



Our coalition stands up against the negative
and promotes the positive.

Workgroup Reports - November 12, 2025

Youth Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention Workgroup

Window Clings- Looked at businesses/organizations in Cass County to deliver the window clings to. Have a list being finalized for next week. The team discussed the possibility of using a survey along with delivery. Using the “pledge/support” cards from Tobacco Free Indiana, if we can secure more. Discussion points mapped out for all members who would like to help, will be completed for next week. We hope to start delivering by the end of November. November 21st is the Great American Smoke Out.

Red Ribbon Week- Team chose items to purchase for each school and delivered them right before Fall Break. Mural contest in collaboration with Partners for a Drug Free Cass County and the Art Association. Mural design was chosen, winner from Logansport High. Group decided to choose a 2nd and 3rd place to create posters with, from Lewis Cass and Pioneer. Those are being ordered. If anyone wants to contribute to the installation costs get with Nikki. Environmental Scanning- PTECH has made survey/scan creation a “workplace challenge”. They received the information and spoke to Jen Ogle, Nikki, and Kacy. One check in and one presentation will be completed. Their teachers challenged them with an Anti-Vaping Campaign challenge.

DORA discussion- Hearing from other DFC communities that Safety Plans are suggested. This group has been invited to map out what an ideal Safety Plan would look like to us. We are working on that now. Reviewed ordinance and looked over map. Policy Discussions- continuing conversations, as the LCSC are trying to get a new Substance Use policy in the Handbook.

Training and Public Engagement

Trainings & Community Outreach Events:

Reflection on Training/Engagement from Year 4:

IYI Cafe 10/4/23, IYI Cafe 3/14/24, Mental Health Awareness Event in May at Walton Library (collaboration), Not in My Room at the Fair July 2024, QPR presentations 7/31/24, Vive 18 (sponsored by 4C) 8/28/24, MHA training 9/16/24, QPR arranged in 3 of 4 school corporations, number of Red Ribbon events throughout the county, Drop Ins each month (Black Dog, YMCA,

Mary Max, Skating Rink), participating in resource fairs/tabling events, Earth Day w/Parks Department, attending partner's events, Catch My Breath Training of YATW members (by 4C), working with PTECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School), Fair Week in July, Healthy Kids Day in August 2024, Live United Day in Sept. 2024, PTO meetings at Cass, Zero Suicide Taskforce meetings, SOFR meetings, focus groups (for other organizations), Chamber meetings/events,

Sector Spotlights since June (see communications plan).

- August 12th was last Quarterly Meeting- Kim Linkel Consultant for ORN and CADCA.

Free training and support on recruitment for the coalition. Sector Walk.

Look ahead

- Still planning a Cultural Competence Training and a Social Media Training.
- Look at Year 5 Action Plan
- Stand UP Rewards Cards- youth and members?
- Ideas for any additional community trainings are welcome
- Skating is now a monthly FAMILY event
- Please continue to promote events and trainings

Youth Empowerment

Reflection on Youth Empowerment from Year 4: Drop Ins (Skating, Black Dog, Mary Max, YMCA) throughout the year, Vive 18 in Aug. 2024 (4C sponsored), Healthy Kids Day in Aug. 2024 (w/YMCA and partners), Red Ribbon Activities Oct. 2023, Partner events (4H mini day camp, earth day, SCAN family skate, carnival, etc.), Career and College Expo at High School, PTECH Summer 2024 Workplace Challenge, Fair Week in July, QPR for YOUTH and families (MHA & Project HOPE), beginning discussions (w/schools) for BC2M, Youth Support groups started for youth 12-16 (Project HOPE and Bowen), etc.

Drop In INFO:

- YMCA was having Drop In events the 2nd Weds. of the month. Those are done due to their busy season.
- Black Dog Drop In is the 3rd Weds. of the month. Come play board games.
- Skating is the 4th Mon. of the month recently switched to a FAMILY skate. 17 and younger skate and admission FREE. 18 and over admission FREE and skates \$3.
- October we started the 1st Monday of the month at Mary Max gaming.

If you would like to "sponsor" any of these events please get with Nikki.

Ideas were from PTECH during Summer:

- Bowling
- Laser Tag
- Water Fun
- Dodgeball Tourney

We have the slideshows to share, would like to get some of these in motion if we are able to (https://drive.google.com/drivefolders/1Or18y6njg6aHtF9pYhXnhAABO2HoE79B?usp=drive_link)

Anyone who would like to sponsor please reach out to Nikki.

Drop Ins doing well until school started, then attendance dropped off, we are trying to re-promote to get the kids attending again. Lewis Cass had the most kids attending. That group had been discussing Youth Coalition activities, before school started.

Action Plan

- This team met briefly in March when we were preparing Action Plan for Year 5 submissions. Only met a couple of times.
- We will need to meet monthly (briefly) going forward to assure the coalition is completing the Plan. (zoom or in person)
- Need volunteers for this team. Only had a couple back in March.

***Please consider joining an Action Team or Workgroup
in order to assist in between quarterly meetings.***

Sector Spotlights:

June - Business - *Bev Maloy*

July - Civic/Volunteer Organization - *Chuck Newton*

August - Healthcare Professional - *Tom Keller*

September - Law Enforcement - *Sheriff Schroder*

October - Media - *Michelle Dials*

November- Parent - *Kara Yax*

December - Religious/Fraternal Organization - *Veronica Osborn*

January - Schools - *Sherry Harris*

February - State/local/tribal government - *Debbie Grimes*

March - Substance Use Organizations - *Carol Smithley*

April - Youth - *Zakary Malott*

May - Youth Serving Organizations - *Dusten Wilson*