



We organize, educate, and engage the community to prevent youth substance use and other harmful behaviors and to promote recovery-oriented systems of care across the lifespan.



We work together
to address
racism, social
inequities, and
institutional barriers
within our communities.

The coalition is made up of over 50 partner organizations that are key stakeholders in positive youth development. Our goal is to reflect the diversity of our community and have all community voices at the table.

We work to create evidence-based community conditions for positive youth development:

- Physical and psychological safety
- Appropriate structure
- Supportive relationships
- Opportunities to belong
- Positive social norms
- Opportunities to make a difference
- Opportunities for skill development
- Integration of family, school and community efforts

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Coalition Subcommittees and Affinity Groups:

- Data and Strategic Planning Subcommittee
- Elk Grove Township Subcommittee
- Positive Youth Development (PYD) Subcommittee of Hanover Township
- North Suburban Pride Network (NSPN) of LGBTQ+ Professionals
- Recovery-oriented Systems Care (ROSC) People with Lived Experience

Youth Advisory Councils:

- Elk Grove High School
- Rainbow Room (LGBTQ+)
- Youth Advocates for Change (D211 Community)
- Lake Park High School

Youth Voices are at the heart of what we do.

We have just begun our work in creating a "healthy, safe, supportive, and productive community."



