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Dear TOGETHER!,

We're setting up a new mailing list for news and updates. As an eShare recipient, we'd love for you to be on it so you don't miss out on other great content.

We will always send fewer than 10 emails per year. The types of

Back-to-School Help on Aug. 18

Little Red Schoolhouse Offers Free Supplies

Every year, Little Red Schoolhouse distributes FREE back-to-school supplies and clothing. This year's event is Thursday, August 18, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Jefferson Middle School in west Olympia (Intercity Transit bus route 45). It's open to all families in need.

Each child can choose 2 or 3 outfits and a backpack filled with school supplies (based on school lists). Families should plan on spending several hours shopping, as the event is usually crowded.

Other agencies will also be on hand with assistance--for example, the South Sound Reading Foundation will be giving out free books.

If you need help outfitting your kids for school this year, stop by the event during the open hours--but the earlier the better.

If you have supplies to donate to the event, drop them off at any Heritage Bank location or at Capital City Storage in Tumwater.

[Find addresses here.](#)

Help Tumwater Kids



Aug. 6

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tumwater Costco parking lot

Help "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies, non-perishable food and other supplies for kids in Tumwater.

Another opportunity to help.

things we'll send are:

- Event invitations
- TOGETHER! news releases
- Big, breaking agency news
- Job openings

We'll add "News and Updates" to your subscription in 30 days, so let me know by then if you don't want to be on it. And you can always use the "update" link at the bottom of any of our emails to change which lists you're on. So give it a try, then remove yourself later if you don't find the content useful.

Thanks for being a loyal follower of TOGETHER!, and have a great August!

Danielle Koenig
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Little Red Schoolhouse is a project of TOGETHER!.

"The Blunt Truth" TV Conference

Our executive director and other experts discuss prevention in the face of new youth perceptions about marijuana.

The attitudes about marijuana are changing. Fewer 8th and 10th graders believe smoking marijuana is dangerous. These declines in the perception of harm invariably precede increases in substance use. Today, more 10th and 12th grade students smoke marijuana than cigarettes. Coalitions need the latest information in order to effectively deal with this issue.

During this hour-long program, *The Blunt Truth: Communities Dealing with Marijuana*, hear how coalitions are getting their prevention message out as laws and attitudes change.

- Learn strategies to educate the public.
- Find out how coalitions are working with governments on legislation and ordinances.
- Gain new allies and strategies for community mobilization.

Find the webcast on demand at
www.ThurstonTOGETHER.org
after 10 a.m. PDT on Aug. 25.

Host

- **Mary Elizabeth Elliott**, Vice President of Communications, Membership, and Information Technology, [CADCA](#)

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- **Wanda Boone**, Executive Director and Founder of [Durham Together for Resilient Youth, "TRY"](#)
- **Jim Cooper**, Executive Director of



[TOGETHER!](#) and President of the [Washington Association for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention \(WASAVP\)](#)



- **Beth Shrader**, Director, [Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition](#), Vermont



Information courtesy [Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America](#)

Together for Kids ... and for Barbecue




TOGETHER! will be having a **free barbecue** at our Community Center on Sept. 14 to help further our vision of making sure all young people in Thurston County communities are supported, healthy, safe and valued. **You're invited!**

The event is at the Evergreen Villages apartment complex Community Center off Division Street in west Olympia. Festivities start at 5 p.m. Features include:

- Community barbecue
- Meet the kids from our community center
- Hear from parents of kids at the center
- Special guest: former state Representative Brendan Williams, who lived in the Evergreen Villages apartments as a child.

[For more information and to register, click here.](#)

We can use your help! Would you like to be an Event Host?
Find details at the link above.

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Popular Conference is Back



Save the Date:
**3rd Annual "Meth & More: Drug Abuse
in Our Area" is April 17, 2012**

Join us in discussing the effects on our community of meth, marijuana, prescription drugs and more.

- Informative breakout sessions
- Hear from professionals in many fields
- Great networking opportunities
- Guest keynote speakers
- Raffle prizes



Registration will open this winter.

Call for Presentations: We are also requesting presentation proposals for the conference. Submission deadline is Jan. 9, 2012.
[Click here for guidelines and details.](#)

September event: The Thurston County Meth Action Team also is having a 10-year retrospective event in September. Check out the next eShare for details, or email tclark@thurstonttogether.org for a flyer.

TOGETHER! engages and mobilizes families, schools and the community to advance the health, safety and success of our youth. Our vision is for all young people in Thurston County communities to be supported, healthy, safe and valued.

To learn more, [visit us online](#) or call us at 360-493-2230.

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