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# RCYSUC NEWSLETTER

The logo features a stylized star or burst shape composed of several overlapping, curved, leaf-like segments in shades of orange, yellow, and green. The text "Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition" is centered over this graphic.

## Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition

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Hi everyone,

Thank you for reading the June issue of the Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition (RCYSUC) Prevention Newsletter! In this edition you'll find the latest news, resources, webinars and more. The next RCYSUC meeting will be held on **June 26th, 2023 @ 3pm.**

It will be in person at Richland Public Health, with a Zoom option as well. The next Committee meetings will be:

Data & Evaluation - June 12th @ 12pm

Prescription Drugs - June 12th @ TBD

Alcohol - June 14th @ 12pm

Thanks for your dedication + support!



[drugfreerc.org](http://drugfreerc.org)



[facebook.com/RCYSUC](https://facebook.com/RCYSUC)

## PEDIATRIC EDIBLE MARIJUANA EXPOSURES



A study looked at the National Poison Data System for exposures to edible cannabis products in children under 6 years of age. 7,043 exposures were reported between 2017 and 2021. In 2017 there were 207 cases, and in 2021 there were 3,054 cases, an increase of 1,375%. 97.7% of exposures happened in a residential setting. As legalization continues across the country, this is expected to increase. However, if the community comes together and sees

this as an opportunity for education and prevention, we can slow the potential harm to children. Read more [HERE](#).

## NEWS + RESOURCES

### [More E-cigarettes Are Entering The Market, With Increasingly High Concentrations of Nicotine](#)

There is an increasing amount of unique e-cigarettes are available for sale. These products also contain increasingly higher concentrations of nicotine. These are two trends that have appeared in national e-cigarette sales data. Unique e-cigarette products available for sale jumped from 453 to 2,023 between June 2021 and June 2022. The average nicotine concentration in e-cigarettes has increased from 2.5% to 4.4% between 2017 and 2022. Higher nicotine levels is linked to a lower motivation to quit and can increase symptoms of anxiety. Prices have actually dropped for products with **higher** nicotine levels while prices have increased for products with lower nicotine levels. Who is targeted by this? Youth. Read more [HERE](#).

### [The Smart Talk: Cannabis Prevention & Awareness Curriculum](#)

This is a free 5-lesson theory-based and evidence-informed curriculum created by the Stanford REACH Lab. It includes 5 lessons, each providing activities, online quiz games, and worksheets in addition to presentations, resources, and other materials to address key factors associated with youth cannabis use, including changing adolescents' attitudes towards and misperceptions about cannabis; increasing their refusal skills to pulls of marketing and social media; reducing stress and depression which have been linked to cannabis initiation and use; improving coping skills; and decreasing intentions and actual use of all cannabis products. The curriculum is meant to reach all youth, including those at highest risk of cannabis use. There is a middle school version and a high school version. Learn more [HERE](#).

## UPCOMING TRAININGS AND WEBINARS

### Understanding The Influence Of Perceptions Of Use On Youth Behavior

[View Recording Now](#)

### DFC & CARA Ad Council Webinar: A Briefing on ONDCP's New Media Campaign

Monday, June 5th, 2023 from 2-3PM

[Register Now](#)

### 2023 National Institute on Drug Abuse International Forum

Thursday-Friday, June 8th-9th, 2023 from 8AM-12:45PM and 8:30AM-12:15PM

[Register Now](#)

### Policy And Prevention: Understanding Effective Alcohol Policy Strategies

Thursday, June 15th, 2023 from 11AM-12:30PM

[Register Now](#)

### Innovations To Address The Fentanyl Crisis: Vaccine Development, Drug Testing Strategies And Awareness Campaigns

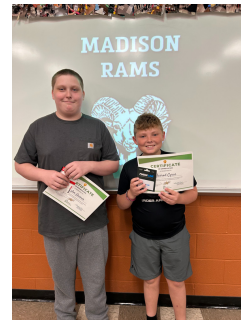
Thursday, June 22nd, 2023 from 3-4:30PM

[Register Now](#)

## 2ND ANNUAL PREVENTION CONTEST



Thanks to all who participated in the drug & alcohol prevention contest this year! View all the submissions at [drugfreerc.org/contest](https://drugfreerc.org/contest).



**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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