

Regional Prevention Partnerships Presentation Outline March 11, 2018 Engaging Youth in Prevention

Please provide the information below to be shared with RPP Grantees on the CHL website. The information may also be helpful in the development of your presentation on that day.

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Name of youth prevention group/project: Lamoille Area Youth Council

Description of project: Please consider the following in your presentation

Healthy Lamoille Valley is working with the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department to create a regional youth prevention group. Students in this group are often part of prevention/youth leadership groups in their school. The LAYC gives a little more structure and unifies their work, while giving more opportunity for larger efforts.

Partnering organizations (School, Boys and Girls Club etc)

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department, Local Schools, and Lanpher Public Library

Geographic area/Supervisory Union Currently Lamoille County, but with the hope that it can include the OSSU schools.

How long has the project been happening? About a year and a half.

Was there a defining event or crisis that sparked the interest of youth in prevention work? A group of community partners came together around the CURES grant and decided this was a need. They decided to send a group to CADCA and have them do an event after.

Number of youth and ages/grades How often does group meet? Describe the following: Recruitment strategies Promotion of group and activities (Ex. Use of social media) How is success measured? Youth

Leadership and adult support Formal leadership development opportunities Engagement Strategies
Retention strategies Celebrations/Awards/Events Challenges

We currently have about 7 youth actively involved from the 16 that originally went to CADCA. The group meets monthly for 1.5 hours. We are working on recruitment strategizing with the group. They plan to go back to their groups at their schools and invite greater participation. We hope to send a team to Teen institute this year.

Challenges... Our group came together with a huge opportunity. CADCA. That's a tough act to follow for some. We lost some members who got bogged down in the day to day hard work of prevention. We are starting to rebound and working on smaller projects and developing a stronger group structure with more youth leadership.