



# Fayette County Prevention Coalition

## BACKGROUND & MISSION

Addiction is a progressive disease. Research shows that Individuals that begin using drugs and alcohol at an early age are more likely to develop serious problems. While examining the opioid and heroin epidemic and its drain on local resources, the Faith in Recovery Coalition identified the need to establish a prevention committee to stop addiction before it begins.

The Fayette County Prevention Coalition will create a unified community response to prevent youth substance abuse and support the development of effective community programs to promote a safer, healthier, and drug free Fayette County.

## STRATEGIES

All of the coalition's work is based upon the Strategic Prevention Framework and 7 Strategies for Community Level Change. Over the next 12 months, the coalition will work on the following items:

- \* Working with local businesses to ensure that youth may not purchase paraphernalia or other substances through the creation of a reward and remind campaign recognizing businesses for their diligence in keeping substances away from youth.
- \* Social norms campaigns recognizing that youth that choose to live lives free of substances are actually in the majority and providing accurate information about the consequences of drug use.
- \* Providing evidence-based programming in the local schools.
- \* Increasing the communities protective factors and providing support to youth at risk of substance use.
- \* Community education on what works in prevention.
- \* Formalizing youth coalitions at local school districts. WCH Schools: Break Free Coalition; Miami Trace Schools: Lead Out Loud
- \* Further developing the leadership skills of youth and adult coalition members to: provide information, build their skills, provide support, enhance access and reduce barriers to services, incentivizing positive choices and dis-incentivizing poor choices, changing the physical design, and modifying/changing policy.

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**Break Free**

**Lead Out Loud**



The mission of the Fayette County Prevention Coalition's Youth Coalitions are to empower youth leaders to prevent underage drinking and drug misuse.

Youth coalition members are responsible for a variety of activities:

Writing and performing public service announcements

Participating in community needs assessment activities

Conducting social norming campaigns

Developing skills to make positive choices

Serving as catalysts for change in their schools and communities

Learning vital leadership qualities and skills they can use for a lifetime

Contributing in the coalitions with the vision that they are not our leaders of tomorrow, but the leaders of today!



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