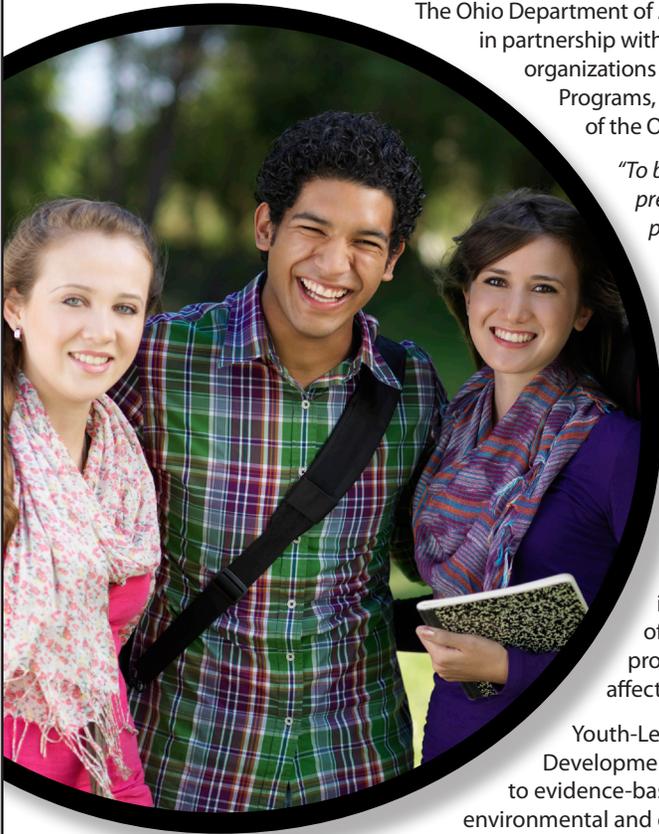


Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network

About us



The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Division of Prevention Services, in partnership with the Drug-Free Action Alliance, and the three largest youth-serving organizations in the state: Ohio Teen Institute, Youth to Youth International and PRIDE Youth Programs, has launched the Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network (OYLPN). The purpose of the Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network is:

"To build upon and expand the partnerships between youth-led substance abuse prevention programs to develop and strengthen youth-led substance abuse prevention efforts at both the state and local level."

The Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network (OYLPN) consists of youth-led substance abuse prevention providers and youth throughout the state who are committed to the cornerstones of youth-led prevention, peer prevention, positive youth development and community service. The OYLPN fosters partnerships and collaborations among these youth-led prevention programs throughout Ohio. The OYLPN consists of an Adult Advisory Council and a Youth Council, which is the driving force behind the prevention initiatives and efforts set by the network to enhance youth-led prevention in Ohio.

Youth-led represents a sound prevention investment through meaningful youth involvement in community prevention efforts. Youth-Led Prevention is a planned sequence of activities that, through the practice and application of evidence-based prevention principles, policies, practices, strategies and programs, is intended to inform, educate, develop skills, alter risk behaviors, affect environmental factors and/or provide referrals to other services.

Youth-Led Prevention is based on the prevention theories of Resiliency, Developmental Assets and Risk and Protective Factors. These theories, in addition to evidence-based prevention strategies including education, alternative activities, environmental and community-based process, provide a strong foundation toward supporting the above-mentioned cornerstones.

Ohio has a proud history as the birthplace of two of the country's longest-standing and most-widespread youth-led prevention program: Teen Institute and Youth to Youth. In addition, Ohio has hosted many PRIDE World Drug Prevention Conferences and has many PRIDE Teams throughout the state. The OYLPN now adds the newest chapter in the story of Ohio's commitment to youth-led prevention.

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