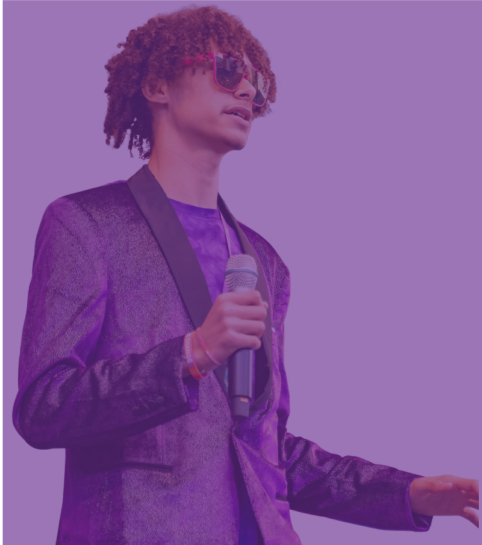




OHIO YOUTH-LED PREVENTION NETWORK

IMPACT REPORT FY 25



A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

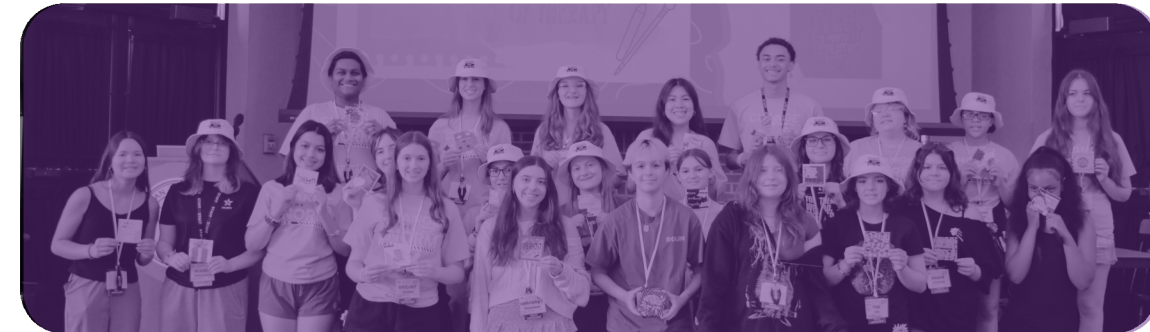
Prevention Action Alliance

The Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network, launched in 2012, is transforming how communities approach prevention by putting youth at the center of change. At Prevention Action Alliance, we believe young people are not just the leaders of tomorrow; they are powerful voices for today. By partnering with adult allies, youth are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities to drive meaningful change in their schools, communities, and across the state.

Through this work, young people are supported in making healthy choices for themselves, influencing their peers, and advocating for environments that foster wellness and resilience. Adult allies play a critical role by ensuring youth have equitable access to resources and the guidance needed to amplify their impact.

When we invest in youth-led prevention, we invest in stronger, healthier communities. Prevention Action Alliance is proud to stand alongside Ohio's youth and their adult allies as they lead with courage, creativity, and commitment—proving that when empowered, youth are among our most effective change agents.

Frances R. Lebig



A WORD FROM OUR YOUTH COUNCIL...

What makes OYLPN different from other programs is that it's truly youth-led. Our adult allies trust us to bring our own ideas and experiences, and that freedom makes OYLPN's message so much stronger. We've had the chance to go to conferences, connect with other young leaders, and even speak directly with legislators on Advocacy Day. Being able to share our passion for prevention at that level shows the power of youth voices. Our generation is working to break the stigma around substance use and mental health, and OYLPN gives us the platform to do that in a real way.

For me, being part of the council has been a life-changing experience. I first joined because I wanted to get better at public speaking, and I'll never forget going to my first rally and seeing youth my age up on stage leading the way. It inspired me to step out of my comfort zone. Now, being on the council has made me confident speaking in front of groups, and I even volunteer to do it. That has helped me connect with many people in my community and beyond. OYLPN isn't just a program to me, it's a place where youth are given the tools to grow and the space to lead change.

DAVON, YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER



A YEAR IN YOUTH-LED



June 2024

YOUTH COUNCIL RETREAT

August 2024

MENTORSHIP KICKOFF MEETING

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING #1

October 2024

PARTNERSHIP: TOBACCO FREE KIDS (TFK)

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING #3

ADVOCACY IN ACTION



Ohio youth rally behind Dewine's proposal to hike tobacco tax in new budget plan



December 2024

PARTNERSHIP: SADD STUDENT SAFETY

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING #5

YOUTH TO YOUTH RETREAT



February 2025

2 YOUTH & ALLIES ATTENDED CADCA

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING #7

MENTORSHIP MEETING #3

PARTNERSHIP: HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE OF OHIO
SHOWCASED: OHIO PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION



