



# SFCCCP Drug Free Communities Coalition



## Overview

<i>Project Name</i>	Drug Free Communities Support Program
<i>Project Manager</i>	Brandon Tucker Tina Miller
<i>Project Dates</i>	Start Date: Oct 1, 2024 End Date: Sep 30, 2025
<i>Background</i>	The Drug-Free Communities Support Program aims to reduce substance use among youth and strengthen community-based prevention efforts. Its goals include empowering local organizations to develop and implement strategies to prevent and reduce youth substance use, while fostering collaboration between community leaders, schools, and law enforcement to create sustainable prevention solutions.
<i>Objectives</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Foster Community Collaboration:</b> Strengthen partnerships among local organizations, schools, law enforcement, parents, and other community stakeholders to address youth substance use collectively.</li><li>● <b>Reduce Substance Use Rates:</b> Implement evidence-based prevention programs and strategies that aim to decrease substance use rates among youth in the community.</li><li>● <b>Empower Youth:</b> Provide youth with the knowledge, skills, and resources to make informed decisions about their health and well-being, promoting healthier lifestyles.</li><li>● <b>Raise Awareness:</b> Educate the community on the risks of substance use and the importance of prevention through outreach campaigns and informational programs.</li><li>● <b>Promote Positive Norms:</b> Encourage the development of social and cultural norms that support healthy behaviors and discourage substance abuse.</li><li>● <b>Increase Community Engagement:</b> Engage the broader community in creating a supportive environment for youth, including enhancing access to resources, mentoring, and safe spaces.</li><li>● <b>Support Policy and Environmental Changes:</b> Advocate for and support changes in local policies, practices, and environments that promote youth health and reduce opportunities for substance abuse.</li></ul>

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### Target Audience

The target audience for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program includes youth (especially those at risk for substance use), parents, school staff, community leaders, law enforcement, and local organizations. The program focuses on engaging these groups to work together in preventing and reducing substance use among young people, while promoting healthier decision-making within the broader community.

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# Community Involvement

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### Coalition Members

- Great Mines Health Center
- Missouri Prevention Resource Centers
- All Five St. Francois County School Districts
- Local Law Enforcement
- Local Government
- Youth
- BJC
- SFC Health Department
- SFC Ambulance District
- Local Employers
- SEMO BH
- CASA of the Parkland
- Shared Blessings
- EMAA
- Headstart

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### Getting Involved

- Please reach out through our website  
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to get involved
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# What We're Working Towards

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*Project Outcomes*

**Reduction in Youth Substance Use:** Decrease in tobacco, alcohol, and drug use rates among middle and high school students in the community.

**Improved Community Collaboration:** Strengthened partnerships between local organizations, schools, law enforcement, and families to create a united front against substance use.

**Increased Awareness and Education:** Enhanced community awareness of the dangers of substance use, with a focus on prevention and healthy decision-making.

**Youth Empowerment:** Youth gain knowledge and skills to make informed, healthy choices regarding substance use.

**Sustainable Prevention Strategies:** Development of long-term prevention programs that continue to impact the community, even after the project concludes.

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