



Prevention Network

Fall 2022 Newsletter

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- Oct. 31, Halloween
- Nov, American Indian Heritage and National Family Caregivers Month
- Nov 1- 2, Dia de los Muertos
- Nov 7, 8am-4:30pm [PAM Hybrid Conference](#)
- Nov 8, Election Day
- Nov 8, 10-11:00am MYCN's First Membership Meeting [Register Here](#)
- Nov 9, 4-5:30pm [Capacity Builders Workshop](#)
- Nov 11 Veterans Day (Prevention Network observes this Holiday)
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving (Prevention Network observes this Holiday and the day following)
- Nov 29, #GivingTuesday
- Dec 8, Prevention Ethics Training (Charlotte, MI) [Register Here](#)
- Dec 23 - Jan 2 Prevention Network's Winter Break

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Letter From the Executive Director

By: Louise Montag

We just closed out another successful fiscal year! This last quarter, we:

- Spent nearly 30 hours providing individual technical assistance
- Applied for a new grant (we will hear back in November) and received a grant to expand our community coalition support (more details to come)
- Led 4 trainings and presented at 2 conferences (totaling 35 continuing education hours)
- Exhibited at 2 conferences
- Held a Board retreat in Lansing, where we created a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Board Committee
- Began analyzing our website and resources to determine goals and updates for next year
- Revised some internal processes to increase our efficiencies
- And so much more

It was an incredibly busy end to an incredibly busy year! I am really proud. And really exhausted. Recently, someone asked me why I continued to push myself so hard. I will tell you why:

1. The staff here at Prevention Network are rockstars. Seriously. This team is always there to support me, each other, and all of you. This is not only evident in our activity outcomes, but in flexing their time to accommodate the Zoom meetings with coalition leaders who can only meet evenings and weekends and in the prevention efforts they lead in their personal lives, outside of work.
2. This work is important! We know how substance misuse impacts individuals, their families and friends, and the community. We also know over [14% of people have a Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\)](#). We all have a story. We also know how increasing protective factors and reducing risk factors reduces SUD rates. This work is hard! But together, we can create healthier communities.
3. I love the work. When someone reaches out to invite me to their coalition meeting or asks to share out a resource that Prevention Network created, it makes my day. I told my parents that I wanted to help people when I grew up. I am not done growing, but I am living out that dream. Collectively, we make a difference. And I couldn't imagine doing anything else.

What is your why? And how can we help you get there?

Prevention Network has some exciting things ahead, which you will find throughout this newsletter. We will also be slowing down in December to allow staff some rest and strategic visioning. In January, we will share our annual report with more updates on this past year, as well as new projects for the coming year.

Together in prevention,
Louise



What's New – Prevention Network Announcements

Prevention Network Website Updates - Coming Soon

Prevention Network is currently undergoing website updates, which will be launched in January. This new website will offer a *no cost* member portal for prevention leaders interested in connecting with others, finding and sharing resources, and so much more! There will be a searchable resource library with thoughtful guides on where to start for those who are new to the field, a contact list of partners across the State, and a chat forum to connect with other professionals.

The current website will still be accessible for those needing resources or information in the meantime.

Annual Report

We just wrapped up fiscal year 2022, which means we are preparing our Annual Report. This report will take the place of the Winter Newsletter and be shared in January. We have accomplished a lot of incredible things this past year, so make sure to check that out!

Podcast

Have you heard the latest Prevention Navigators podcast with Doreen Turk-White. Doreen Turk-White began her career in substance use prevention coalitions before there was CADCA, before there was the SPF. She wrote her Master's thesis on community-based coalitions and has been honing her skills ever since by founding and facilitating coalitions for over 26 years. This is a great resource for those preparing for the IC&RC prevention specialist exam.

[Podcast](#)

Board Retreat

The Board met in Lansing for their annual retreat on September 11th and 12th. In addition to standard business, the Board voted to develop a governance and recruitment committee, a fund development committee, and a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee. There was also a desire to focus this next year on board development, DEI efforts, and advocacy efforts. You can request a copy of the minutes or [view our strategic plan](#) for more information about current Board priorities.