April 2025

ADVOCACY DAY WITH PREVENTION ACTION ALLIANCE

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING #9



June 2025

YOUTH COUNCIL RETREAT

PRESENTED: SCHOOL SUCCESS SUMMIT

OHIO YOUTH PREVENTION VAPING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 2024

PARTNERSHIP: OHIO ADOLESCENT HEALTH

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING #2

September 2024

MENTORSHIP MEETING #2

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING #4

AWARDED UNESCO GRANT

November 2024

PRESENTED: OHIO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING #6

AWARDED YOUTH TO YOUTH GRANT

January 2025

YOUTH ADVOCACY DAY W/ TFK

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING #8

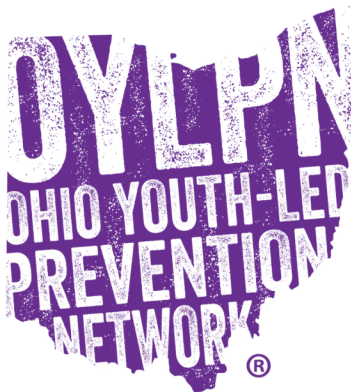
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MENTORSHIP MEETING WRAP-UP

PRESENTED: WE CARE CONFERENCE

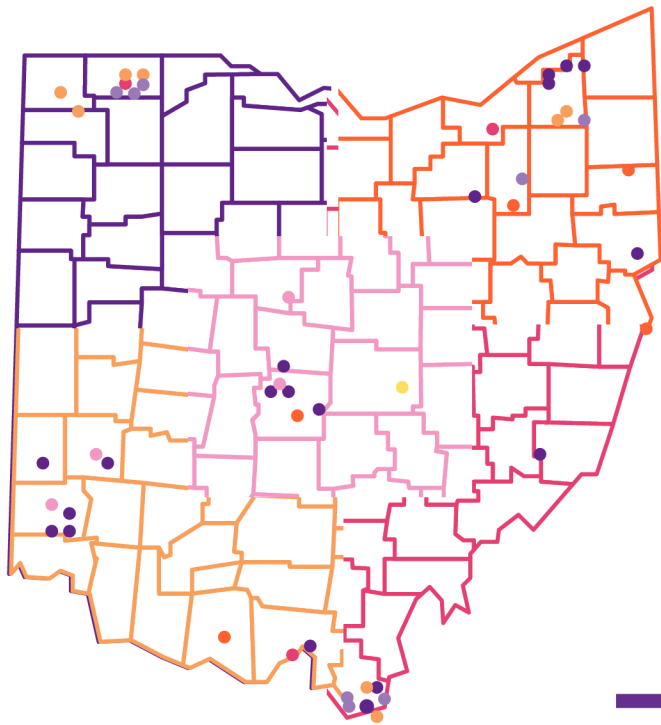
WE ARE CHANGE RALLY

May 2025



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OYLPN'S STATEWIDE IMPACT



KEY

- YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS
- YLP MENTOR GROUPS
- NEW YLP GROUPS
- MARISA SMOCK AWARD WINNER
- YLP GROUPS RECEIVED TECH. ASSISTANCE
- PASSION PROJECT WINNERS
- PASSION PROJECT HONORABLE MENTIONS

Ohio's Youth-Led Prevention Network is divided into 5 regions.

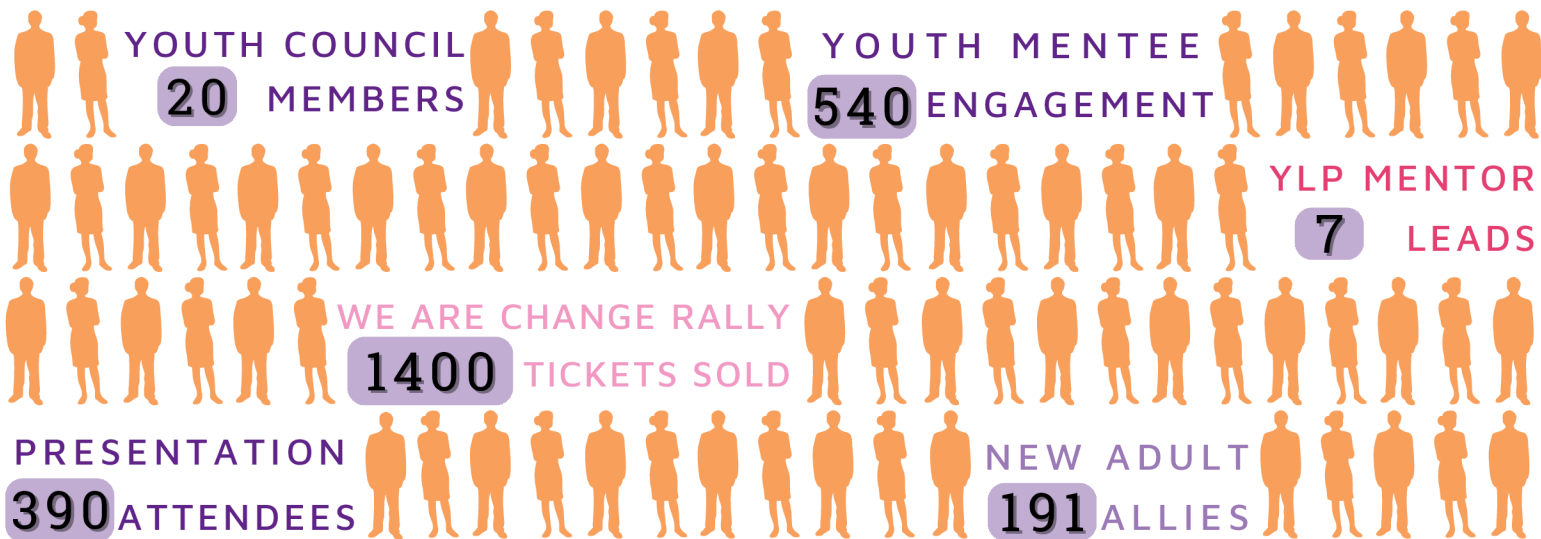
The map's color-coded regions illustrate how many **We Are Change Rally** attendees participated from each Ohio region.

