

Illinois Alliance on Reducing Youth Substance Use

March 14, 2024

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

The Illinois Alliance on Reducing Youth Substance Use allows stakeholders to:

- Share current youth substance use prevention efforts being implemented in the State of Illinois.
- Share information on best practices to reduce youth substance use.
- Share data and research on efforts to reduce youth substance use.
- Review the Illinois STOP ACT report.
- Unify prevention efforts in the State of Illinois.

MEETING MINUTES

2:30-2:35 Samantha Alonis, Deputy Director, IDHS Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery

Opening remarks

- I. Clarification on Regional Substance Use Prevention Integration Center - working on guidance document
- II. Purpose is to support integration of prevention services into other youth serving organizations and programs, priority on Illinois Department of Children and Family services-funded organizations
- III. Not intended to replace technical assistance or training from Prevention First

2:35-2:40 Jody Heavilin, APRC Administrator, Prevention First

Welcome, brief introductions, and review of report outs

2:40-2:50 Kris Zerfass, Director, Link Together Coalition, Team Lead, OMNI

Illinois Prevention Network (IPN) Advocacy Day

- I. Requests focused on:
 - a. Funding primary prevention
 - b. Cannabis Derivatives
 - c. Preventing Youth and Adult Access to Kratom
- II. ~80 People attending, including 50 youth (46 from Catalyst)
- III. 7 groups with each group setting up their own meetings
- IV. ~50 people reached, growing relationships, a few promising champions: Rep. Fritts (DeKalb)
- V. Sen. Julie Morrison, presented a bill for having vape pens look specific. No highlighters, lookalike, etc. - SB2662

2:50-3:00 Kenneth Williams, Liquor Control Supervisor, Central Region, Division of Enforcement, ILCC

- I. Not present, Jody shared a brief overview of legislation being tracked

3:00-3:10 Jody Heavilin, APRC Administrator, Prevention First

Recorded & Upcoming Webinars

- I. Recorded Webinars

- a. January 17th - Changing Patterns of Alcohol Use By Girls and Young Adult Women with Dr. Aaron White
<https://www.prevention.org/training/eventsub?e=2889&c=1041>
- b. February 20th - Alcohol Misuse as a Risk Factor for Gun Violence webinar with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Gun Violence Solutions
- c. <https://www.prevention.org/training/eventsub?e=2921&c=1041>
- II. Upcoming Webinar
 - a. April 16th - Deaths From Excessive Alcohol Use on the Rise in the US: What We Know and What We Can Do with Dr. Marissa Esser, Lead of the Alcohol Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.
<https://www.prevention.org/training/EventDetails?i=2960>
- III. High in Plain Sight - Current Alcohol, Cannabis, and Vaping Trends, Concealment Methods, and Identifiers with Jermaine Galloway. June 12th from 9-4 at the Lisle/Naperville Doubletree. Free – lunch is on your own. Please invite your partners, especially your law enforcement partners.
<https://www.prevention.org/training/EventDetails?i=2824>
- IV. Four upcoming Alcohol Compliance Check Trainings:
 - a. CIPTC/MTU 7 (Peoria) on March 25th
 - b. NEMRT/MTU 3 (Crystal Lake Police Department) on April 10th
 - c. NEMRT/MTU 3 (Cal Comm Center) on May 8th
 - d. SILEC/MTU 14 (Belleville Police Department) on May 22nd

3:10-3:20 Bryant Laiche, YPRC Administrator, Prevention First
YPRC – Youth Advisory Board

- I. YPRC Student Advisory Board Applications are open. The SAB is comprised of youth from around the state (2-3 from each IDHS Region). Please share the app with your networks:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/YPRC/20242025YPRCYouthAdvisoryBoardApplication>
- II. NDAFW Toolkit: [https://www.prevention.org/Resources/92a4f2f3-e01e-44b6-a234-1adceff90493/NDAFW%20Social%20Media%20Toolkit%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.prevention.org/Resources/92a4f2f3-e01e-44b6-a234-1adceff90493/NDAFW%20Social%20Media%20Toolkit%20(1).pdf)

3:20-3:30 Marni Basic, Survey Research Outreach Coordinator, CPRD
IYS Updates

- I. While recruitment and completion pace is a little behind 2022, state sample is doing well – in all but one cell, there are enough schools registered to complete the sample
- II. Report timelines
 - a. School reports already going out, 246 so far, will continue through June
 - b. County reports in mid-late July
 - c. SUPP reports in early to mid-August
 - d. Others later
- III. IYS had a record day – 13,809 students from 22 schools in one day, 8,000 within a single hour

3:30-3:40 Kristin Davis, Regional Prevention Integration Coordinator
Family Guidance Centers, Inc.

- I. Provided an overview of RSUPICS services in Region 4
- II. Integrate into already existing youth-serving programs
- III. Help support youth through comprehensive education and information to decrease risk factors associated with youth substance use and serve as experts on youth substance use prevention in the region
- IV. Not here to replace SUPS or Prevention First
- V. Think outside of the box
- VI. Can partner with any youth-serving wanting to expand or integrate services, priority given to Illinois Community and Family Services funded programs and agencies
- VII. One-page IDHS Document with contact information for each center will be shared with Alliance members
- VIII. Samantha – offers opportunity to integrate and innovate links between different risk and protective factors that prevention may not traditionally be able to address (maternal health equity, etc.)

3:40-3:50 Jacob Levinson, CPRC Administrator, Prevention First

- I. February 6 Alternatives to Suspension for Cannabis Vaping – Dr. Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, recording available. - <https://www.prevention.org/training/events/sub?e=2913&c=1045>
 - a. Stanford REACH Teaching Cannabis Conference April 17th and 18th - \$150 plus 25-75 for CME/CEUs. 10am to 4pm both days. Recordings available for one year. - <https://web.cvent.com/event/35ff9f64-2da0-4afc-87ff-1789bd15ed09/summary>
- II. New JAMA Study on Delta-8 using Monitoring the Future Data - <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2816083>
 - a. Overall, 11% of 12th graders have used Delta-8 in the past year (compared to 30 using all forms of marijuana). Closer to 8% in adult-use states.
 - b. Rates of Delta 8 are highest in Midwest and Southern states, and higher in states where there is not an adult-use cannabis legalization.
- III. Municipal focus groups
 - a. Conducting focus groups to determine municipal training and resource needs. Areas of interest to study:
 - i. Zoning regulation
 - ii. On-premise consumption
 - iii. Local enforcement/adjudication
 - iv. Cannabis derivatives regulation
 1. Prohibitions, age-restricted sales, license restrictions

3:50-4:00 Samantha Alonis, Substance Use Prevention Program State Administrator, IDHS Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery
Closing remarks

**SFY 24 Meeting Schedule – 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 6, 2024**