



**CALLING ALL YOUTH
(AGES 5-18) IN
YAVAPAI COUNTY!**

**How would you
like to win \$500?**



**It's time for the annual
"Stand with Me, Be Drug Free"
poster contest!!!**

Presented by:



**Create an original poster
about being drug free!
Lots of prizes available!**



******* 2 Grand Prizes: \$500 each *******

**** Age category winners: \$50 Amazon Gift Card ****

**** Plus up to 50 Honorable Mention prizes of
a \$10 Amazon Gift Card ****

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR POSTER: March 27, 2026
If you have questions, call (928) 554-8704 or (928) 708-0100

2026 Poster Contest Guidelines

The 2026 MATFORCE Poster Contest is open to all Yavapai County children ages five (5) to eighteen (18) years old.

- The poster shall be an **ORIGINAL** creation of the submitter. *No licensed images please.*
- The focus of the poster must be an anti-drug message.
- For more information about substance abuse visit matforce.org.

DEADLINE and SUBMISSION:

All poster submissions must be received by the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office or MATFORCE no later than Friday, March 27th at 3:00 PM. Posters received after this date will not be eligible for the contest. Questions should be directed to Steve Brazell, with YCSO, at (928) 554-8704 or steven.brazell@yavapaiaz.gov or MATFORCE at (928) 708-0100 or info@matforceaz.org.



SIZE:

Posters shall be no smaller than 8-½ X 11 inches or no larger than 14 X 18 inches. All posters must be submitted electronically or on paper. No canvas please.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

All posters must have the following written on the back:

- Artist's full name (first and last)
- Age and grade
- Organization (school, club, association, or home school)
- Contact phone number
- Posters without the proper contact information will **NOT** be entered into the contest
- Poster submissions can be made directly to the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office (for a list of Sheriff's Office substations, go to ycsoaz.gov). Or posters can be mailed to MATFORCE at 7749 E. Florentine Road, Suite A, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.

MARIJUANA

weed · pot · cannabis · thc · carts · edibles

Facts for Families | What is Delta-8 THC?



Delta-8 THC

diet weed
marijuana lite

Delta-8 THC is a mind altering substance derived from the cannabis sativa plant. It is sometimes confused with CBD. Delta-8 products have not been approved by the FDA for safe use in ANY context. It is sold online and in stores, including bars and convenience stores. Delta-8 products may not be properly labeled; most often labeled as a hemp product.



Negative Effects

- Hallucinations
- Vomiting
- Tremor or seizure.
- Increased anxiety
- Dizziness
- Loss of consciousness
- Death



Some manufacturers are adding unsafe household chemicals to their products.



These products are popular with youth and include edibles in packaging that is attractive to youth and young adults.

Delta-8 THC products are not regulated by the FDA or any state agency. Under the 2018 Farm Bill, hemp production was deregulated for farm cultivation. Manufacturers use this loophole to produce mind-altering, hemp-derived THC products with no oversight.

What can you do?

TALK Talk to your child about marijuana, alcohol, and other drugs. The sooner you talk about the dangers of cannabis use, the more chance of keeping them safe from CHS and other risks. It is not legal or safe for anyone under the age of 21 to use any form of marijuana. Adults should safeguard medical or recreational cannabis products in their home. Know the signs and symptoms to look for and seek help when you need it.



MONITOR Marijuana products can be purchased through texting and social media apps. Monitor where youth go online and ask about who they follow and what

they are hearing and seeing online. Before allowing youth to go online have a conversation with them about your expectations. Consider having them sign a social media safety contract. Regularly monitor what apps they have on their phones.



Learn more at
TalkNowAZ.com

TAKE ACTION Regularly discuss your expectations on the use of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs.

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Safely Dispose of Prescription Medications

14 locations in Yavapai County

Expired or unwanted prescription medications can be taken to the police department during normal business hours. Please contact the police department for more information.

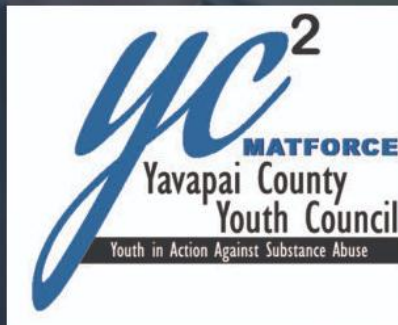


Verde Valley Area

Cottonwood Police Dept. 199 S. 6th Street, Cottonwood	(928) 634-4246
Clarkdale Police Dept. 49 N. 9th Street, Clarkdale	(928) 649-7700
Yavapai College - Clarkdale Campus 601 W. Black Hills Drive, Clarkdale	(928) 239-0172
Jerome Police Dept. 305 Main Street, Jerome	(928) 634-8992
Sedona Police Dept. 100 Road Runner Drive, Sedona	(928) 282-3100
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office 6446 Hwy. 179, Suite 217, Sedona	(928) 649-6449
Camp Verde Marshal's Office 646 S. 1st Street, Camp Verde	(928) 567-6621
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office 2830 N. Commonwealth Drive #104, Camp Verde	(928) 567-7710

Prescott Area

Prescott Police Dept. 222 S. Marina, Prescott	(928) 777-1988
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office 255 E. Gurley Street, Prescott	(928) 771-3260
Yavapai College - Prescott Campus 1100 E. Sheldon Street, Bldg. 28, Prescott	(928) 776-2185
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office 4155 W. Outer Loop Road, Ste. B, Prescott	(928) 771-3277
Chino Valley Police Dept. 202 N. State Route 89, Chino Valley	(928) 636-4223
Prescott Valley Police Dept. 7601 E. Civic Circle, Prescott Valley	(928) 772-9261



CONNECT WITH OTHERS

YAVAPAI COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

Hey, Yavapai County teens!
Join a youth group that is making a difference in their community.

