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Cumberland County Commissioners Proclaim Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania- At their public meeting today, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners along with the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission and Cumberland-Perry MH-IDD proclaimed September 9, 2014 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Day in Cumberland County. This awareness program is an ongoing collaborative effort between Cumberland County, the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance and Cumberland-Perry Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

Of all the substances of abuse (including cocaine, heroin, and marijuana) alcohol produces the most serious negative effects in the fetus and is the leading known cause of intellectual developmental disabilities. It is also 100% preventable! County departments and community organizations will join forces for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day. The coalition of organizations will be disseminating posters to businesses that serve alcohol warning about the dangers of consuming alcohol while pregnant.

Cumberland –Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission participates in the nationwide initiative as part of their core mission of ensuring a full continuum of quality substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment services is available to all eligible Cumberland and Perry County residents. For more information on the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission's efforts and substance abuse prevention and treatment programs visit www.ccpa.net/drugandalcohol.

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