

# **PREVENTION IMPACT IN ACTION AWARD**

**SHOWCASE**

## **WINNERS:**

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**ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE  
SERVICES PREVENTION TEAM**

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**COMPASS MARK'S LANCASTER  
TEAM**

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## **NOMINEES:**

- Armstrong Indiana Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission Prevention Department
- Charlotte Centonze and Taeylor Stokes of Shalom, Inc.
- Fayette County Drug & Alcohol Commission SAP Liaisons: Briann Cramer and Christina Stockton
- Lebanon County Youth Substance Abuse Coalition
- Pathway To Recovery Prevention Department



## **Prevention Excellence in Action**

The Prevention Team at Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc., has made significant strides in promoting substance use prevention in rural Pennsylvania. Their achievements include expanding the "Too Good for Drugs" program to all grades K-12 in McKean County schools, establishing permanent prevention staff presence within schools, and strengthening collaboration with school and community partners. The team also secured funding to bring family-focused programs like Strengthening Families and the Positive Parenting Program to multiple counties.

## **Broader Impact**

Beyond school-based efforts, they engage communities with alternative substance-free activities such as father-daughter dances, fun fairs, and seasonal events. Through strong partnerships they provide free summer programming to support youth and families. Internships for high school students to help with summer programs are sparking interest in behavioral health careers. The team's dedication and innovative approaches have positively impacted schools, families, and communities in Cameron, Elk, and McKean Counties. The team's infectious energy and spirit is helping prevention efforts shine bright!



# COMPASS MARK

SCIENCE-BASED ADDICTION PREVENTION



## **Prevention Excellence in Action**

Compass Mark's Lancaster County team has made notable contributions to substance use prevention, particularly with the Positive Action program. Despite challenges in delivering the program with full fidelity, they adapted their approach, which earned approval from the Positive Action developers. Their creative methods, such as stacking lessons and customizing the program to fit local needs, led to substantial positive outcomes, including improved academic performance, and reduced problematic classroom behavior among over 1,500 students in Lancaster County.

## **Broader Impact**

Compass Mark's broader impact includes a 40% growth in school-based programming, reaching over 4,000 students, and significant expansion in other areas, such as reaching 4,000 people through problem gambling prevention services. They also served as one of six agencies across the state leading the pilot of a new Student Assistance Program Team training model. Their dedication to their mission of guiding individuals toward healthy, fulfilling lives free from addiction is reflected in their enduring commitment to excellence and the impact of their programs.

# NOMINEES:

## **Armstrong Indiana Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission Prevention Department**

The Armstrong Indiana Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission (AICDAC) Prevention Department has made significant contributions to substance use and problem gambling prevention in Armstrong, Indiana, and Clarion counties. AICDAC had a 30% increase in prevention program participation from State Fiscal Year (SFY) 22/23 to 23/24. In SFY 23/24, over 16,000 students completed the Too Good for Drugs curriculum, 4,000 participated in CATCH My Breath curriculum, 9,000 engaged in activities to promote safe medication storage and disposal, and over 1,200 people attended gambling prevention trainings. For the first time ever, they had high school students from every school district in the three counties represented at their annual Prevention Connection Day event to learn about substance use prevention, mental health awareness, and local resources. Their proactive and collaborative approach to prevention encourages healthy decision making, engages parents, and fosters safe, drug free environments for youth to grow and thrive.

## **Charlotte Centonze and Taeylor Stokes of Shalom, Inc.**

Charlotte Centonze and Taeylor Stokes of Shalom, Inc. spearheaded the "Let's Have the Conversation" initiative to engage parents and school staff in the Too Good for Drugs substance use prevention curriculum provided to 3rd and 4th grade students. They developed materials to guide parents in initiating conversations with their children about the curriculum content. They successfully collaborated with the school counselor to share the materials developed with parents and school staff. The effort saw strong engagement, with over 200 parents and school staff viewing the shared materials.

## **Fayette County Drug & Alcohol Commission SAP Liaisons: Briann Cramer and Christina Stockton**

Briann Cramer and Christina Stockton, SAP Liaisons for the Fayette County Drug & Alcohol Commission (FCDAC), made a significant impact in their first year of service during the 2023-24 school year. They elevated the agency's SAP team to new levels of effectiveness by expanding outreach and capacity within the county's school districts. Their compassionate approach and willingness to seek support have helped them better serve students facing barriers to learning. Their contributions have positively affected students and laid the groundwork for future growth and success of FCDAC's SAP liaison team.

## **Lebanon County Youth Substance Abuse Coalition**

The Lebanon County Youth Substance Abuse Coalition, part of the Community Health Council of Lebanon County, has played a key role in addressing youth substance use. In 2023 the coalition received a grant to implement the evidence-based intervention program, Teen Intervene along with the What Teens Need to Know curriculum. This program provides tailored interventions for teens using substances, involves their caregivers and offers sessions within school settings or at partner locations. The coalition has established partnerships with five out of six public school districts who now have access to an alternative-to-suspension option offering restorative intervention rather than punitive measures. The Lebanon County Juvenile Probation Office and Magisterial District Judge are also partnering to refer first-time offenders to the program. The coalition has received over 70 referrals to the program since Spring 2024. Collaboration has been a key to success, enabling this initiative to have a positive impact on youth, families, and schools.



## **Pathway To Recovery Prevention Department**

The Prevention Department at Pathway to Recovery Counseling & Education Services has been a vital force in substance use prevention in Luzerne and Wyoming counties. The Prevention Department provides evidence-based programs to over 15,000 youth annually across multiple school districts and non-public schools. They also host numerous community events and actively use social media to disseminate prevention information. The Prevention Department has forged valuable local partnerships, including a partnership with the Hazleton Integration Project on the INSPIRE U initiative to engage youth in an after-school setting to promote their mental, emotional, and physical wellness. They are a visible and trusted source of information and expertise on substance use prevention that families, media, and other community members rely on.

## **Thank You for All the Nominations**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit nominations and highlight the incredible prevention efforts happening across Pennsylvania. Your dedication and contributions are instrumental in shaping healthier, safer communities. We encourage all who read this showcase to use it as an opportunity to connect, collaborate, and inspire even greater innovation and impact in our shared field of prevention. Together, we can continue building a stronger network of support and excellence for individuals and families across the Commonwealth.



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