

## Grant to fight drug abuse

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### *Troy*

A \$150,000 federal grant will fund the fight to prevent substance abuse among the city's youth during the next two years.

The grant comes through the Hoosick Area Partnership for Parents and Youth and will go to assist the Troy Drug-Free Community Coalition.

The grant from the Drug-Free Communities Support Program was announced Wednesday at the Sanctuary for Independent Media, 3361 Sixth Ave.

Davia Collington, the Troy DFCC coordinator, said the grant will be used to mobilize the community to reduce substance abuse among young people to build a better city.

"This is about the kids," Collington said.

Shania Jackson, a 17-year-old senior at Troy High School and Troy High School Youth Summit member, said many students are proud not to use drugs or alcohol.

Troy DFCC grew out of the Troy Neighborhood Action Council.

The next Troy DFCC meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 2 in the fifth-floor conference room, Rensselaer County Office Building, 1600 Seventh Ave.

Collington said the group seeks strong participation from all segments of the community.