



Michigan Youth Coalition Network Monthly Newsletter

October is National Substance Misuse Prevention Month!

Substance misuse prevention is an important time to discuss the important roles of substance misuse prevention in both individual and community health aspects. Studies show that the earlier an individual starts using substances the more likely they are to become addicted. Every year that substance misuse is delayed during the period of adolescent brain development, the risk of substance misuse and addiction decrease. Use this month as a time to spread awareness, share evidence-based practices, and continue putting in the work for substance misuse prevention among youths. THANK YOU for all that you do!

- For National Substance Misuse Prevention Month information [Click here](#)

The Youth Advisory Coalition Applications are open!





ALL ABOUT THE YAC

The "YAC" or Youth Advisory Council is a state-wide youth council consisting of 10th-12th graders who are interested in substance misuse prevention or coalition work. The YAC is an opportunity for youth to discuss hopes and concerns, build leadership skills, and organize a leadership opportunity.

Our 2023-2024 Youth Advisory Council had the opportunity to help lead our Annual Youth Coalition Development Leadership Retreat, attend the CADCA National Leadership Forum, complete a photovoice project in their community, and are continuing to complete other projects! To keep up to date you can follow the MYCN YAC on Instagram @mycnyouthadvisorycouncil

Participation and guidelines:

Who's Eligible:

- Students 7th-12th Grade who are interested in substance misuse prevention and coalition work.
- **NOW ACCEPTING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Benefits:

- Gain experience facilitating events and leadership opportunities.
- Participate in Leadership Development.
- Discuss youth-related substance use issues.
- Gain resources and knowledge to bring to local coalitions.
- Network with other Youth Coalition Members across the State.
- Gain Professional References and Recommendations.

Commitment:

- Application Acceptance - May 20th, 2025
- One Welcome YAC Youth Leadership Training
- 10 Virtual Monthly Meet-Up's
- Help to facilitate one In-Person Youth Retreat
- Organize and complete a Project with Youth Advisory Council members

**YAC Photovoice
Example**

**YAC Permission
Slip**

**YAC
Flyer**

YAC Guidelines

YAC Application



Upcoming Events, Trainings, and More!

Check out these upcoming PTTC Webinars!

Unlock the Power of Protective Factors with the Social Development Strategy - October 23, 10-11:30 am

**Click here to
register**

**Come to Our
October
MYCN Meeting**

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://preventionnetwork-org.zoom.us/j/laureng101105?pwd=g9ljhGaK65B8HGidhxqCZ5DADjMdCx.1>

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!](#)

Share what you're doing so we
can highlight you!

**Highlight your Coalition
Form!**

Does your youth have a cool project
they're working on? A resource you
created? A training you attended?
Share it with us so we can highlight
you in our monthly newsletter!

Questions, Comments, Concerns?

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