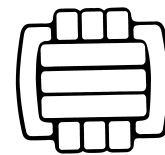


# Friends of PDAP



**CELEBRATION** Absolutely Free  
Palmer Drug Abuse Program **MIDLAND**

A SAFE, FAMILY FRIENDLY, ALCOHOL FREE NEW YEARS EVE FESTIVAL

What a way to ring in the New Year – with your family at a safe, fun, alcohol-free party! Almost 1000 Midlanders did just that at PDAP's Celebration Midland New Year's Eve bash at the Midland Center. With volunteer support and contributions from local companies and individuals, there was a lot to enjoy at the event – food, music, games for kids, bingo, a cakewalk, even a souvenir photo! Plans are already underway for next year's party. If you, your company or organization want to join in, call Cathy Fowler at PDAP, 685-3645.

Special thanks go to Celebration Midland's major sponsors: Whiting Petroleum, S.L. Atripp, NABD (Neighbors Against Burglary & Drugs), the Milagros Foundation, Gatti's Pizza, Big Sky Drive-In, and Susie's South 40 Confections.



## D-FY-IT Now Part of PDAP!

As of July 1st, 2007, D-FY-IT became a program of PDAP. This merger offers many new opportunities for D-FY-IT to make a bigger difference in our community.

The Midland Coalition, another program of PDAP, is dedicated to changing laws making it harder for youth to purchase alcohol and this is only one of the many opportunities D-FY-IT members will be able to be involved with. D-FY-IT will continue to do the random drug testing on each Midland County campus, host the Red Ribbon activities during Red Ribbon Week in October, host the Mr. Gatti's Lock-in and the Hollywood Theatre Lock-in, and the Red Ribbon Run:Half Marathon, 5K, and 1K event.



Parents, if you have a teen who's drinking alcohol, chances are the signs won't be this obvious.

Recent research in Texas showed that Midland County has double the State rate of teens who reported driving after drinking alcohol, and 55 percent of our teens drank alcohol during the last year. It's not okay.

The Midland Coalition and PDAP remind you, truth is:

When teens choose to drink they choose to lose

Truth is... I drove DRUNK last night.

For more information, please visit [ahealthiercommunity.org](http://ahealthiercommunity.org)

## Employee Assistance Program Expands

Everyone knows the Midland labor market is as tight as it's ever been. Employers are feeling the crunch. When on-site random drug tests expose employees' drug use and lead to firings, there are few replacements to be found. At last year's Town Hall Meeting, PDAP announced we could do something to help. Since then, just under 100 people have taken advantage of PDAP's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to keep employees employable. When an employer refers a worker to PDAP's EAP, the employee agrees to a program of individual counseling and a prescribed series of PDAP group meetings and functions. Once these are completed, typically in two to four weeks, the employee arranges to take another drug test. If the results are clean, most are eligible for reinstatement. Most referrals are coming from oil-related industries, but other businesses have taken advantage of PDAP's Employee Assistance Program as well. As with all PDAP services, the Employee Assistance Program is *absolutely free*. For more information, contact PDAP, 685-3645.

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