Program Updates

By: Alex Wray

Michigan Higher Education Network (MIHEN)

The MIHEN brings together individuals from Michigan colleges and universities interested in connecting and networking about underage drinking and substance misuse prevention.



How many schools are involved?

There are currently 54 colleges and universities involved in the MIHEN! 23 community colleges and 31 four-year institutions.

That means 72% of institutions of higher education in Michigan are involved in the MIHEN.



What support is available through the MIHEN?

- Weekly emails
- Monthly newsletters
- Funding opportunities
- Technical assistance
- The latest research on evidence-based programs
- And so much more!



Constant continuing education

MIHEN members have access to the latest news and research. We also host professional development opportunities and share related trainings regularly. Our goal is to keep members informed of the latest research, new and emerging trends, and best practices in the field.

Quarterly meetings and annual conference

We offer quarterly meetings and an annual conference that brings together professionals in the field to network and discuss their prevention work



Active participation

Being involved in the MIHEN is completely free, so the only cost to participate is your time.



How can you get involved?

If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the MIHEN, you can contact us via email or phone! You can also visit the website for more information.

Email: alexw@preventionnetwork.org

Phone: (517) 393-6890

<https://www.preventionnetwork.org/mihen>



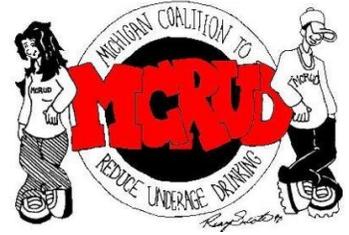
Created by Alex Wray, MIHEN Coordinator. September 2022.



Program Updates

The Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking - MCRUD

By: Mike Tobias



Happy fall all,

I hope you have been able to get outside and enjoy what Michigan has to offer! Fall is a wonderful time to go fishing, visit a cider mill, take in a football game, go for a hike, ride a bike, or go camping. Our options for fun outdoors in Michigan are too many to list!

The election is just around the corner (November 8) so I hope you are doing your research. All of our State Representatives and State Senators are up for election as well as the Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and many other state and local officials. There are a few proposals at the state level and I'm sure many at the local level. Research who is running for office in your local area and give them a call or send them an email. Ask them what they think of the issues that you care about. I've found that candidates running for office in Shiawassee County are usually accessible and make time to talk with their potential constituents.

At our July 26 MCRUD meeting we elected a new MCRUD chair, Lisa Peeples-Hurst. Lisa has been with MCRUD for many years and we are excited to have her as chair. In addition to her role as chair, Lisa participates in most, if not all of our workgroups. Lisa is employed with the Berrien County Health Department and also represents the Voice. Change. Hope. Alliance of Berrien county.

Out-going chair, Barry Schmidt has recently taken on a new position as a regional health coordinator and consequently wasn't able to serve the rest of his term. Barry is really awesome to work with and it was great getting to know him better. He served as chair since February 2020. I'm crossing my fingers that once he gets settled in his new role he will be able to participate in MCRUD again!

One thing that I am excited about is that MCRUD will be engaging in strategic planning on November 17 and December 3. Through this process a road map will be developed that will guide us for the next three years.

If you would like more information about MCRUD and/or are interested in getting involved please contact Mike Tobias (miket@preventionnetwork.org).



Program Updates

Parenting Awareness Michigan - PAM

By: Sara Kirkpatrick



30th Annual Parenting Awareness MICHIGAN

Hybrid Conference

NOVEMBER, 7TH 2022
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
219 S Harrison Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824

Who should attend:

Individuals who work with parents and families, educators, services providers, school personnel, parent networks, coalition members, parent leaders, volunteers and anyone interested in parenting.

General Registration: \$75.00
Late Registration: \$90.00

REGISTER

Registration Instructions: General registration closes on 10/9/2022. In-person registration closes 10/24/2022. Limited In-Person Seats Available.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER PLUS
3 BREAKOUT SESSIONS
12 WORKSHOPS
4.25 CEU'S AVAILABLE
THROUGH
MCBAP, SOCIAL WORK, & CFLE
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
RAFFLE/PRIZES



Keynote Topic: Successism

From school to sports and from the board room to the living room, our culture of achievement is setting us up for failure and yielding more adverse outcomes than we ever dreamed of.