— 112 — 148 — 214 — 156 — 74

OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

164.75 HOURS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

86,019 DIGITAL CONNECTIONS



SPF PROBLEM STATEMENT

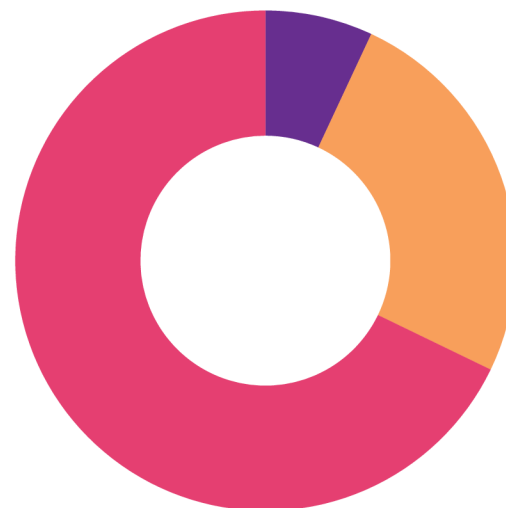
IN 2022, 49% OF TEENS RESPONDED 'NO' TO HAVING AN ADULT TO TALK TO ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

As part of OYLPN's three-year strategic prevention framework, youth participants identified a specific problem to focus on. In 2022, data revealed a significant gap in the number of young people who reported having a trusted adult. In response, OYLPN centered its efforts on fostering meaningful youth-adult connections and strengthening the role of adult allies.

Through the pilot mentorship program, three established youth-led groups and their adult allies conducted boots-on-the-ground work, providing technical assistance, one-on-one coaching, and program refinement to new groups. Expanding Ohio's Youth-Led Prevention Network played a vital role in strengthening and amplifying connections between adults and youth.

"I am part of a group where I feel connected and valued by adult(s)."

- Building Trust (1-5)
- Feeling Valued (6-8)
- Fully Supported (9-10)



2025 DATA UPDATES

"I BELIEVE MANY ADULTS IN MY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GENUINELY LISTEN TO YOUTH'S OPINIONS AND IDEAS."

24%
STUDENT RESULTS INCREASED FROM 6.1 TO 7.6 OUT OF 10

"I AM CONFIDENT IN MY ABILITY TO TEACH YOUTH TO ADVOCATE ABOUT ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEM, THEIR SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY."

15%
ADULT RESULTS INCREASED FROM 7.8 TO 9 OUT OF 10



Looking to the Future

Create a youth-led podcast that discusses the "teen experience" and provides a glimpse into the lives of young people.

Create a structured alumni program to keep graduates engaged, encourage mentorship among new members, and foster continued advocacy throughout college/careers.

Expand prevention messaging through creative formats, such as art showcases, digital campaigns, short videos, or community events.

Continue recruiting diverse, statewide youth council members.

Develop youth advocacy training programs to expand local advocacy efforts.

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A WORD FROM OUR PARTNERS...

"Being a part of the Youth Council has truly changed my life and perspective in many ways. The biggest impact was that I learned how to be an advocate for myself as well as others."

OLIVE, YOUTH ALUMNI

"Collecting pre/post data on youth-led teams has been empowering for both youth and adult allies, and it opened up great conversations with colleagues about which information truly matters."

**HALEY, MENTOR -
IMPACT PREVENTION**

INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH OYLPN? OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- Youth Council members attending or speaking at your meetings or events
- Partnering with OYLPN on projects

Contact Max Doll at oylpn@preventionactionalliance.org for more information.