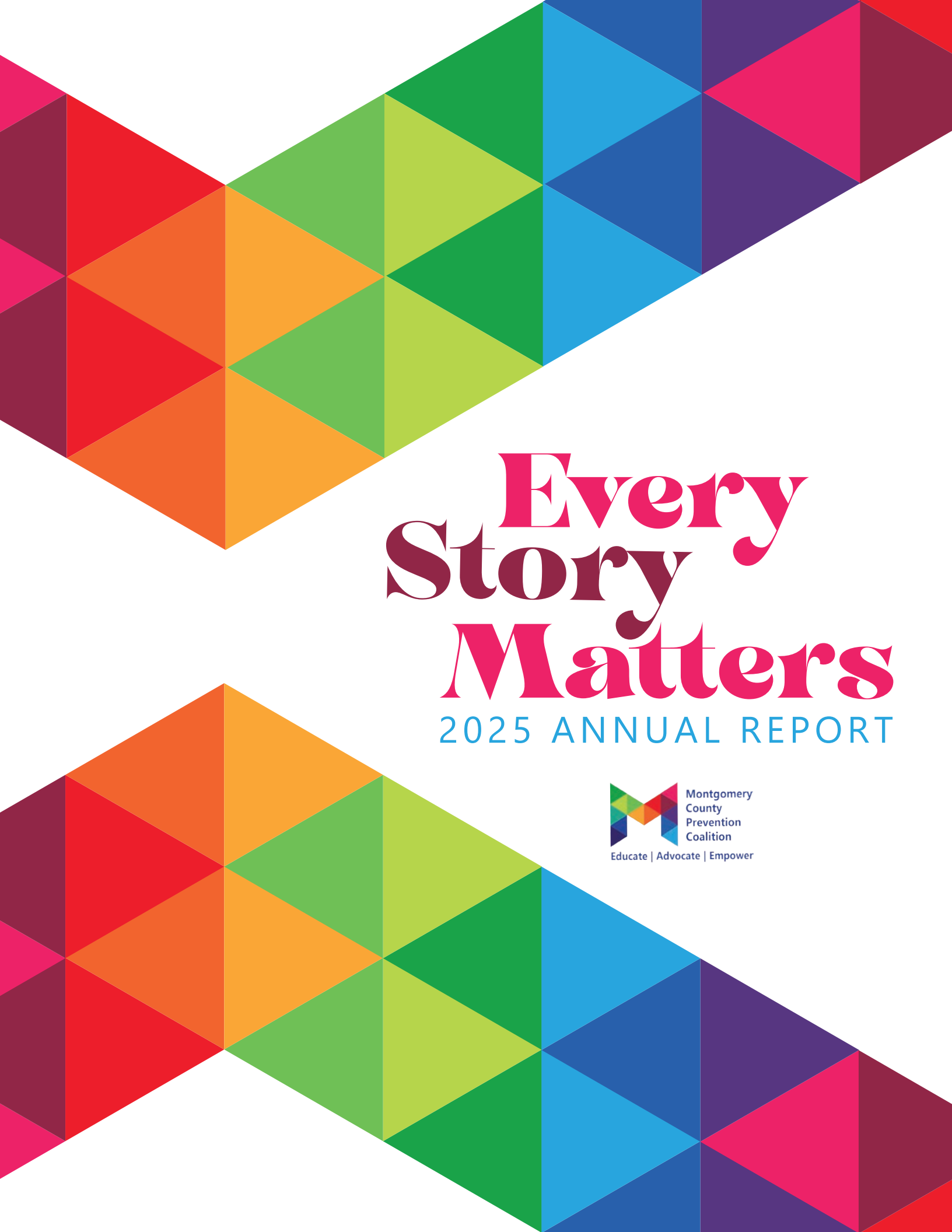




Every Story Matters

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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Section 1

Thank You

FROM OUR

Coalition Manager

2025 was a year of big change for the coalition.

In April, I had the honor of stepping into the role of Coalition Manager, and from day one, I was met with the type of support and depth our coalition is known for. Together we worked to honor and build upon the incredible legacy of MCPC and celebrate our leadership who passed the torch to new voices and leadership in our Executive and Advisory Committees. We stepped into the year with questions — and even some uncertainty about what the future of the coalition would look like; and at the end of all the changing tides, our coalition was still the same MCPC we know and love.

