**MEETING MINUTES**

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| Meeting Name:   | Fairfax Prevention Coalition  |
| Meeting Date:   | October 9th, 2024 |
| Meeting Time:   | 6:30pm-8:30pm |
| Venue:   | Virtual  |
| Attendees:   | Linda Watkins, Emily McPhie, Mark Greer, Soraya Borja, Tiffany Sullivan, Ashley Summers, Yolonda Earl-Thompson, Tauheedah Washington, Mallika Mundkur, Kimberlyn Pena |

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| **Meeting Notes:** * Explanation of the difference between member meetings and partner meetings
* Member introductions
* What is the Fairfax Prevention Coalition?
	+ FPC is a partnership of FFX Co. residents working together to combat substance misuse in our community.
* Goals of the FPC
* FPC Structure
	+ Members (Adults/Youth)
		- Attend Monthly Meetings
		- Represent FFX Co. through coalition
		- Plan and lead activities in schools and communities
	+ Partners
		- Attend quarterly meetings
		- Represent FFX Co. gov
		- Support members with resources
		- Amplify FPC activities and initiatives
* What Can WE do as the FPC
	+ Understanding FFX Co. and what’s happening with substance use.
	+ Use this information to plan programs and community events.
	+ Brainstorm community event support
* Member Meetings
	+ Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm via Teams.
	+ Members drive the coalition- members decide what FPC will focus on
* **Brainstorm: Substance Use in FFX Co.**
* Fentanyl Use
	+ Have seen upticks in use at Mount Vernon and South County HS
* Alcohol
	+ Substance use in school bathrooms
	+ Youth sneaking alcohol into school via water bottles
	+ Alcohol is the substance most easily accessible
* Marijuana
	+ Substance use in school bathrooms
	+ Examining peer and family pressure, especially when there is already substance misuse in the family
* General thoughts
	+ Parents could benefit from substance use training and support
	+ Creating safe spaces for youth
	+ Substance use is a way youth find connection, especially if they’re new to the US
	+ Form of escapism
* Mind Mapping: What can we do as a coalition?
	+ Educate parents about talking with children about substance use
	+ Help parents to understand the problematic nature of alcohol use
	+ Create social media messaging targeted at parents
	+ Engage youth leaders (“influential youth”)
	+ Create targeted ads

**FPC Updates:*** Updated FPC Introductory Flyer
* Updated FPC Youth Flyer
* New FPC Membership Packet
* Drug Take Back Day on 10/26/24: [Safely dispose of unwanted medications at Drug Take Back Day - October 26, 2024 | Community Services Board (fairfaxcounty.gov)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/news/2024/october-26-take-back-day)

**Resource Sharing:*** [Media | Mobilemomstauheedah (tauheedahwashingto.wixsite.com)](https://tauheedahwashingto.wixsite.com/mobilemomstauheedah/copy-6-of-about)
* <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/news/2024/october-26-take-back-day>
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| Next Partners meeting will be in November 13th at 6:30pm. Please look out for an invitation from Caitlin.  |