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Hi everyone,

Thank you for reading the August 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 **August 29th, 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 - Aug 15th @ 12:30pm

Prescription Drugs - Aug 15th @ 3pm

Alcohol - Aug 17th @ 12pm

Thanks for your dedication + support!



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OVERDOSE DEATH DISPARITIES ARE ON THE RISE



The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) recently released a [report](#) on the increase in overdose deaths and the disparities associated with it. From 2019-2020, overdose death rates among non-Hispanic Black and American Indian or Alaska Native people increased by 44% and 39% respectively. This data is from 25 states (including Ohio) and Washington, D.C. Counties with higher income inequality had higher death rates among Black individuals. The image above highlights a handful of potential solutions. The report goes into more detail on a few of these. You can access the report [HERE](#).

NEWS + RESOURCES

[World Drug Report 2022](#)

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) World Drug Report reveals a great deal of information regarding the state of drug use around the world. Cocaine production is at an all-time high. Drug seizures are hitting record highs. Cannabis users worldwide surpass opioid, amphetamine, cocaine, and ecstasy users combined. This is especially important as individual states in America (as well as Congress) continue to discuss legalization. [The full report](#) contains a wealth of information and data beyond just drug use. Crime, corruption, trafficking, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are all covered in this extensive report.

[Public Safety And Public Health Partnerships To Address Stimulants](#)

The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) held a 2-day virtual workshop. Summaries and recorded sessions can be viewed [HERE](#).

UPCOMING TRAININGS AND WEBINARS

What Every Parent Needs To Know About Emotional Trauma

Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022 from 1-2:30PM

[Register Now](#)

Cannabis: New Conversations For A Changing Landscape

Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 from 11AM-1PM

[Register Now](#)

From Preparation To Legalization: Creating Cannabis Campaigns In The Midst Of The Youth Mental Health Crisis

Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 from 1-2PM

[Register Now](#)

Girls And Women: Substance Misuse Trends And Prevention Strategies

Tuesday, August 30th, 2022 from 1-2:30PM

[Register Now](#)

PREVENTION SAVES LIVES, TIME, AND MONEY

You've likely heard the saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." It is worth repeating. Analysis of various studies and evidence-based interventions consistently show a positive return on investment, saving taxpayers multiple dollars for each dollar invested into prevention. Dr. Nora Volkow wrote a blog post about this very topic. Read [HERE](#).



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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