**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. |