

# RCYSUC NEWSLETTER



## Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition

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Dear Coalition Members,

Thank you for reading the November issue of the Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition (RCYSUC) Prevention Newsletter! In this newsletter you'll find the latest news, resources, webinars and more. Lots of great free webinars/conferences this month! As a reminder, the next RCYSUC meeting will be held **November 29th, 2021 @ 3pm** both in person and via Zoom. The next Committee meetings will also be in person and on Zoom:  
Data & Evaluation - Nov 15th @ 12pm  
Prescription Drugs - Nov 15th @ 3pm  
Alcohol - Nov 17th @ 12pm  
Thanks for your dedication + support!

## COALITION CHAIR VOTE RESULTS

Congratulations to Crystal Davis Weese for being elected as the first Chair of the Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition!

## 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH TOBACCO SURVEY RESULTS



The National Youth Tobacco Survey collected responses from over 20,000 students in grades 6-12 from 279 schools. Data was collected between January 18-May 21, 2021. According to the CDC and the FDA, 11.3% of high school students (grades 9-12) and 2.8% of middle school students (grades 6-8) used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days. Among users, 43.6% of high school students used on more than 20 of the last 30 days. 27.6% used every single day. The most commonly used e-cigs were flavored (fruit, candy, desserts, sweets, mint, and menthol). Since this data was collected during COVID-19, it's possible there was underreporting. Read more [HERE](#).

## NEWS + RESOURCES

### [Youth Mental Health A Major Priority](#)

Mental health emergencies were increasing before the pandemic, but COVID-19 made it much worse. According to the White House, there was a 24% increase in emergency room visits for mental health reasons in children 5-11 years old. This was greater than 30% for children 12-17 years old. Luckily, Richland County has tons of resources. Check out this [one pager](#) from the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board.

### [Fentanyl Making Its Way Into Many Drugs Sold In The U.S.](#)

Fentanyl is causing many problems for Americans. Fentanyl seizures have doubled from 1,112 pounds during the 1 year period of August 2019-July 2020 to 2,299 pounds during the 1 year period of August 2020-July 2021. You never know which drug may have been mixed with fentanyl. It's important to get pills with a trusted doctor's prescription rather than on the streets. Illegal street drugs are increasingly looking like prescription medications, but are sadly laced with other drugs like fentanyl, causing overdoses and deaths.

## UPCOMING TRAININGS AND WEBINARS

### **Community Responses To Cannabis Legalization**

November 2nd, 2021 from 2-3PM

[Register Now](#)

### **2021 Western States Marijuana Summit**

November 2-3, 2021 from 11AM-6:30PM Tuesday and 11AM-5PM Wednesday

[Register Now](#)

### **2021 Western States Opioid/Stimulant Summit**

November 4-5, 2021 from 11AM-7PM both days

[Register Now](#)

### **Addiction Policy Forum National Leadership Conference 2021**

November 4-5, 2021 @ 9AM

[Register Now](#)

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY RESULTS

Prescription Drug Take Back Day on October 23rd was a huge success! Overall, 402.8 lbs of unused/expired medications were collected, nearly triple the amount from April 2021's Take Back Day. April 2021 totals are in parentheses ().

**Mansfield Police Department:** 266.8 lbs (95 lbs)

**Richland County Sheriff's Department:** 25.6 lbs (20.8 lbs)

**Bellville Police Department:** 46.6 lbs (N/A)

**Shelby Police Department:** 63.8 lbs (27 lbs)



Have a safe and healthy November. Reach out to friends and family. Have a great Thanksgiving! See you for the next edition of the newsletter in December!

**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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