



Who We Are
Wards 7&8 DC Prevention Center engages in community level education, awareness, and training to reduce substance use/misuse and prevent fatalities.

What We Do
We focus on three core functions: Community Education, Community Leadership and Community Change through workshops, trainings and educational resources for youth, parents and community stakeholders.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

NEW SURVEY SHOWS MOST YOUTH AVOID SUBSTANCE USE, BUT VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES REMAIN AT RISK



A new survey from the Youth Risk Behavioral Survey has shown that most American youth are not using or misusing substance. The 2021 survey found that 96% of young people do not smoke cigarettes, 89% do not use vape products, 84% do not use alcohol, and 79% do not use marijuana.

However, the survey also highlights the risk faced by children and youth living in vulnerable communities and fragile families, where substance use is more prevalent. The report indicates that such communities, like those in Wards 7 and 8, are at higher risk due to social inequalities and adverse childhood experiences.

To combat this, the report suggests promoting protective factors such as active parent engagement, connectedness to school, community and peers, and access to after-school activities. Policies within schools and communities that reduce the availability and accessibility of substances are also recommended.

Factors that can increase the risk of youth substance use include lack of parent-child engagement, exposure to substances and adverse experiences in the home, and relationships in schools and neighborhoods that promote substance use. To address these risks, the report suggests identifying risk factors and promoting mental health, investing in training for parents, and providing evidence-based school strategies, including increasing school connectedness, and enhancing health education.

The report concludes that while most young people are avoiding substance use, vulnerable communities remain at risk. Education, support, and targeted interventions can help to reduce these risks and promote a healthier future for all youth.

YOUTH MATTER



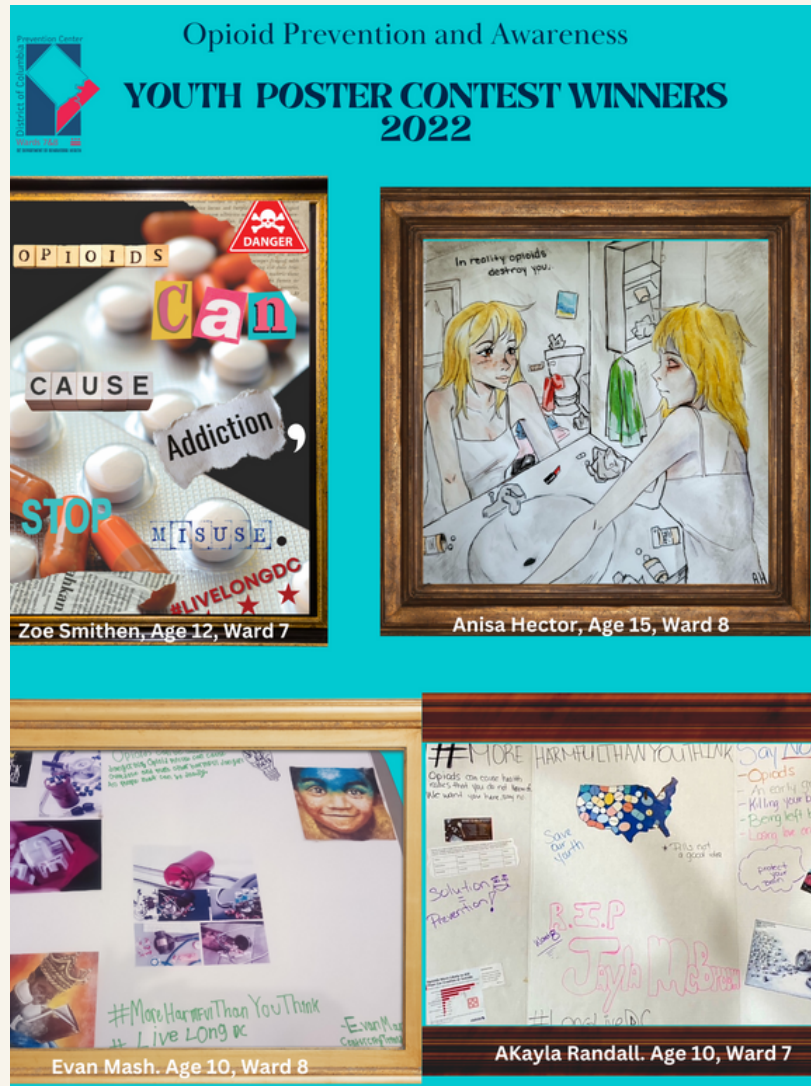
Our work is gaining traction yet there is much more we can do to ensure our youth have a voice in issues impacting their lives.

