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## Wood County Prevention Coalition Selected for Blue Ribbon Distrinction

This July, the Wood County Prevention Coalition applied for Phase I of <u>CADCA's</u> <u>2022 Got Outcomes! Awards</u>. In Phase I, CADCA reviewed and scored applications along with various required submitted products (to include a Community Assessment, Logic Model, and Summary of Outcomes).

Last month, staff received notification that the Coalition would advance to Phase II of this select process where only the top 25% of applicants move onward. As an advancing finalist, the Coalition created a visual story of how Wood County attained positive changes in community-level outcomes related to underage drinking.

**Today, the Coalition received word they have received the distinction as a Blue Ribbon Coalition.** The Blue Ribbon Coalition Program is a special recognition of coalitions who do an exceptional job creating a foundation for their work by updating and utilizing their products and achieving positive outcomes. According to CADCA, this two-year credential opens new doors to support the Coalition's work. A Blue Ribbon Awards Event will be held in National Harbor, Maryland in late January.

The Wood County Prevention Coalition has united for a drug-free community since 2004. Their vision is to help youth be drug-free, responsible and productive citizens. For more information, visit our website at https://wcprevention.org/. Fiscal agent for the Coalition is the Wood County Educational Service Center.

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