 2018

Thank you for continued support and commitment to RVR!

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