

## Prevention Works for a Drug Free Fairfield County, Ohio

**Location:** Fairfield County, Ohio

**We serve:** Fairfield County, Ohio

**History:** The coalition was reformed in 2003 by many sectors of the community that were concerned about youth substance abuse issues.

**Mission:** Our mission is to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth and, overtime, among adults by establishing and strengthening collaboration by and between all sectors of the community.

**Our Members:** Parents, Youth, Government, Law Enforcement, Social Services, Faith Leaders, Medical Professionals, School Personnel, Business, Service Organizations and Media

**Our Funding:** Our annual operating budget is \$100,000 which comes from the Drug Free Communities Support Program.

### Our Outcomes

**Prevention Works for a Drug Free Fairfield County** is very proud of its successes in reducing substance abuse among our community's youth.

- We contributed to a 6.7% decrease in frequent alcohol use among Fairfield County twelfth graders, down from 37.9% in 2004 to 35.6% in 2006 to 31.2% in 2008.
- Between 2004 and 2008, frequent marijuana use dropped from 18.8% to 15.8% in Fairfield County twelfth graders.
- Fairfield County youth initiating the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and prescription drugs are now older than ever before delaying the age of first use. This trend is important since the longer use is delayed; the less likely the individual is to become harmfully involved with substances as they grow older.

### Contact Us

The next time you are in Fairfield County, Ohio, we would be pleased to show you our facility and excellent programs that we are implementing.

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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our successes with you!