For questions or more information contact Sara Kirkpatrick at sarak@preventionnetwork.org or visit www.preventionnetwork.org/pam



Program Updates

Coalition Support & Community Change - C3

By: Ruth Schwendinger

I remain convinced that the future of Substance Misuse Prevention will be achieved through community-based groups. There is great value in school-based programming, but that has only ever been one part of strategic prevention.

Covid-19 has shown us how thin our support for prevention has become over the past twenty-five years when we come to rely on a handful of agency representatives with extremely limited funding.

Through funding, training, and technical assistance made possible by MDHHS's Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services, Division of Adult Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability, Office of Behavioral Health Recovery and Substance Use the C3 program will continue to develop a statewide infrastructure to support community coalitions across the state.

Stay tuned for future grant opportunities, ongoing training, and updated resources.

We can work together to build a sustainable network of resources and support to strengthen our existing and emerging prevention workforce.

Missed a recent podcast?

 [Listen here](#) 

Upcoming Workshops

Nov 9 -tbd (We will not meet the week of Nov 23)

Dec 14 -tbd (We will not meet the week of Dec 28)

On Demand MPDS Training & Past Capacity Builders Workshops are available on [our YouTube Channel](#)



Program Updates

Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose Related Deaths, Grant Program - PDO By: Ieshia Dawson

We are Officially in year 2 with the PDO grant. Thank you to everyone who has joined our mailing list and those who read our newsletters. Here is an insight into what's next with the PDO program:

- We had a 9th grantee join the PDO grant in October, 2022
- This year, we will have more CME trainings on related topics about opioid use and prevention
- We will give a highlighted shoutout to each grantee on the PDO grant and the work they provide in their community in the upcoming months! Check out the PDO monthly newsletter to find this.

Table listed below is the **SCOPE OF WORK** we are implementing for the PDO Program

10 PROJECT AREAS	
(1) Build capacity...	(6) Educate Opioid Use
(2) Toolkit	(7) Partner MVN program
(3) Referral and Care Management	(8) Naloxone box at community hot spots
(4) Naloxone distribution plan	(9) Use state Naloxone portal to order Naloxone for distribution
(5) Identify and train community -base SUD providers	(10) Prescriber education CME events



In the News:

As part of the [Michigan Opioid Partnership](#) activities, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, in partnership with global public health organization [Vital Strategies](#), announced grants to ten community foundations located throughout Michigan to reduce overdose deaths by expanding harm reduction services.

Grants of \$50,000 each are being awarded to the following community foundations:

- *Battle Creek Community Foundation* – to support the Calhoun Opioid Harm Reduction Project, which will focus on expanded and new services for an opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution program across Calhoun County. Impacting the Opioid Crisis Online Course
- *Community Foundation of Greater Flint* – to support harm reduction outreach and syringe services in Flint and Genesee County, in partnership with Wellness AIDS Services.
- *Canton Community Foundation* – to support Growth Works recovery expansion with local law enforcement and St. Mary Mercy Hospital to connect participants to community-based harm reduction services.

If you are interested in learning more please click the link below to join our PDO mailing list.

[Click Here](#)



Program Updates

Michigan Youth Coalition Network – MYCN

By: Allyson Taylor

Become a MYCN member!

Members meet monthly to network, discuss emerging trends in the SUD field, and provide input on MYCN activities.

If you are interested, please register to attend our first meeting!

November 8, 2022 @ 10:00am-11:00am



[REGISTER NOW >](#)



Youth Advisory Council YAC

MYCN is seeking high school students from across the state who want the opportunity to virtually organize, discuss hopes and concerns, build leadership skills, and engage in research-based service learning.

Please recommend any student you feel would be a good fit. Interested students should register to attend the informational meeting.

November 9, 2022, 3:00pm-4:00pm

[REGISTER NOW >](#)



Please contact Allyson Taylor with questions or concerns



allysont@preventionnetwork.org

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[Click HERE](#)

#GivingTuesday

**Mark your
Calendars!**



**Tuesday,
November 29th,
2022**

This year, we're celebrating Giving Tuesday to raise \$5,000 in 24 hours. Based on feedback from you and other community members, the funds raised on November 29th will go toward developing accessible resources, translating documents into other languages, adding closed captioning to our videos, and other efforts to ensure our work is grounded in equitable and inclusive practice.