Our members tackled the last of our goals on the 2023-2025 Strategic Action Plan to create big community change. We began our partnership with the **Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation** for a workgroup focused on understanding what suicide and suicide prevention look like across the state. We held the official launch of our **Local Outreach to Suicide Loss Survivors (L.O.S.S.) Team**, providing active and delayed responses, while our Suicide Loss Support Groups held space for survivors across and outside of Montgomery County. **The Opioid Prevention Committee** joined DEA Take Back and National Naloxone Awareness Day in efforts to reduce opioid misuse and prevent overdoses. **The Power-Based Violence Committee** held Community Conversations and education about abuse prevention for all ages. All of this is to say that the list of accomplishments and the community members impacted goes beyond what words can hold.

What stands out to me most, though, is not the meetings or the action items we crossed off our to-do list but rather **the community of the coalition**. Across events and activities, our members held space for the stories and experiences of the community and each other — creating meaningful moments of connection. It's in the story of the person thanking us for handing them the problem gambling resources they have been needing. It's the mother at an overdose awareness event telling us the impact opioids have had on her family. It's the lives changed from volunteers with open hearts listening to their story of grief and suicide loss. Most importantly, it is the way our members show up every day and change lives.

We have a new road ahead of us in 2026 with fresh plans, new dreams, and the same passion, brilliance, and heart that has always made the Montgomery County Prevention Coalition one of the best in the state. To all the members of MCPC, **YOU are the reason the coalition shines in the community**. There has been no better joy than seeing the achievements, growth, and heart of all of our members over this past year. Here is to another year and new opportunities to come.

Sincerely,



Megs Francis

They/Them

Coalition Manager



Section 2

Coalition Overview

Our Mission

The mission of the coalition is to mobilize Montgomery County to prevent youth substance use and promote positive mental health through the implementation of evidence-based prevention strategies and community collaboration.

Our Vision

The vision of the coalition is a community where every individual lives a substance-free life with optimal mental health.

Executive Board



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Assistant Manager



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Training Specialist

Montgomery County Prevention Coalition Personal Agreement

As a member of the Montgomery County Prevention Coalition (MCPC), I understand the need for respectful collaboration between all members. **As a growing, diverse community coalition, I understand and value our differences.** This valuing of diversity can only take place when we have a safe space where everyone is welcome to have brave conversations.

I know that everyone is here because they want to advance the mission of the MCPC to prevent substance use and promote mental wellness. We are all part of the MCPC and represent the communities that we live in and serve.

I understand that we are all human and have diverse skills and knowledge in building inclusive communities. **Everyone's unique experiences and backgrounds make us better as a coalition.**

Growth from within can be difficult. With the support of other coalition members, I am able to examine my personal biases, understand the perspectives of others and broaden my understanding of people who are different from me.

I take responsibility for:

- Entering discussions and meetings from a place of curiosity
- Assuming good intentions
- "Calling in" other members of the Coalition and offering feedback without shaming or judgment
- Asking clarifying questions before reacting
- Recognizing and struggling with my own sensitivities
- Respectfully communicating concerns
- Respecting the confidentiality of all personal information shared by coalition members

We are better and stronger when we work together.

Created by the Nurturing Community Cultivating Justice in partnership with the MCPC



Section 3

Together FOR One Goal

Coalition Goal

Our goal is to reduce substance misuse and promote mental wellness for all individuals in Montgomery County, and to do this, we use local survey data to better understand the needs and unique factors facing our community and the individuals we support.

Substance Use Data

3% of Montgomery County
7th-12th graders reported
smoking a cigarette
in the past 30 days

Panorama, 2024

6% of Montgomery County
7th-12th graders reported
smoking an electronic vapor
product in the past 30 days

Panorama, 2024

6% of Montgomery County
7th-12th graders reported
misusing a prescription
drug in the past 30 days

Panorama, 2024

6% of Montgomery County
7th-12th graders reported
alcohol use in the past
30 days

Panorama, 2024

9% of Montgomery County
7th-12th graders reported
marijuana use in the
past 30 days

Panorama, 2024

177 individuals died of an
overdose in Montgomery
County in 2024

Public Health Dayton and
Montgomery County, 2024

Mental Wellness Data

93

individuals died by suicide in Montgomery County in 2024.

16%

of those individuals were under 25.

Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County, 2024

10%

of Montgomery County
7th-12th graders reported
being a victim of
physical abuse

Public Health Dayton and
Montgomery County, 2024

11%

of Montgomery County
7th-12th graders have
witnessed Domestic
Violence in their household

Public Health Dayton and
Montgomery County, 2024

68%

of Montgomery County
7th-12th graders have
experienced at least one
type of Adverse Childhood
Experience (ACE)

Public Health Dayton and
Montgomery County, 2024

20%

of Montgomery County
adults are at risk for or
experiencing a
gambling problem

Public Health Dayton and
Montgomery County, 2024



Section 4

BY THE Numbers

2,527

SERVICE
HOURS



244

COALITION
MEMBERS



167

INVOLVED IN
COMMITTEES



75

ZOOM
MEETINGS



67

ORGANIZATIONS
REPRESENTED



20

MEDIA
FEATURES



43

PREVENTION
STRATEGIES
IMPLEMENTED



COMING UP

- Yoga & Pilates
- Swimming
- Water Aerobics
- Open Swim
- Cyber Bikes
- Cyber Bikes
- Cyber Bikes

NOW HIRING!

the 

**LIFEGUARDS • CAMP COUNSELORS
CHILD CARE TEACHERS • AND MORE!**



The YMCA is a charitable, nonprofit organization that improves the lives of young people. Come join our team and make a difference! YMCA employment benefits include:

- FREE YMCA Membership
- Career Growth
- Flexible Hours
- Discounts on Programs

**JOIN THE FUN!
APPLY TODAY!**



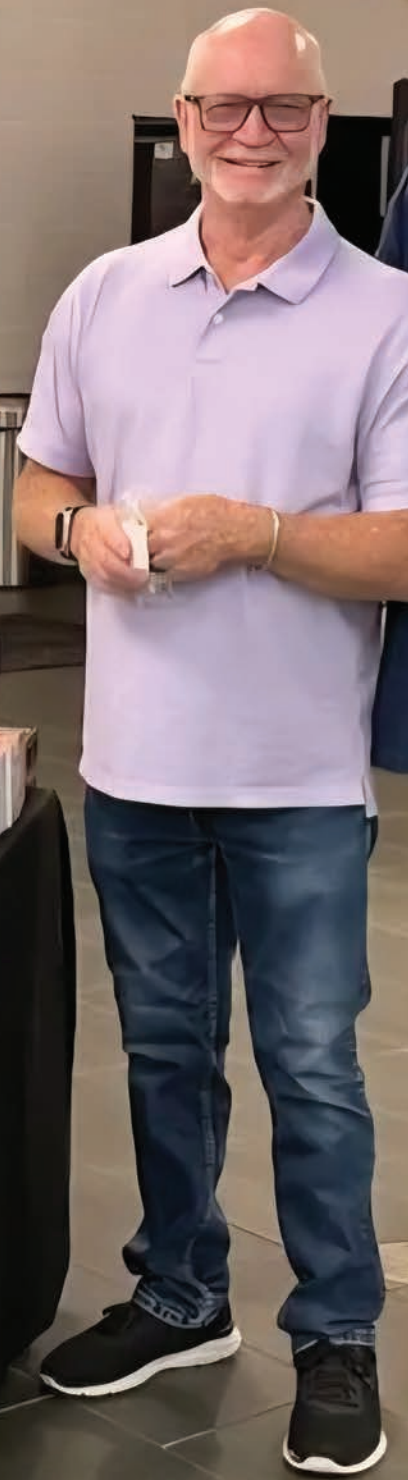
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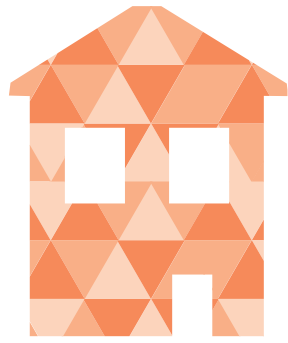
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Impact — ON OUR — Community

