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Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition

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Dear Coalition Members,

Thank you for reading the April 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 on **April 25th, 2022 @ 3pm**. It will be in person at Richland Public Health, with a Zoom option as well. The next Committee meetings will be:

Data & Evaluation - April 11th @ 12pm

Prescription Drugs - April 11th @ 3pm

Alcohol - April 13th @ 12pm

Thanks for your dedication + support!



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DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION CONTEST BILLBOARDS



790 W 4th St



1106 Park Avenue West

Thank you to everyone who participated in the prevention contest! The submissions from Tanner Winningham, Timo Kenzingtyn Couch, Brooklynn Collins, and Faith Dyer are on billboards in Mansfield.



229 N Trimble Road



302 N Trimble Rd

NEWS + RESOURCES

[Building Prevention Systems Part 1: Who Are The Consumers Of Prevention And Harm Reduction Services?](#)

This short piece from [Applied Prevention Science International \(APSI\)](#) describes what a prevention service delivery system should look like. The current difficulties in prevention include the following: "Consumers" may or may not be seeking prevention services. Prevention professionals providing these services vary in training and may or may not be certified. The services being delivered may not be effective or evidence-based. Click [HERE](#) to read more about this prevention nugget.

[Building Prevention Systems Part 2: Evidence-Based Prevention And Harm Reduction Services](#)

The next prevention nugget from APSI provides examples of evidence-based programs both for parents and schools. In order for communities to be effective with prevention they must use evidence-based strategies, NOT whatever they feel like will work. Click [HERE](#) to see some of the programs and read about well-intentioned efforts that were not effective because they weren't evidence-based.

UPCOMING TRAININGS AND WEBINARS

Delta-8: Emerging Substance Trend

Friday, April 8th, 2022 from 12-1PM

[Register Now](#)

Polysubstance Use: Methamphetamine Amidst The Overdose Crisis

Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 from 2-3PM

[Register Now](#)

Big Ideas In Overdose Prevention: Build Partnerships That Work

Wednesday, April 13th, 2022 from 2-3PM

[Register Now](#)

What Does NOT Work in Prevention

This Is A Recording - Watch Anytime!

[Recording Link](#)

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT - DR. JOSEPH BOCKA



Dr. Joseph Bocka has worked in our community for over 20 years in various capacities. He has helped care for patients in Emergency Departments, at Balgreen Medical Offices, and Five Points Primary Care. He has also worked with the Richland County Jail and Mid Ohio Sports Car Course. Dr. Bocka has been the EMS Medical Director for several Fire Departments. Later in his career, he has become more focused in caring for and trying to prevent

addictions in hospitals, at Catalyst Withdrawal Unit, and at Ontario Schools. He believes that knowledge and understanding bring power and has given lectures in schools, universities, churches, hospitals, and community gatherings. Thank you for all that you Dr. Bocka!

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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