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### **Drug-Free Action Alliance Launches New Center for Coalition Excellence**

*(Columbus, OH)* – Drug-Free Action Alliance, in response to a need to further assist communities to organize substance abuse prevention efforts, has established the Ohio Center for Coalition Excellence.

Born out of the Statewide Prevention Coalition Association, The Ohio Center for Coalition Excellence was jointly conceptualized by Drug-Free Action Alliance and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services.

The Center for Coalition Excellence will partner with local communities to develop and strengthen Ohio coalitions who are mobilizing citizens to reduce and prevent alcohol and other drug related problems in their communities. With more than 140 coalitions in Ohio, the Ohio Center for Coalition Excellence will insure they each have access to high quality training sessions, online resources, assistance with technical questions and policy initiatives.

Drug-Free Action Alliance has details about the Ohio Center for Coalition Excellence on its website at [www.drugfreeactionalliance.org](http://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org). The site includes a networking directory, an online tool kit to support coalition development and examples of effective prevention strategies.

Drug-Free Action Alliance is celebrating 20 years as a statewide non-profit providing leadership to promote safe and drug free communities. Its programs and initiatives include Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking, Know! and the Ohio Red Ribbon Celebration.

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Red Ribbon Celebration

College Initiative to Reduce  
High Risk Drinking

Ohio Resource Network  
Clearinghouse

Statewide Prevention  
Coalition Association

Parents Who Host, Lose The  
Most: Don't be a party to  
teenage drinking

Volunteers In Prevention

Know!

Youth Philanthropy  
Council

Coalition Against Meth