Have you heard of YC2? It's a youth group that does a lot of things for teens. It's fun, you're making a difference in your community, and it looks good on college applications.

Plus, you earn scholarships and service hours!

You just need to be 13 or older to join. Text Ivy at **928-350-5647** and she'll give you more info.

Drug Prevention Curricula

Kindergarten - 6th Grade

- *Stand With Me, Be Drug Free*® activity sheet with presentation and Honor Pup (puppet) or Power Pup (pictured at right) (Kindergarten-1st grade)
- *Stand With Me, Be Drug Free*® education booklet, presentation and activity (2nd-3rd grade)
- *Stand With Me, Be Drug Free*® education booklet and presentation (4th grade)
- *Stand With Me, Be Drug Free*® education booklet and 2-session presentation (5th-6th grade)
- *Keep a Clear Mind*® take home packets (4th-6th grade)
- Botvin *Life Skills*® 6-session program (3rd-6th grade)



6th - 8th Grade

- *Stand With Me, Be Drug Free*® education booklets and (stand alone or multi-session) presentations (7th-8th grade)



Topics to choose from include: • Drugs & the Brain • Alcohol • Vaping • Marijuana • Illicit Drugs
• Prescription & Over-the-Counter Drugs and Inhalants • Stress & Resistance Skills

- Botvin *Life Skills*® 6-session program (6th-8th grade)
- *Fentanyl: A Killer Among Us* presentation (7th-8th grade)
- *Dead on Arrival* video presentation and facilitated discussion (7th-8th grade)



Peer-to-peer education available in some areas. Ask us today about our Peer Education program!

9th - 12th Grade

- *Stand With Me, Be Drug Free*® education booklets and (stand alone or multi-session) presentations
Topics to choose from include: • Drugs & the Brain • Alcohol • Vaping • Marijuana • Illicit Drugs
• Prescription & Over-the-Counter Drugs and Inhalants • Stress & Resistance Skills



Multi-Session Programs for 9th-12th Grade

- Botvin *Life Skills*® 6-session program

Drug-Specific Presentations for 9th-12th Grade

- *Impaired Driving* presentation with activity (10th-12th grade)

Fentanyl/Opioid Presentations for 9th-12th Grade

- *Fentanyl: A Killer Among Us* presentation
- *Dead on Arrival* video presentation and facilitated discussion

All presentations are *free* and designed to be taught by MATFORCE health educators during a single classroom period, unless otherwise noted.

General Services

- Resources and support for student advisory groups
- Speakers for classes or school assemblies
- Customized teacher workshops and trainings
- Rack cards with information on underage drinking, fentanyl, prescription drugs, heroin, marijuana, meth, tobacco, and kratom

NEW RESOURCE Designed to Help Teachers Support Students



Trauma Lens Care (TLC) is a partnership between Yavapai County Community Health Services and MATFORCE. TLC acknowledges that children exposed to trauma need extra support. TLC provides schools with referrals from law enforcement when they respond to a situation where a child is present and is experiencing trauma. Situations may include a parent arrest, drug overdose, family violence, suicide, etc. TLC also offers schools trauma informed classroom trainings for school staff.



FREE Red Ribbon Week Supplies

Red Ribbon Week activities provide a strong, unified, positive message that will help your students and our communities take a visible stand against drug abuse. Celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 23rd - 31st!



The MATFORCE Drug and Alcohol Impact Panel for youth and young adults (under 25) educates about the risks and consequences of substance abuse and exposes the impact on victims of similar offenses.

Now offering Youth Mental Health First Aid and safeTALK suicide prevention training!



WHY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18.



safeTALK

Most people with thoughts of suicide don't truly want to die, but are struggling with the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions, they invite help to stay alive. safeTALK teaches participants to recognize these invitations, engage with the person with thoughts of suicide, and connect them with resources to help them be safer from suicide.

For more information about scheduling a presentation or to learn more about these services, please contact:
MATFORCE (928) 708-0100 or info@matforceaz.org

Youth Contests

#StayHealthy Essay Contest

Open to all high school students in Yavapai County!

1st Place - \$500
2nd Place - \$300
3rd Place - \$100
Honorable Mention - \$50

The #StayHealthy Essay Contest is an annual event held to raise awareness among high school students about the risks of drug and alcohol abuse.



Lots of prizes!

Contact us today

to bring these FREE parent resources to your school.

- Parent resource packets for parents of students with drug or alcohol offenses. Packets include:

- **Intervention Guide** developed by the Partnership for a Drug Free America
- **Keep Them Safe** booklet that discusses how to talk to your children about drugs
- Parents toll free Helpline
- Informational rack cards of various drugs of abuse
- Resource card of services available in Yavapai County

- Parenting education classes and workshops
 - Parenting the Love and Logic Way®
 - Neurosequential Modeling for Caregivers®
 - Technology and social media awareness
 - Youth drug trends
 - Personalized workshops

**Parenting is hard work.
We're here to help.**

Follow **MATFORCE** for parenting tips & advice on today's parenting issues



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From Inmate to Citizen



**Registration is required.
visit [YavapaiReentryProject.org/
events-news/](https://YavapaiReentryProject.org/events-news/) to register for
FREE today!**

Do you have a loved one who is incarcerated or want to learn more about the barriers people face returning to the community after being incarcerated?

Join us to learn more about:

- Difficulties people experience transitioning from prison into the community
- The different thinking and processing skills between someone who is incarcerated and someone who is not
- Identify differences in prison culture and daily life
- Increase awareness about generational trauma
- Keys to successful reintegration
- How to communicate with returning individuals
- How a community can help individuals return home successfully

Funding for this reentry resource was made possible by MATFORCE through a grant from Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, State Opioid Response grant.

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