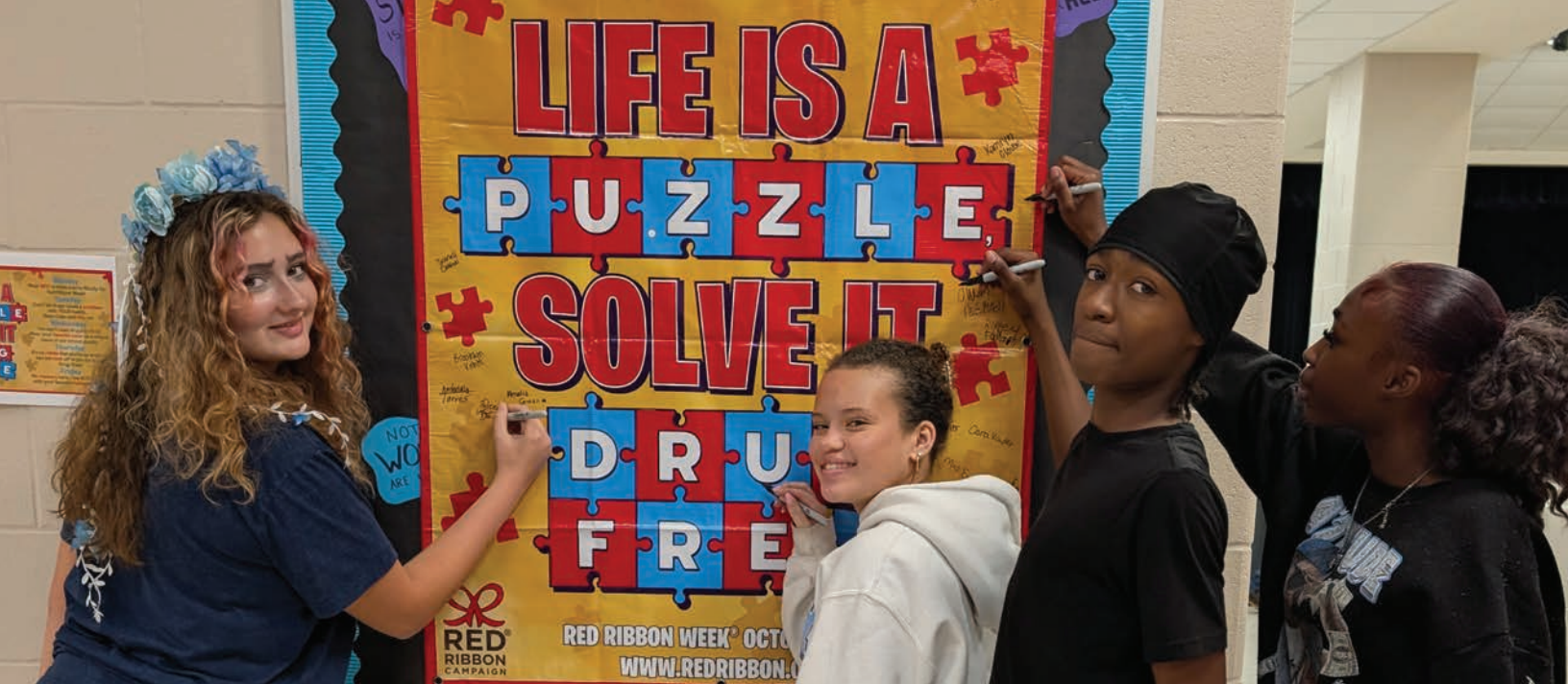
The Montgomery County Prevention Coalition has been honored to partner with local schools to create peer-led youth prevention. Through the coalition's Youth Leadership in Prevention (YLP) program schools and students have been empowered to create peer-to-peer supports, prevention messaging, and programming that decreases drug and alcohol use while promoting mental wellness. **In 2025 alone there were 317 peer leaders in prevention who impacted 7,800 peers.** These leaders created change in their school through activities such as providing mentorship to elementary schools in their school district, hosting a "Dodge the Stigma" dodge ball tournament, promoting Red Ribbon Week — a National Drug Prevention Program, creating substance free messaging that is displayed throughout their schools. The impact of the YLP program, however, goes beyond just these activities.

Youth Reached

Time and time again, what we have heard from our school partners is the visible impact they see in their students' lives. One such school highlighted the changes they have seen with a peer leader with lived experience who has stepped up to help others to have access to the same support they needed. In other schools, the peer leaders have been able to talk to students and friends

who have expressed struggling with anxiety, depression, self-harm, thoughts of suicide, and substance use such as vaping. By being a trusted peer, the YLP leaders have been able to connect students to support services — whether that is a teacher, SEL counselors, parents, a national support line (e.g., 988), or other support.





YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN PREVENTION

- **317** student leaders implemented peer-led prevention strategies across 12 schools
- **7,800** student peers positively impacted by their YLP leaders
- **89%** of participating students said they wanted to do more in the program to have an even greater impact

SELF-CARE PROMOTION COMMITTEE

- Zen Den project remodeled three teacher lounges at Fairview Elementary and supported student and teacher regulation at both Westwood and Fairview Elementary
- Stay Grounded Bookmark project reached **1,362** youth and expanded to neighborhood associations including Walnut Hills and Old North Dayton
- Trusted Adult project recognized **153** adults from 12 schools through handwritten notes; top 5 received self-care baskets
- Trained **330** youth and adults in the Social Resilience Model
- Created Teacher Appreciation baskets for **5** Dayton-area schools during National Teacher Appreciation Week

OPIOID PREVENTION COMMITTEE

- Created a Red Ribbon Week toolkit distributed to **14** local middle and high schools, recognized with a proclamation from the Montgomery County Commissioners
- Provided Generation Rx training in 8 schools, reaching **1,260** students
- **14** mindful wellness classes taught at 4 locations, reaching **70** adults and **6** youth

POWER-BASED VIOLENCE COMMITTEE

- Organized training for teachers and schools to implement Erin's Law, reaching 30 staff across 8 school districts with an estimated reach of **20,000** youth trained on child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention
- Facilitated connections between local organizations to assist **10** schools in meeting the Erin's Law state requirement

Conversations Started

In June, the Cannabis and Alcohol Committee hosted its first-ever “Mocktail and Mindful Drinking” event in partnership with Lily’s, a restaurant in Dayton’s historic Oregon District. More than 200 community members attended and received education and resources on mindful drinking, healthy habits, and substance use prevention. Coalition members spoke with attendees who shared stories and had conversations around drinking and the presence of alcohol in their lives and social events.

CANNABIS AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION COMMITTEE

- Hosted Mocktail and Mindful Drinking event in partnership with Lily’s, reaching more than **200** community members with conversations around safe alcohol use and alternatives
- Hosted 5 Youth Listening Sessions at 4 locations with **71** students participating, gathering insight on how county youth are accessing and thinking about alcohol and marijuana

POWER-BASED VIOLENCE COMMITTEE

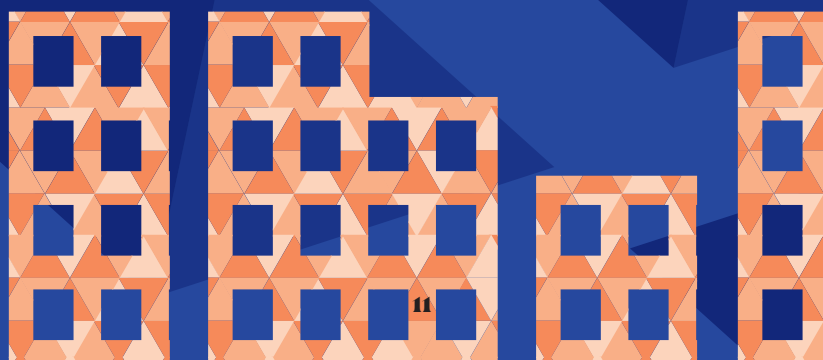
- In partnership with the Dayton Metro Library, created and distributed literature supporting adults in having conversations with youth about violence, reaching at least **700** individuals
- Hosted Community Conversations focused on education and advocacy for violence prevention for all age groups, reaching **50** individuals
- Continuously facilitated Stewards of Children for school staff and the community with an estimated reach of **50** individuals

The more our kids see parents or trusted adults drinking — whether at home, at family events or out in the community — the more likely they are to normalize drinking and start at a younger age. We hope this event allows attendees to reconsider their relationship with alcohol and model better decisions for our young people.

Karen Via, Co-Chair
Cannabis and Alcohol
Prevention Committee

PROBLEM GAMING AND GAMBLING COMMITTEE

- Hosted tables at Hollywood Racino in March and September, reaching **500** individuals with problem gambling resources and education
- **7** MCPC members presented and attended the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) and Problem Gambling Network of Ohio (PGNO) state conference
- Rebecca Lewis and Asia Williams joined the 2025 Ohio Problem Gambling Prevention Fellowship



Policies Changed

In 2017, Montgomery County faced a devastating reality: **566** individuals lost to overdose in a single year. By 2025, that number stands at **155** — a reduction that drew national attention, including coverage in the [New York Times](#), as a model of what sustained prevention work can accomplish. That progress belongs to years of community partnership and volunteers showing up every single day. The coalition has been at the center of that change.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

