

# P.A.C.E

SIGN IN SHEET

DATE 09/17/2024

- \* Steve Roman : Positive Parenting Program
- \* Stephanie Sullivan : Partnership For Children
- \* Briana Andrews : Partnership For Children
- \* Taylor Bowen : Partnership For Children
- \* Stacie Parrish : Partnership For Children
- \* April Houston : Raising Awareness for the Developmentally Disabled (RADD)
- \* Cathy Reese : Community Leader
- \* Christopher Taylor : The Ally/Macedonia Church
- \* Frankie Dawson : Department of Juvenile Justice
- \* Casandra Suggs : Lenoir County Public Schools
- \* Colleen Kosinski : Adult Accountability and Recovery Court
- \* Joyce Hawkins : Neuse Regional Libraries
- \* Tah'Ran Cannon : Committed To Progressing Forward LLC

# EMOJI DRUG CODE | DECODED

## COMMON EMOJI CODES

### FAKE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

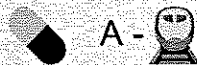
#### PERCOCET & OXYCODONE



#### XANAX



#### ADDERALL



### DEALER SIGNALS

#### DEALER ADVERTISING



#### HIGH POTENCY



#### UNIVERSAL FOR DRUGS



#### LARGE BATCH



### OTHER DRUGS

#### METH



#### HEROIN



#### COCAINE



#### MDMA & MOLLIES



#### MUSHROOMS



#### COUGH SYRUP



#### MARIJUANA



This reference guide is intended to give parents, caregivers, educators, and other influencers a better sense of how emojis are being used in conjunction with illegal drugs. Fake prescription pills, commonly laced with deadly fentanyl and methamphetamine, are often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms – making them available to anyone with a smartphone.

## P.A.C.E meeting for Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 2024

This month's P.A.C.E meeting was held at The Gate at 10am on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 2024. Opening remarks by Major Jenkins touched on an announcement at Grainger Stadium. Preliminary information about National Night Out, including the Fair taking place on the same day and open enrollment for booths. An upcoming meeting with Faith In Blue and the mention of seeking a partnership with AOC Association on Congregations.

Joyce Hawkins Resource Specialist/ Social Worker shared information on the Adult Literacy Without Barriers program at the Neuse Regional Library. Once a week an applicant is paired with a tutor and for 12 weeks receives one on one reading and writing, math and computer courses for free. Mrs. Hawkins expressed to all attendees to make sure their business and organizations are added to the Library's Resource Page if not already added. Mrs. Hawkins can be reached via email to be added.... [jhawkins@neuselit.org](mailto:jhawkins@neuselit.org)

Colleen Kosinski of Adult Accountability Recovery Court ENC passed around a flyer of a current and widely used emoji chart minors and adults use in text to order drugs. The flyer will be attached for viewing and can be found on the DEA.GOV webpage. Mrs. Kosinski also mentioned a recent conversation with Community Representative for the DEA Wanda Wiggins. Mrs. Wiggins expressed that she is able to do presentations in a multitude of cities for free. The "Hidden In Plain Sight" community program educates parents of the signs of teens potential unsafe behavior.

Pastor Christopher Taylor from Macedonia Church of Lenoir County attended for the first time and informed our attendees of "The Alley" and other projects and aspirations. Pastor Taylor mentioned the importance of the local churches bringing community issues into the congregation. Pastor Taylor is eager to provide a helping hand to uplift townspeople positively through more community conversation in local congregations.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing parental accountability. The role parents have on their children and minors in relation to the current circumstances our community is encountering. As these meetings are a place to talk to several organizations it's imperative to hear ongoing stories of behavior that may be trending so we can come together and find a solution. Everyone in attendance had great insight into the solutions and issues they face on a daily basis.

- As Casandra Suggs of Lenoir County Public Schools is a Behavior Specialist; her observations are essential for our community to pinpoint concerns within our schools. Mrs. Suggs has mentioned this before as it's an ongoing trend. Students are excessively skipping classes and suspensions for some are creating a difficult timeline of getting back into school. Upon informing the parents of current suspensions the parents need to attend conferences

before the child can go back to school. Unfortunately, some parents do not attend these meetings and the student misses out on further education and resources to get them back on track. How can we express the importance of the child's continued attendance in school?

- Frankie Dawson with the Department of Juvenile Justice spoke on the benefit of being fully staffed for our community after some time of vacancies. Mrs. Dawson mentioned a program implemented to assist parents with their children before Covid and was unfortunately terminated during Covid and never reinstated. Talks about bringing prevention programs into our current environment is underway again. Our agency has been eager to keep children out of juvenile services if possible. New avenues of parental participation are at the forefront of our both agencies and attendees' concerns.

- Steve Roman of the Positive Parenting Program informed our group that the US Surgeon General has declared that parenting is now a public health issue. The stress parents are put under in today's society cannot be ignored and must be addressed. What can we do for parents' problems right now?

- Tah'Ran Cannon founder of Committed to Progressing Forward LLC held a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Parenting Seminar on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Discussions with its participants brainstormed bringing parental tactics into a creative space for innovation? How can we bridge the gap between what worked for us as children growing up to how we can teach our own children?

The meeting ended with current Juvenile Stats from our agency.