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A Collaborative Effort
to Keep Our Youth Safe & Drug Free

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UPVALLEY PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH HONORED AT CADCA'S NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM

On Feb. 7, the [UpValley Partnership for Youth](#) was one of 171 community coalitions honored during a graduation ceremony at CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) National Leadership Forum, in Washington, D.C. The coalitions received a graduation certificate for completing CADCA's National Coalition Academy, a rigorous training program to increase the effectiveness of community drug prevention leaders.

The UpValley Partnership for Youth works to address the problem of underage drinking and substance use in Napa County's up valley communities. UVPY is a broad-based coalition made up of youth, parents, nonprofits, law enforcement, schools, faith-based groups and fraternal organizations in northern Napa County, and is led by the [UpValley Family Centers](#) and the [Napa County Office of Education](#).

"We are so proud of our coalition for investing the time and resources to take advantage of the best community coalition training in the world. To graduate from this year-long intensive course is no small feat and the UpValley Partnership for Youth is more prepared today to be an effective, sustainable coalition because of this training," said Jenny Ocon, Executive Director of UpValley Family Centers. "We look forward to applying our knowledge and strategies to ensure the youth in our community live drug free."

Earlier this year, UpValley Partnership for Youth coordinated educational prevention activities for teens and adults in Calistoga and St. Helena during Red Ribbon Week, and will be bringing nationally known speakers to a town hall meeting in April to raise awareness locally about the impact of marijuana use on the adolescent brain.

CADCA's National Coalition Academy (NCA) is a comprehensive, year-long training program developed by CADCA's National Coalition Institute. To graduate, coalitions must complete a rigorous curriculum. They must participate in all components of the NCA and complete five essential planning products that serve as the foundation of their comprehensive plan for community change.

CADCA's National Leadership Forum is a four-day event covering strategies to address substance abuse led by nationally-known prevention experts, federal administrators, and policymakers. The Forum brings together 3,000 attendees representing coalitions from all over the US 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.

UpValley Partnership for Youth meets the fourth Monday of the month and meetings are open to the public. For more information about meetings or the work of the coalition, contact Loralyn Taylor: (707) 965-5010.

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