- Sent a letter of support to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in alignment with their stance to stop harassment and harm of student athletes caused by college-level sports betting
- Wrote a letter to school personnel regarding Erin's Law requirements, best practices, and additional resources

OPIOID PREVENTION COMMITTEE

- Partnered with local law enforcement for DEA Take Back Day in spring and fall, distributing **78** medication disposal bags and 68 secure medication storage bottles
- Distributed **1,020** safe medication disposal bags and information across the county
- Celebrated National Naloxone Day by hosting tables in overdose death hot zones, distributing an estimated **100** Narcan kits and prevention education

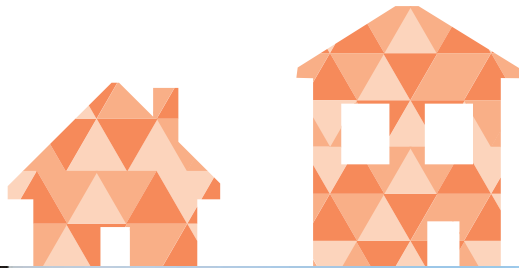
OHIO ALONE COLLECTED **39,315 POUNDS** AT DEA TAKE BACK DAY AND CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE TOP STATES FOR COLLECTIONS.



Lives Supported

SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

- Officially launched the Local Outreach to Suicide Loss Survivors (L.O.S.S.) Team to respond to suicides in the community
- Held two sessions of the 10-week evidence-based Suicide Loss Support Groups, supporting **14** individuals and **30** total since 2024
- Launched the **988** Suicide and Crisis Lifeline campaign, resulting in billboards, commercials, social media ads, and a partnership with the Dayton Dragons
- Partnered with Miami Valley Meals to print 988 information on meal packages, reaching communities with high risk
- Distributed over **1,600** gun locks across the county



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Megs Francis
Coalition Manager



belong.

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Section 6

Culture — OF — Commitment

Thank you!

to the dedicated volunteers who gave their time and energy to MCPC this year. Your commitment drives this coalition forward.





Champions for Change

80 HOURS

Amber Wilson

Super Supporter

60 HOURS

Tazeen Ahmed

Victorious Volunteers

40 HOURS

Sarah Badger
Wendy Berkshire
Hannah Brown
Amy Claywell

Demetrius Fuqa
Pat Holmes
Rebecca Lewis
Sasha May

Lake Miller
Emily Mongelli
Eyelina Ogden
Maeve O'Hara

Stacy Smallwood
Amy Van Verth
Karen Via

Passionate Participants

20 HOURS

Wren Bailey
Ashley Cable
A'Maria Carter
Donecha Daniels
Leigh Ann Fulford
Charlotte Glasper
Keery Gray

Kayla Hairston
Breanna Hamilton
Sue Hanna
Shamea Knight
April Lewis
Cynthia Lewis
Donyale Macon

Taneah Matthews
Heather Nogle
Wanda Ortiz-Thayne
Jordan Ostrum
Tessa Smith
Pat Stearns

Sharon Tolle
Vic Vrabel
Karen Weaver-Wilson
Stacy Whittaker
Myanique Wilford

Section 7

MCPC — IN THE — Media

MCPC was featured across local TV, digital news, and radio outlets in 2025, with a **total earned media value of \$46,205.22 across 9 stories.**

Television

1/10/2025

WBDT
MCPC Annual Celebration

1/28/2025

WKEF
Good Day Dayton: Dry January

4/23/2025

WDTN
Drug Take Back Day,
with Colleen
[2 segments]

4/25/2025

WBDT
MCPC Volunteer Celebration
[2 segments]

4/25/2025

WDTN
MCPC Volunteer Celebration
[2 segments]

6/5/2025

WDTN
Narcarn Awareness Day,
with Larry
[2 segments]

6/5/2025

WKEF
Narcarn Awareness Day

6/6/2025

WDTN
Narcarn Awareness Day

7/8/2025

WDTN
L.O.S.S. Team Launch,
with Taneah

7/8/2025

WBWT
L.O.S.S. Team Launch,
with Taneah

7/8/2025

WDTN
L.O.S.S. Team Launch

10/24/2025

WKEF
DEA Take Back Day

Digital

3/30/2025

Dayton Daily News
MCPC Sports Betting: March Madness

6/5/2025

Dayton Daily News
Narcarn Awareness Day

7/6/2025

WYSO
L.O.S.S. Team Launch

9/4/2025

Dayton Daily News
L.O.S.S. Team Supports Suicide Survivors

10/25/2025

WKEF
DEA Take Back Day

10/25/2025

WDTN
National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

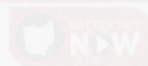
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Dayton Daily News

