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Drug-Free Action Alliance Thanks Prevention Leader For Service

Columbus – Drug-Free Action Alliance announces that Sandy Hinkle, executive director of Prevention Partners of Wood County, term as Chair of the Statewide Prevention Coalition Association (SPCA) Advisory Council has come to an end. Hinkle has served as leader of the statewide initiative with distinction since 2006.

Hinkle helped to oversee many of SPCA’s efforts to provide training, resources and networking opportunities to assist community coalitions to reduce substance abuse and related problems. There are more than 100 community coalitions and prevention partnerships that participate in SPCA.

Several of the issues that SPCA addressed under Hinkle’s leadership were underage drinking and Responsible Beverage Service training. Alcohol continues to be the most abused drug among those under the age of 21, with figures remaining steady. Youth who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who wait until the age of 21.

“Sandy Hinkle continues to be an outstanding advocate for substance abuse prevention in Ohio and nationally,” said Patricia Harmon, Executive Director of Drug-Free Action Alliance. “Her leadership of SPCA helped elevate prevention efforts in Ohio’s communities and has helped make a positive difference in keeping children alcohol, tobacco and other drug free.”

Prevention Partners of Wood County was founded in 1987, and has received national recognition for their work in alcohol and drug abuse prevention. Prevention Partners of Wood County helps communities by providing resources and forging innovative partnerships that champion safe and substance free lifestyles.

Drug-Free Action Alliance is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides leadership to promote safe and drug free communities throughout Ohio. Programs and initiatives include the Ohio Red Ribbon Celebration and “*Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don’t be a party to teenage drinking.*” Details about Drug-Free Action Alliance and SPCA can found at www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org.

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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

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