What is GivingTuesday?

#GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and their world. GivingTuesday will kick off the generosity season this year by inspiring people to give back on November 29, 2022, and throughout the year.

Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give. GivingTuesday strives to build a world in which the catalytic power of generosity is at the heart of the society we build together, unlocking dignity, opportunity and equity around the globe.

It Takes a Whole Community

Here are a few things we can do today to create healthier communities

- **Mark your calendar** for #GivingTuesday with us
- **Learn more about preventing substance use disorders** by following us on social media or signing up for our newsletters
- **Spread the word.** Encourage your friends and family to join you in creating real impact on November 29th by sharing what our mission means to you and why you support our organization. Make sure to use the use #GivingTuesday and Tag us so we can share!

Meet Our New Intern

By: Isabell Olsson

Hello! My name is Isabell Olsson and I am Prevention Network's newest intern. I have been working with Prevention Network since August and I will continue my internship through May, 2023. I'm excited about my experience here and I feel that Prevention Network has an amazing group of people.

About myself. I am 22 years old and was born and raised in Sweden. I have lived here in Michigan for almost 3 years. One question I get asked a lot is how I ended up in East Lansing. My boyfriend plays hockey and he got a good scholarship at Michigan State University. We both decided to move here together and study. I'm currently studying Human Services at Lansing Community College, I have one semester left. I plan to go into Social Work after my degree. I enjoy my life here, I do miss home sometimes but I see this as my adventure to gain experience and have fun, there are not many people who can or dare to move to 4,300 miles away from home.



There are a lot of differences when it comes to culture. Since I have been around at Prevention Network for almost 3 months I can tell the difference when it comes to the law of alcohol compared to Sweden. The store which sells alcohol is a government-owned company that has a statutory monopoly in Sweden on the retail sale of spirits. In Sweden, you cannot buy alcohol after 7 pm every day and on Sundays, all stores are closed. Here in Michigan, you can buy alcohol from 7 am to 2 am every day. Let's do some math: In the end, the opening hours make a big difference, counting opening hours per week. Sweden: open 63 hours out of 168h. Michigan: 133 hours out of 168, so there are only 35 hours per week you cannot buy alcohol here, but in Sweden, there are 105 hours per week. My city has around 70.000 inhabitants and we have 2 stores that sell alcohol while East Lansing had 49.000 inhabitants and can purchase alcohol in at least 30 stores. It's interesting with the cultural differences.

Thank you.

Contact Isabell at
intern@preventionnetwork.org
to learn more

Learn About Available Grants

Looking for a new grant for your coalition or organization? Below are a few quick tips for getting that next grant!

Even when you don't have specific grants due, you can begin to write (or update) the standard questions most grants ask. This way you are prepared when a quick deadline comes up.

[Here are some common questions](#)

Take a grant writing course or better understand how to write that perfect budget! Setting yourself up for success now will ensure you are awarded future grants.

Make sure to connect with your community foundation and other local partners with similar priorities to yours. Sign up for their mailing list and add application deadlines to your calendar.

Grant Opportunities and Due Diligence:

- [Council of Michigan Foundations](#): Leads, strengthens and supports Michigan's community of philanthropy by emboldening and equipping CMF members in the relentless pursuit of equitable systems and inclusive diversity, fortifying the field through public policy action, fostering the growth of current and future philanthropy leaders and advancing exemplary philanthropic practices and field expertise.
- [Foundation Directory Online](#): Offers a comprehensive database of foundations.
- [Grants.gov](#): Free website for federal agencies to post discretionary funding opportunities and for nonprofits to navigate listings and apply for grants.
- [ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer](#): Free database of IRS 990 and 990-PF tax filing documents for U.S. nonprofits and foundations.
- [Candid](#): Searchable database of nonprofit organizations and IRS 990 forms.
- [IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search](#): For donors and foundations interested in accessing the most up-to-date charitable status of a nonprofit organization, searchable by organization name or Employer Identification Number (EIN).



