

Youth CAN Coalition

*Decreasing youth substance misuse by
increasing positive opportunities for youth*



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WHO ARE WE?

We are a group of people interested in using youth-adult partnerships to create positive opportunities for young people so they use less alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs. We are from Claremont and Newport and come from different backgrounds.



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WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We care about substance misuse prevention and destigmatizing substance use disorder and mental health to promote awareness and acceptance. We hold Community Conversations and share data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. We collaborate with community partners to increase readiness and capacity to advance prevention efforts.



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WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

It is our collective responsibility to address substance misuse in our communities, protect and support young people, and decrease substance related harm within our community.



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HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Join the coalition!
- Attend monthly planning meetings! *virtual*
- Like/Follow us on social media
- Volunteer to lead a positive youth experience
- Sponsor food or marketing for one of our events
- Help create promotional & educational material
- Advocate for community change

SCAN ME



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COMMUNITY STATISTICS (2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey)

Alcohol

- **Not all youth drink alcohol!** In fact, **73%** of students have NOT used alcohol in the past 30 days
- **However, only 27%** of students believe there is great risk of harm if they use alcohol



Marijuana

- **Not all youth use marijuana!** In fact, **74%** of students have not used marijuana in the past 30 days
- **However, only 10%** of students believe there is great risk of harm if they use marijuana



Prescription Drugs

- **10%** of students have ever used a prescription drug without a doctors order
- **58%** of students believe they are at great risk of harm if they use prescription drugs without a doctors order



Tobacco and Vapor Products

- **91%** of students do NOT smoke cigarettes
- **However, 51%** of students have used an electronic vapor product in their lifetime
- **And 37%** of students have used an electronic vapor product in the past 30 days



Suicide and Feeling Sad or Hopeless

- **36%** of students report feeling sad or hopeless in the last 12 months
- **7%** of students attempted suicide in the last 12 months

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