

FEBRUARY 2024

RCYSUC NEWSLETTER

The logo features a stylized star or burst shape composed of several overlapping, curved lines 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**

IN THIS ISSUE

**AURELIO DIAZ -
COALITION CO-CHAIR**

NEWS + RESOURCES

**UPCOMING TRAININGS
AND WEBINARS**



drugfreerc.org



facebook.com/RCYSUC

Hi everyone,

Thank you for reading the February issue of the Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition (RCYSUC) Prevention Newsletter! In this issue you'll find the most recent news, helpful resources, webinars and more. Our next Coalition meeting will be **March 25th, 2024 at 3pm**. You can join us in person at Richland Public Health.

Thanks for your dedication and support!

AURELIO DIAZ - COALITION CO-CHAIR



At the last Coalition meeting on February 26th, members voted to fill the vacancy for Coalition Co-Chair. Aurelio Diaz was elected as the next Co-Chair. Aurelio is a City Councilman, representing Ward 5 and is also a Community Organizer for NECIC. He is very passionate about this community and the community is lucky to have him! Thanks for your commitment to the Coalition and thank you for taking on these new responsibilities!

NEWS + RESOURCES

[Buprenorphine Misinformation And Willingness To Treat Patients With Opioid Use Disorder Among Primary Care-Aligned Health Care Professionals](#)

Buprenorphine for opioid use disorder is highly effective, but often underused due to misinformation. This study surveyed 409 health care professionals in Ohio from September-December of 2022. The survey looked at various items of misinformation that the providers believed. The two most common items: Buprenorphine is ineffective at reducing overdose deaths and it simply substitutes one drug for another drug. Unfortunately, endorsing misinformation is not good for patients. It negatively predicted health care provider willingness to work with patients who have opioid use disorder. Strategies that specifically address misinformation about buprenorphine would be effective in treating and saving lives. Learn more [HERE](#).

[Ohio Legislature Overrides Tobacco Bill Veto](#)

On Wednesday, January 24th, the Ohio Senate overturned Governor DeWine's veto of a bill that had banned local governments from prohibiting flavored tobacco sales. 90 days from this date, around April 24th, cities will no longer be able to stop retailers from selling flavored tobacco products. This negatively impacts youth across the state by allowing more products to be on the market. Read more [HERE](#).

UPCOMING TRAININGS AND WEBINARS

What Every Parent Needs To Know About Adolescent Substance Use

Register using the link below to watch the recording

[View Recording](#)

Know Your Child's Neuro: Positive Empowerment For Elementary Parents

Register using the link below to watch the recording

[View Recording](#)

Substance Use And Other Risk Factors For Gun Violence: Prevention And Intervention Strategies

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 from 11AM-12:30PM

[Register Now](#)

ADAPT Workshop: Sharing Substance-Related Information With Youth

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 from 3PM-4:30PM

[Register Now](#)

Dangers Of Vaping: What Parents Need To Know In 2024

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 from 6PM-7PM

[Register Now](#)



The Coalition is looking for additional volunteers! Do you want to be a Chair or Co-chair of a committee? Help with social media? Attend community events? Fundraise? Advocate on behalf of RCYSUC? Or simply learn more? Visit drugfreerc.org/becoming-a-member/

YOU GOT THIS!

RCYSUC Mission: To empower Richland County youth, families, and the community to reduce youth substance use through education, intervention, and participation.

The RCYSUC is brought to you by [Richland Public Health](#) and funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