Updates From Our State and Federal Partners

[White House Proclamation](#) - Youth Substance Use Prevention Month - President Biden's proclamation - Last year, a record 107,000 Americans died of drug overdoses, ripping a hole in families across every community in the Nation. More than a thousand of those who died were teenagers — sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, and friends who still had their whole lives ahead of them. We cannot let that continue. My Administration is drawing on evidence-based strategies to prevent substance use and to intervene early, so we can help keep America's young people healthy and safe. We are supporting programs that teach young people about the risks of drug and alcohol use — including the dangers of illicit fentanyl and counterfeit pills — and about the life-saving power of naloxone.

[New Actions and Funding from the White House.](#) The U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), awarded nearly \$1.5 billion to support states, tribal lands, and territories' efforts to address the opioid crisis and support individuals in recovery.



Policy Updates

Alcohol

Recent Law Changes

- 17-Year-Olds May Sell and Serve Alcoholic Liquor at On-Premises Licensed Locations
- Wholesaler Licensees May Employ 16- and 17-Year-Olds For Certain Tasks
- New On-Premises Public Swimming Pool Permit
- Additional Self-Service Dispensing Machines Now Allowed For On-Premises Licensees

For more information, visit the [MLCC website](#) or search for the status of bills on the [Michigan Government website](#).

Cannabis

For information on all cannabis-related laws in Michigan, visit the [Cannabis Regulatory Agency website](#) or search for the status of bills on the [Michigan Government website](#).

Opioids

The University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center has a legislation tracking tool for opioid-related bills in Michigan that can be [found here](#).

Kratom

January 1, 2023 [Kratom Consumer Protection and Regulatory Act](#)

Michigan is in the process of implementing a Kratom Consumer Protection and Regulatory Act. When passed, this act will require

- age restrictions of 21 and older to purchase or consume
- warning labels
- licensing to distribute, sell, or produce Kratom
- laboratory testing.

New Resources to Share

Kratom

Currently, there is no FDA-approved use for the plant product known as Kratom. The FDA is warning consumers not to use Kratom due to numerous concerns including laboratory analysis results which yield high levels of heavy metals in dietary Kratom products, an ongoing risk of salmonella poisoning, as well as other adverse side effects. [Learn more.](#)



Dangers of Kratom Fact Sheets

1. [Parent and Community Alert](#)
2. [For those in recovery](#)
3. [Healthcare Professionals](#)

Shoutout to the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families, the Wayne State Michigan Poison and Drug Information Center, and MCOSA for these resources!

Cannabis

Marijuana Regulatory Agency 3-year Strategic Plan - see what goals have been met and what is next! [Learn more](#)

Coalition for Cannabis Policy, Education, and Regulation - Addressing Youth Cannabis Use a Policy [Toolkit](#)

[Marijuana Resource Center](#) - Learn about cannabis use disorder, Delta 8 THC, and how to talk to teens about cannabis use.

Workplace

Recovery-Ready Workplace Resource Hub: [Read more](#) about policies and practices that create a non-stigmatizing workplace.

Policy Change Training

Don't understand policy and how it relates to prevention? Want to understand how you can and cannot get involved? The [PTTC has a training and resources](#) to equip prevention professionals in addressing community-level issues around alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

East Lansing Bars, Restaurants and Liquor Stores' Rate of Checking IDs Jumps Up to 100% - Not Serving/Selling Alcohol to Minors

By: Jeannie Vogel

It's a 100% pass rate for all 13 East Lansing area bars, restaurants, and off-premises beverage alcohol retailers who correctly checked patrons' identification to verify their legal age to drink or buy alcohol. This is an improvement over round #2 of inspections done last winter of on-premises licensees (75% correctly checked IDs); and round #1 inspections done last fall of off-premises liquor stores (a 96% pass rate).

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) will continue its' second year of sponsoring this mystery shopper program in East Lansing through grant funding it received recently.*

"Our goal is to make a measurable difference toward preventing the illegal sale and service of alcohol to minors and to curtail underage drinking in East Lansing," said MLCC Chair Pat Gagliardi. "These inspections provide non-punitive 'teachable moments' for licensees to stay on top of making sure that their managers and staff are not selling or serving alcohol to minors, reminding them every day to check IDs every time."

