



## News Release

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## Natalie Carlisle Recognized for Prevention Work in Monroe County

(Westby, WI) Couleecap, Inc. is proud to announce that Natalie Carlisle, Drug Free Communities (DFC) Coordinator, was recognized by the U.S. Drug Czar, James Carroll, at the 2019 Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia. Natalie submitted a personal story about why she does the work she does as the DFC Coordinator for Couleecap and the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition. Staff at the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) were incredibly touched by Natalie's story and all she has done in a rural community with the Drug Free Communities grant and wanted to recognize her for her work at the national summit.

The Drug Free Communities Program works to prevent and reduce youth substance use in Monroe County through a partnership between Couleecap and the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition. Supported by grant funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the program sponsors educational events for youth, prescription drug take-back days and drop boxes, community awareness events, and more.



Pictured is Natalie Carlisle, DFC Coordinator, with U.S. Drug Czar, James Carroll.

Of the recognition, Natalie Carlisle said, "It was truly a day I'll never forget! What an honor. I am passionate about the work I do and proud of all the things the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition has done with the Drug Free Communities grant. For someone to recognize this at a national level is humbling. It was amazing to meet James Carroll and he's excited to personally help me with more work in Monroe County!"

For more information on Couleecap programs or to support the Drug Free Communities program visit our website [www.couleecap.org](http://www.couleecap.org) or [www.mcsafecommunities.org](http://www.mcsafecommunities.org)

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Couleecap, Inc. is a private non-profit 501c3 charitable organization. Couleecap helps people in need with housing, food, transportation, and more. Created in 1966, we are a community action program that fights poverty and promotes self-sufficiency in Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon counties. Learn more at [couleecap.org](http://couleecap.org), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

