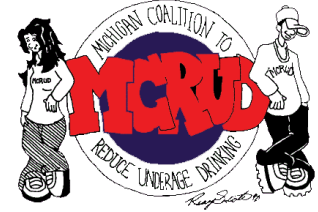


# MCRUD 2026 Photovoice Info Sheet



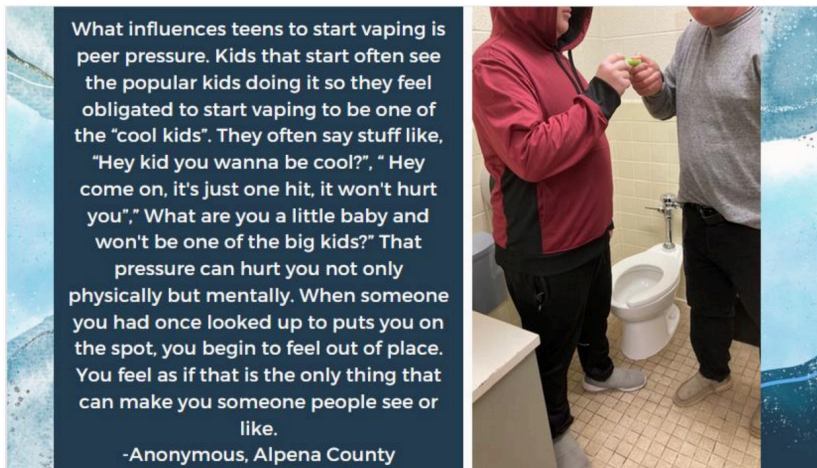
Below are the four forms that your coalition will need.

1. Coalition sign up form. Click [here!](#) **The deadline for sign up is June 12. This form is for coalition coordinators/leaders.**
2. Parental permission form. Click [here!](#) Parents must sign this form for any youth under age 18.
3. Photo submission form. Click [here!](#) Youth will submit this form with their photos to their coalition coordinator/leader.
4. Written photo permission form. [Click Here!](#) This form will only be used if you are taking photos of adults that have given youth permission to take their photo.

**Who?** Youth in grades 6-12.

**What?** Youth from participating coalitions will go out and take photos that answer the framing questions listed below on page 3. Youth will be encouraged to submit one photo per question/prompt, along with a corresponding written paragraph that describes the photo and answers the prompt. Youth can take photos that answer one, two, three, or all four of the framing questions. Written portions should be a short paragraph.

Example of Photovoice (credit [DFNMCA](#))



## Photovoice Examples

### Framing Question:

- **What influences youth to start vaping?**
  - There is no right or wrong answer to a framing question. This project is meant to allow you to voice your unique perspective and thoughts around the issues within your school or community that influence youth to use substances and the positive factors that keep youth substance free.

**When?** The MCRUD Photovoice Project will run over the course of 3 weeks from June 14 - July 6.

**Why?** All youth will be invited to exhibit at the MCRUD Annual Meeting which is taking place on August 21 in the Guidance Center 13111 Allen Rd. Building 2 Southgate, MI 48195.

Attendance at the event is not a requirement for having your photos displayed.

**Note:** Coalitions are responsible for printing and displaying their youth's photos at the MCRUD Annual meeting. All youth that participate are guaranteed to have one photo printed for the in person display at the MCRUD annual meeting on August 21. Due to budget constraints the coalition might not be able to print and display all of a youth's photos at the MCRUD annual meeting. However, MCRUD will display all photos taken on the MCRUD webpage.

If your coalition needs financial assistance, please contact the MCRUD coordinator at [miket@preventionnetwork.org](mailto:miket@preventionnetwork.org) and he will do his best to assist you.

Coalitions are also encouraged to display their youth's work locally and to find other ways to utilize the youth photos.

### **Rules:**

-If you are under age 18, you must complete a parental permission form.

-All images must be original photographs taken by the participant. No use of generative AI for photos or writing. Submissions using photos or text created using AI will not be eligible for exhibition at the MCRUD Annual Meeting. To put it plainly: We want real photos and writing. We want to see your reality! We want to hear your personal story! Your experience is more valuable than anything AI can create.

- Maximum sizes of photos are 16 x 20.

-Photos may not include pictures of people under age 18. Photos may not include people's faces or identifying information unless you have written permission from them to do so. Click here to complete the [written photo permission form](#).

-No images of substances are to be shown (e.g. cigarette, e-cigarette, alcohol, pills, etc.). Exceptions: Pictures of substances may be allowed when showing how the

substances are impacting their community. For example, a picture of cigarette butts all over the local park with a description of how it impacts children playing at the park.

-Participants may not photograph or depict active illegal behaviors (e.g., drug use, sales, trespassing).

-Participants should not put themselves in dangerous or high-risk situations to capture an image.

-Do not take photos inside or of private property unless you have clear permission.

-Written portions must avoid stigmatizing language (e.g., “addict,” “junkie”) and instead use person-first language when possible.

**Sign up now until June 14** - Youth and coalitions sign up to participate. [Coalition Sign-Up Form \(link\)](#)

MCRUD will hold informational drop-in sessions for coalitions and youth to attend. You only need to attend one session. However you are welcome to attend more than one session as well. (Click for Zoom link)

- [Informational Session #1: Wednesday, June 10th 9am-10am EST](#)
- [Informational Session # 2: Thursday, June 11th 3 pm - 4pm EST](#)
- [Informational Session #3: Tuesday, June 15th 12pm-1pm EST](#)

**Submissions Open: June 14 - July 6th**

Students can submit up to four different photo + paragraph pairs; one for each framing question. The deadline for submissions is July 6th.

**The framing questions are:**

1. What influences people your age to start using alcohol?
2. How are people your age getting alcohol?
3. Where do people your age drink alcohol?
4. What influences people your age to stay alcohol free?

**Take photos that answer these questions.** If possible, please forward your photos using the photo submission form as soon as possible. Because MCRUD is largely funded by the State of Michigan, MCRUD will need to get the photos approved by the state. This process typically takes a few weeks, hence the **July 6th** deadline.

[Coalition Sign-Up Form \(link\)](#)