



## **Michigan Youth Coalition Network Monthly Newsletter**

### **A Note from the Coordinator..**

Happy December!

There is a lot of information in this month's newsletter and a lot of exciting opportunities! We here at Prevention Network are always looking for more items to share out on our website and our newsletters (events, trainings, resources), if your coalition has anything to share please send it my way!

Have safe and warm holidays!

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Prevention Network

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### **December News....**



1. **Learn How to Support Others Through the Holidays With SAMHSA Toolkits** The holiday season can be filled with joy and celebrations. This time of year can also trigger difficult emotions, thoughts, or behaviors—which can affect your mental health and use of substances (including alcohol). Let your friends, family, and communities know that confidential support is available 24/7 for both mental health and substance use. Find informational toolkits here: <https://www.samhsa.gov/about/digital-toolkits/support-during-holidays>
2. **Session 2 and 3 of the Youth Lead We Listen** webinar series was recorded and is available to watch [Here](#).
3. **The Youth Coalition Toolkit is now available on Prevention Network’s website** . This guide aims to inform about starting and sustaining youth coalitions. To access the toolkit as well as many other amazing resources and our interactive coalition map you need to become a member. Membership is FREE, to become a member follow the directions at this link: <https://www.preventionnetwork.org/join-our-network/>
4. **Registration is open for CADCA National Forum and SAMHSA’s Prevention Day**- this is a great opportunity for youth to learn more about prevention and network with other like-minded youth from across the country. For more information [Click Here](#)
5. **The Pouch Problem: Protecting Kids from a New Nicotine Trend**- an eye-opening conversation about how nicotine pouches—small, discreet, and dangerously addictive—are taking over the market and reshaping the landscape of youth nicotine use. Promoted as “tobacco-free” and “clean,” these products are anything but harmless. They’re being marketed with bright packaging, sweet flavors, and influencer campaigns that mimic e-cigarette marketing playbooks—putting another generation at risk. [Click Here to Watch the Recording](#)
6. **2026 PFS Subawards**-As part of the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for

Success grant / Michigan Partnership to Advance Coalitions project (PFS/MI-PAC), Prevention Network (PN) via its Coalition Training and Technical Assistance Program is offering \$3,000 sub-awards to six coalitions to increase capacity for communities with high substance use risk to identify and address tobacco, e-cigarettes, and cannabis issues. Application information will be sent at the end of December.

Question and Answer Sessions (Q & A) will be hosted virtually on **January 15, 2026, 11 AM - 12 PM EST** and **January 22, 2026, 4 PM - 5 PM EST**. If you are unable to attend, please email Program Coordinator, Lauren Gonzales, [laureng@preventionnetwork.org](mailto:laureng@preventionnetwork.org) with your questions.

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## Upcoming Events, Trainings, and More!

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### **Check out these upcoming Great Lakes PTTC Webinars!**

#### **Leveraging AI Chatbots For Substance Misuse Data Analysis and Reporting**

December 16, 2025  
10:00 AM- 11:30 AM

#### **"Coffee Break" Networking for Substance Misuse Prevention Professionals**

December 17, 2025  
10:00 AM- 10:30 AM

#### **Bridging the Generational Divide: Leveraging Workplace Differences for Prevention Success**

December 18, 2025  
9:30 AM- 11:30 AM

#### **Virtual SAPST: SPF Application for Prevention Success Training**

January 5-15, 2026  
9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

**Other Upcoming Events and Trainings:**

**Marijuana Production and Processing Operations - Environmental Regulations and Concerns Webinar**

December 17, 2025

10:00 AM- 11:00 AM

[Register Here >](#)

**Virtual Intro to Prevention Ethics Training**

January 16, 2026

8:45 AM- 4:15 PM

\$115 (Includes Training, Participant Materials, and Lunch)

[Register Here >](#)



MYCN meetings are every third Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m.-12:00 pm!

Join Zoom Meeting link:

[MYCN Monthly Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 546 078 9269

Passcode: 253461

**WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!**

Please tell us what you want to see discussed in our monthly MYCN meetings!

***Click here to submit your ideas!***

**Questions, Comments, Concerns?**

Please feel free to reach out to me at [laureng@preventionnetwork.org](mailto:laureng@preventionnetwork.org)

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