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Dear Coalition Members,

Thank you for reading the September 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. As a reminder, the next RCYSUC meeting will be held **September 27th, 2021 @ 3pm** both in person and via Zoom. The next Committee meetings will also follow the same format:

Data & Evaluation - Sept 13th @ 12pm

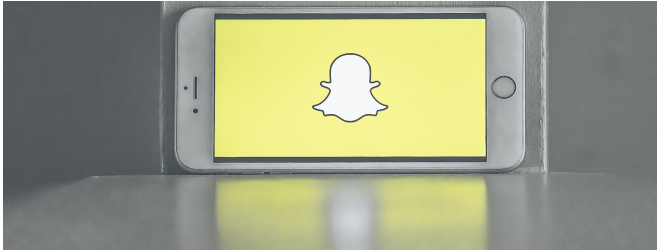
Prescription Drugs - Sept 13th @ 3pm

Alcohol - Sept 15th @ 12pm

Thanks for your dedication + support!



SOCIAL MEDIA AND SUBSTANCE USE



Drug dealers are increasingly using social media to reach young people. While substance use is already unsafe for youth, drugs can sadly be laced with fentanyl. These dealers are typically someone the youth already know. There is a slightly older [article discussing this issue](#), but it is timely since COVID-19 has shifted so many things online. Some schools are shifting back to remote schooling as well. Remember, it is important to talk to kids and create an open culture at home to discuss substance use.

NEWS + RESOURCES

[Connecting The Dots Between Overdose Prevention And Adverse Childhood Experiences](#)

This is a webinar recording from the [National Overdose Prevention Network](#). The focus is on partnerships, prevention, and a better understanding of how childhood trauma is involved in substance use.

[A Comprehensive Strategy To Combat The Opioid Crisis Must Include Expanding Access to Naloxone](#)

Widespread access to naloxone is critical. Check out this opinion piece from Mary Bono, Chairman of [Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America \(CADCA\)](#), and Barrye Price, the president and CEO of CADCA. CADCA is the leading substance use prevention organization. Many of these strategies mentioned are already in place in Richland County!

[Youth E-cigarette Users Over 3x As Likely To Use Cigars/Cigarillos](#)

Youth and young adults who have ever used an e-cigarette are over 3x as likely to begin using cigars or cigarillos compared to someone who has never used e-cigarettes.

UPCOMING TRAININGS AND WEBINARS

Working Recovery: Why Employment Is Pivotal To Sustained Addiction Recovery
September 14th, 2021 from 10:30AM-4:30PM

[Register Now](#)

Social Norms Part 3: Applying The Science Of The Positive In Strategic Communications

September 20th, 2021 from 12-1:30PM

[Register Now](#)

Nicotine, Tobacco and Vaping: An In-Depth Look

September 30th, 2021 from 12:30-2PM

[Register Now](#)

COALITION LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



RCYSUC is in need of passionate leaders for the coalition and the committees. Do you know anyone that could be a champion for the coalition? These positions and responsibilities can be shared with another person (co-leaders) if that would be more feasible. Email gdeol@richlandhealth.org if you want more information for yourself or for someone else.

SEPTEMBER IS RECOVERY MONTH

Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community.

**NATIONAL
RECOVERY
MONTH** 

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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