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KEY-ADS

Montgomery County

Overdose
Awareness Day

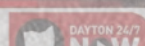
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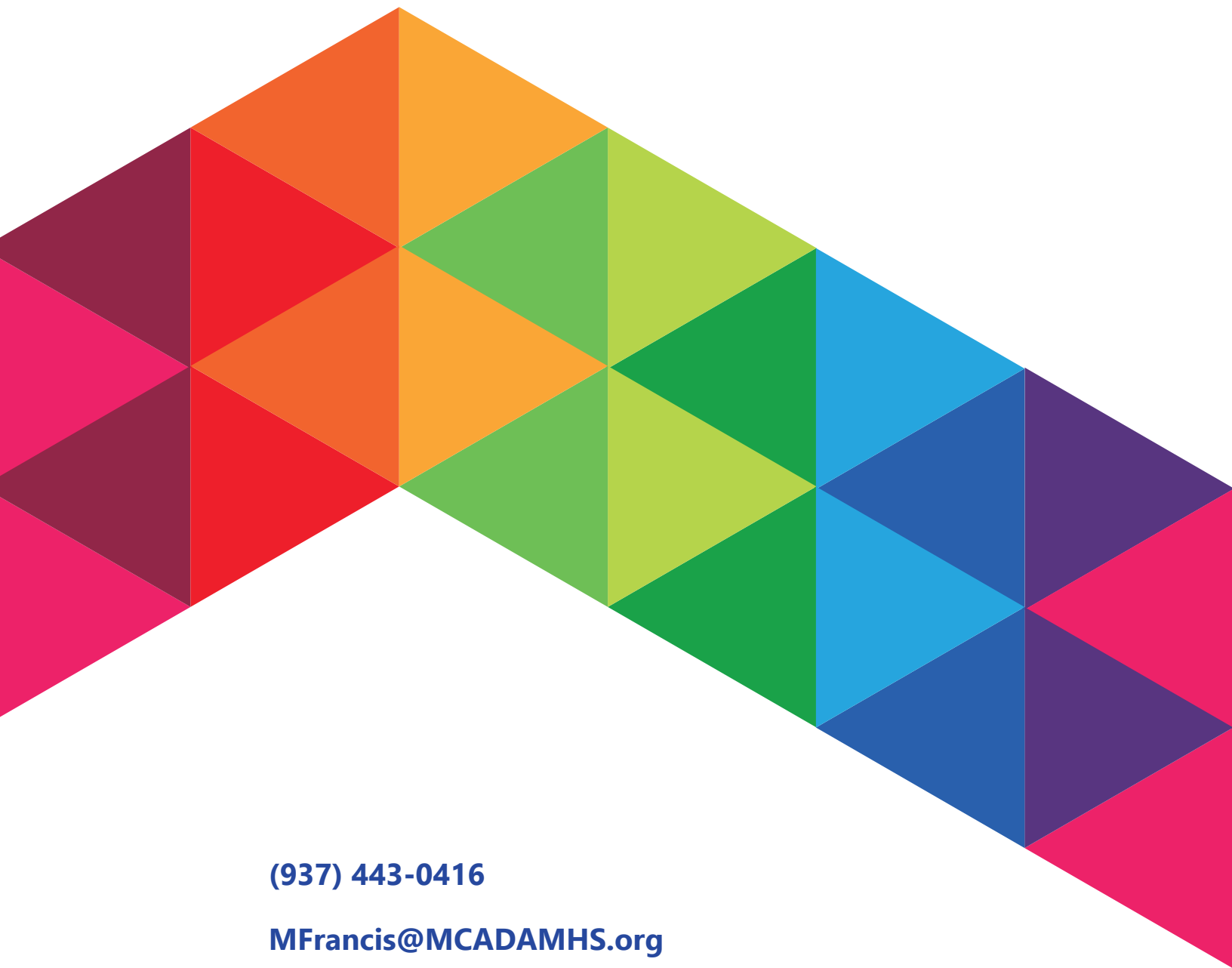
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