The *Michigan Alcohol Responsibility Program (MI ARP)* is conducted by the Responsible Retailing Forum (RRForum) on behalf of the MLCC. The *MI ARP* complements the MLCC's longstanding and highly successful, *Controlled Buy Operation Program* by preparing licensees to pass compliance checks either by the MLCC or local law enforcement. Since the MLCC Enforcement Division's primary goal is compliance with the Liquor Control Code and Administrative Rules, this additional measure and program goal is intended to reduce the incidence of selling or to serving minors thereby raising the compliance rate in Michigan overall...

The mission of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) is to make alcoholic beverages available for consumption while protecting the consumer and the general public through regulation of those involved in the sale and distribution of these alcohol beverage products.

[Read entire article here](#)

Michigan teen safe driving program empowers students to share life-saving traffic safety messages with peers and community members

By: Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning

Applications being accepted for teen-led traffic safety awareness campaign

Students at every Michigan high school have a chance to make a difference in their communities and help their fellow teens become better drivers by participating in this year's Strive for a Safer Drive (S4SD) program. Entering its 12th year, S4SD is a joint effort between the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) and Ford Motor Company Fund, the philanthropic arm of Ford. The goal of the initiative is to reduce the leading cause of death for teens: traffic crashes.

In 2021, teens and young adults age 15 to 20 accounted for 9.1 percent (103) of all traffic fatalities in Michigan, with 63.1 percent (65) of those deaths being the driver. That is an increase over 2020 when that same age group accounted for 7.3 percent (79) of all traffic fatalities, with 51.9 percent (41) of those deaths being the driver.

Risky and dangerous behavior, such as speeding or distracted driving, and inexperience are the primary factors contributing to teen driver fatalities.

S4SD encourages teens to talk to other teens and community members about making safe driving choices. Schools will develop and implement a student-led, peer-to-peer traffic safety awareness campaign. Topics may include speeding, seat belts, pedestrian, bicyclist and passenger safety as well as impaired, distracted, night-time and winter driving.

Participating schools will each receive \$1,000 to conduct their campaign. Once the projects are completed, student teams at each school will submit a video or PowerPoint outlining their campaign. Schools with the top-five winning campaigns will receive cash prizes ranging from \$500 to \$1,500.

As part of Ford Fund's commitment to the campaign, all participating schools will have the opportunity to send students to a free Ford Driving Skills for Life hands-on driving clinic next spring. Professional driving instructors from across the country will teach teens key skills such as hazard recognition, speed and space management, and vehicle handling with hands-on instruction. A station highlighting the dangers of distracted and impaired driving also will be taught.

Since the 2011 creation of S4SD, 178 different Michigan high schools have participated in the program.

The OHSP has partnered with the Transportation Improvement Association to coordinate activities of the S4SD program. For more information about S4SD, please visit Michigan.gov/S4SD or contact strive4asaferdrive@gmail.com.

About Student Leadership Services

By: Dawn Flood, Student Leadership Services (SLS)



Student Leadership Services (SLS) is a Michigan-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to ensuring our youth remain safe, physically, and mentally healthy, and alcohol and drug free.

SLS accomplishes this through innovative and evidence-based prevention programs within student-led, adult-supported school and community-based chapters. SLS is lead by Dawn Flood, LMSW, CPC. After 18 years with SLS serving as Prevention Specialist and Program Director, Dawn accepted the Executive Director position in 2022. Along side her is Pam Voss-Page, who has held various roles in the organization serving as Executive Director from 1994-2022 and currently serves as the Research Director.

Our approach is to ensure we keep students connected, engaged, and safe, by focusing on three key strategies:

1. **Listen to students.** Youth voice matters. Students want to make their schools and communities better. They want to help their friends stay safe and they undoubtedly know what the most pressing problems are. We ask, then listen.
2. **Engage students.** SLS students are not helpers in adult-created projects. They decide what is meaningful to them and create their own projects, seeking adult guidance and expertise as needed.
3. **Coach students in leadership skills and then let them lead.** Youth have the desire, the capacity, and the passion, but they do not yet have all the knowledge and skills.

[Read entire article here](#)

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[SUBMIT](#) an article for the next newsletter

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