

RCYSUC NEWSLETTER

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Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition

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Dear Coalition Members,

Thank you for reading the December issue of the Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition (RCYSUC) Prevention Newsletter! We'd like to keep you informed of recent studies, news, helpful resources, upcoming trainings and webinars, and other substance use prevention items. The next RCYSUC meeting will be held **January 25th, 2021** via Zoom. Be on the lookout for the invite. The next Committee meetings will be on Zoom:
Data & Evaluation - Dec. 14th @12pm
Prescription Drugs - Dec. 14th @2:30pm
Alcohol - Dec. 16th @12pm
Thanks for your dedication + support!

OPIOID PREVENTION CAMPAIGN



On December 2nd, 2020 the Addiction Policy Forum and 13 other organizations launched the Opioid Prevention Campaign. This is a public health media campaign to prevent youth substance use. Check out some of the PSAs, resources, and materials [HERE](#).

NEWS + RESOURCES

[Ohioans Are Smoking More During the Pandemic](#)

Ohio has been bringing in more tobacco taxes than projected. Cigarette tax revenue was \$16.1 million above September projections and \$23.5 million above 1st quarter projections for the current state fiscal year.

[Substances Increasingly On The Path To Decriminalization](#)

New Jersey is one more example where substances are moving towards decriminalization. This trend could lead to further reductions in youth perceptions of harm, especially for marijuana, which has already been dropping.

[Ohio American Academy of Pediatrics Vaping Prevention](#)

Click above for a recording of a great vaping prevention education session. Listen from experts, youth, and more. You can find handouts, slides, and other resources [HERE](#).

UPCOMING TRAININGS AND WEBINARS

Talking With Teens About Underage Drinking - Dec. 8th, 2020 from 2-3:30PM

[Register Now](#)

It Takes A Village And More: Babies Exposed To Opioids - Dec. 10th, 2020 from 10-11AM

[Register Now](#)

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Our friends Valerie Rust and Stan Rust from [Starfish](#) have some great news. They are partnered with Mosaic Church and are looking for people to help financially or in other ways. One such way is to "adopt a family." By doing so you can help people who are recovering and coming back into the community give gifts to their children for Christmas! More information is available in this [video](#).

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Check out the Help & Hope for the Holidays video, a list of support organizations in Richland County and more great information [HERE](#). Things may be different this year, but Help & Hope is available during the Holidays and all year long.

RCYSUC Mission: To empower Richland County youth, families, and the community to reduce youth substance use through education, intervention, and participation.

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