In 2022, we connected with over 500 youth through our direct activities and collaborating with our partners in communities from Far Northeast like Kenilworth and Deanwood, to Far Southeast in Washington Highlands and Congress Park and surrounding neighborhoods in between.



KENILWORTH - KPRM SUMMER CAMP

KPRM summer camp program provided youth with opportunity to engage in education and recreational activities including substance use prevention. Youth enjoyed end of summer event with a trip to King's Dominion.



Our annual Youth Opioid Prevention and Awareness Poster Contest received over 10 submissions. We are thankful for the financial support provided by Amerigroup. Each winner received \$100.

Poster contest runs from June to August. Winners are announced at International Opioid Awareness Day. Winning submissions are shared on our social media handle





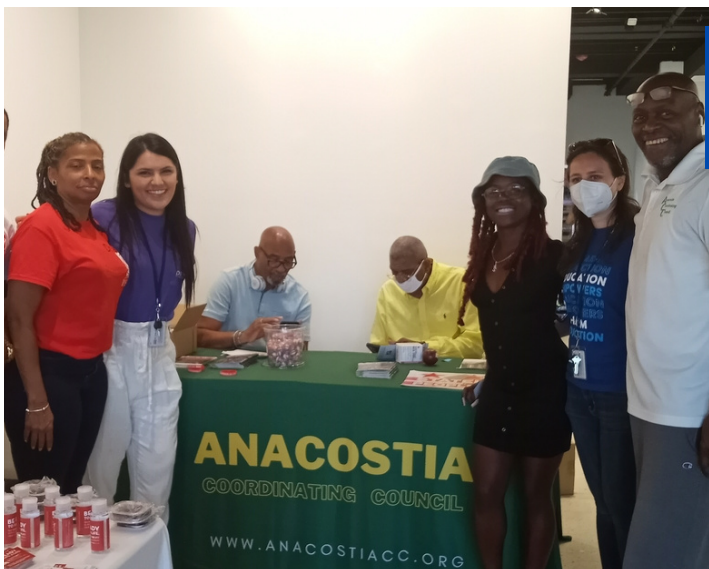
INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY IN WARD 7 HELD AUGUST 31

International Overdose Awareness Day is the world's largest annual campaign to end drug overdoses. It also a time remember those who have died and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind. Most importantly it is end the stigma for this dealing with substance use disorders.

In 2022, events were held throughout the city. We were glad to receive support from our funder DBH and sponsor Amerigroup to bring community and partners together to share stories, receive and connect to resources and highlight community-based efforts to combat the crisis as well as end stigma associated with substance misuse. Thanks to Marshall Heights Community Development facilitating the Ward 7 event.

GARFIELD HILLS >

Garfield Hills Apartment Complex in Ward 8 held several activities throughout last year. We were pleased to support their annual community day event with over 200 residents participating in activities.



INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY IN ANACOSTIA

The Anacostia Coordination Council along with Don't Mute DC hosted IOAD at the Secret Garden. The event was live streamed with approximately 3,000 views. Residents shared stories of loved ones lost to opioid overdoses. You can view this event on DC Prevention Center YouTube site: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4BrkpFE0w4&t=1186s>



YPLC - NARCAN TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION

Our Youth Prevention Leadership Corp actively participates in training and community engagement to bring awareness and prevention of opioid and substance misuse to youth. YPLC practiced using Narcan to demonstrate how to identify an opioid overdose and step needed to revive a person or peer using Narcan.

#Moreharmfulthanyouthink

#Itonlytakesonetime

FFOIP - FIRESIDE CHAT >

Community Partners like FFOIP hosted Fireside Chats, community conversations and other activities and events to understand residents knowledge of opioids misuse, provide information, and Narcan demonstration and distribution.



UDC-WDLL NARCAN TRAINING

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