



# The Compass

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## Special Topic Meeting

**Wednesday, March 16, 2011**  
**6:30-7:30 PM**

All are invited to discuss ways to re-establish the SRO position.

## Community Meeting

**Wednesday May 11, 2011**  
**6:30-7:30 PM**

We hope to have a student presentation at this meeting.

Stay tuned for details.

## Mulvane

### Crime Stoppers

777-2451 is Mulvane's anonymous Crime Stoppers number. It connects directly to Chief Williams. There is a \$25.00 reward for students if their information is useful.

## Did You Know?

**More kids use alcohol than use tobacco or illicit drugs, and more children are killed by alcohol than all illegal drugs combined.**

[http://family.samhsa.gov/media/familyguide/Underagebrochure\\_10\\_27\\_released\\_2.pdf](http://family.samhsa.gov/media/familyguide/Underagebrochure_10_27_released_2.pdf)

## Data Moves Us Forward

On January 12, 2011, about a dozen MAPS and community members braved the cold to join us for a presentation of the 2010 Analysis of the Mulvane Communities That Care (CTC) data.

Dee Heersche, Cindy Wall and Jeff Beckwith met together several times since June to receive training, analyze the 2010 CTC survey results and create a presentation for MAPS and community members. We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

The PowerPoint presentation was presented by Dee Heersche and Cindy Wall. They did a fantastic job explaining the risk factors that are elevated in Mulvane, the protective factor we should strengthen and practical suggestions on how to address those factors. **MAPS now has a clear direction to follow. We can use this analysis and document our progress to measure our successes.**

To summarize their presentation, we need to focus on these priorities:

1. Reduce perceived **Peer Antisocial Behavior** by helping out with existing school, faith-based and community programs.
2. Increase prevention education for students and parents, especially about the harms associated with marijuana use. Our students score lower on the **Perceived Risks** scale than their state peers.
3. Work with our law enforcement to reduce the perceived **Availability of Alcohol and Marijuana**.
4. Find meaningful ways to recognize the good things Mulvane youth are doing because our students, especially our younger students, do not feel that there are strong **Community Rewards** for positive behavior. This can mean simple verbal recognition.

Not only did Dee, Cindy and Jeff analyze the data, they researched resources in Mulvane that already address these risk and protective factors. They outlined several ways that MAPS work groups could collaborate with these existing resources in the presentation. They also compiled a Resource Directory.

**The PowerPoint presentation and Resource Directory are available to MAPS work groups and to other interested community resource providers.** Please contact Lisa Blume, Regional Prevention Center, 316-262-2421 or [lblume@mirrorinc.org](mailto:lblume@mirrorinc.org) in regards to setting up an encore presentation or receiving facilitation on how to move forward with the recommendations.

**Let's continue building relationships and working together to further these goals!**

Slide from 2010 Mulvane Communities That Care (CTC) Analysis presentation.

## Availability of Drugs - Alcohol

**Mulvane 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** During the past 30 days, when you drank beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) where did you drink it?

**Friend's Home:**  
24.29%

**Outdoors:**  
13.57%



**My Home:**  
12.86%

**Car:**  
10%

Kids drink and do drugs where they are not supervised. Find out who is committed to supervising teens in their home by joining the **MAPS Parent Network**.

### Underage exposure to alcohol on Facebook

Despite guidelines requiring age restrictions, a study found that content promoting alcohol and dangerous drinking was accessible by underage users across all five of the most popular Facebook features—advertisements, pages, applications, events, and groups.

<http://www.cesar.umd.edu/cesar/cesarfax/vol20/20-08.pdf>

## Mulvane Public Schools' and Cowley College's Spring Break is March 21-25, 2011

For many students, spring break is a carefree time away from classroom pressures. Unfortunately, for many it is also a time of underage and/or excessive drinking and dealing with its aftermath—arrests, violence, sexual aggression and even death.

### Talk to your students.

Research shows that parents **do** make a difference.

Talking now could prevent serious problems later.

Visit [www.drugfree.org](http://www.drugfree.org) for talking tips.

### **Sobriety Rocks Scholarship Contest: Win \$1,000 in Art, Music, or Writing!**

KDOT's Sobriety Rocks Scholarship Contest is an opportunity for Kansas youth to express themselves creatively through music, art and writing. A scholarship of \$1,000 toward any accredited post-high school training, including college, will be awarded in each category. Kansas residents age 14 through 20 are encouraged to enter. Go to [www.sobrietyrocksk.net](http://www.sobrietyrocksk.net) for information and entry forms. Entries must be postmarked by **April 15, 2011**.



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