

# FAIRFAX PREVENTION COALITION



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## Fairfax Prevention Coalition Youth Team

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What is the Fairfax Prevention Coalition (FPC)?**

Fairfax Prevention Coalition (FPC) is a group of Fairfax County residents that are passionate about preventing substance use, particularly youth substance use. Coalition members meet monthly to discuss issues within their communities and to develop coalition activities to address these issues.

#### **Who is involved with the Fairfax Prevention Coalition?**

The FPC includes parents, youth, schools, healthcare providers, government agencies, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, media, nonprofits, businesses, policymakers and volunteers. Many FPC members are parents and community members who work together to prevent substance use in the Fairfax County community.

#### **What is the FPC Youth Team?**

The FPC Youth Team is a youth-led group that plans and leads substance misuse prevention activities in their schools and communities throughout the county. The FPC Youth Team works with the larger FPC on coalition-wide activities, but also plan youth-specific activities and events.

#### **What is the time commitment for the FPC Youth Team?**

The FPC Youth Team membership is a 6-month commitment, with the opportunity to extend involvement. FPC Youth Team members will commit to attending monthly Youth Team meetings (mix of in-person and virtual meetings) and weekly check-ins with the FPC Coordinator and their project teams (mix of email and brief virtual meetings). Transportation will be provided for in-person meetings. Youth Team members also have the option of attending monthly full coalition member meetings.

#### **What are examples of FPC Youth Team activities?**

FPC Youth Team members do things like: create social media campaigns, host substance-free events, speak on panels, design and star in their own Public Service Announcements, create art that educates the community about substance use prevention.

**What do youth gain from being involved in the FPC Youth Team?**

FPC Youth Members can earn volunteer hours, gain leadership and event planning skills, and develop and complete prevention projects that look great on college applications.

**Who do I contact for more information about the FPC and FPC Youth Team?**

You can contact Caitlin Viccora ([fpc@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:fpc@fairfaxcounty.gov)) to learn more!