Regional Prevention Partnership
Presentation Outline
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Engaging Youth In Prevention

RPP Grantee Community: Newport
Person completing form:
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Name of youth prevention group/project:
- Dover Y2Y
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orleans and Northern Essex Counties
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Forever 21 Tobacco Prevention

Description of project:
Helping youth and young adults make healthy life choices, and become youth advocates for themselves, peers, and community, around substance abuse prevention.

Partnering Organizations:
- Dover Youth 2 Youth (New Hampshire, Burlington)
- GSA Group from North Country Junior High School
- Newport Police Department
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermont.
- North Country Supervisory Union
- Orleans Central Supervisory Union
- Essex North Supervisory Union

Geographic area/ Supervisory Union:
- North Country Supervisory Union
- Orleans Central Supervisory Union
- Essex North Supervisory Union

How long has the project been happening
- 3 years

Was there a defining event or crisis that sparked the interest of youth in prevention work?
- Our communities were rocked by the opioid crisis and it became aware that we had a major substance abuse issue in our area.

Number of youth and ages/grades
- Over 500 Kids
- 6th-12th grade

How often does this group meet?
- 5 days a week at different locations

Recruitment Strategies
- A collaboration with school facilitators, guidance counselors, and community members with all members of the RPP team of Newport.

Promotion of group and activities:
- Table at events
- Media (Paper/Radio)
- Social Media
- Presentations for different organizations

**How is success measured?**
- Surveys
- Partnering school’s approval and plans to engage in program in continuing years
- Number of youth served in total

**Youth leadership and adult support:**
- Sierra Ruth
- Allyson Howell
- Sunny Naughton
- School facilitators/ Guidance Counselors
- Law Enforcement

**Formal Leadership development opportunities**
- Youth Mental First Aid Trainings
- RPP Engaging Youth in Prevention Training
- DITEP Training
- Strengthening Families Training

**Engagement Strategies**
- Youth complete a activism project focused on their communities

**Retention Strategies**
- The RPP bought 8 additional Dover Youth 2 Youth Toolkits to distribute to the schools we work with so that facilitators can teach this curriculum on their own for the years to come.
- Each school was provided a supply kit to accompany the Dover Youth 2 Youth toolkit, so that schools would not have to pay for supplies out of the school budget.

**Celebration/Awards/Events**
- Presentation by Chief Disanto from Newport Police Department (Student activism project success)
- Signage around school and recreational property about zero smoking policy

**Challenges:**
- Dispersing all programs and information in all three of supervisory unions at all times, but we always manage to get it done through teamwork and cooperation.