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MEMBERSHIP PACKET

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Welcome to the Fairfax Prevention Coalition!

Thank you for being part of the substance misuse prevention efforts within Fairfax County. The Fairfax Prevention Coalition (FPC) is excited to welcome you as an **FPC Member.**

**About the FPC**

The Fairfax Prevention Coalition (FPC) is a partnership of parents, youth, schools, healthcare providers, government agencies, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, media, nonprofits, businesses, policymakers and volunteers working together to combat substance misuse in our community. The FPC values community involvement, particularly youth involvement, as essential to our work.

**Vision**: The FPC envisions a healthy and safe Fairfax County community free of substance misuse.

**Mission**: The FPC mission is to work side-by-side within our community to provide prevention education and resources, empowering the Fairfax County community to understand, prevent, and reduce substance misuse.

**Goals:**

* Decrease the number of youth who are using alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
* Increase youth perception of personal harms caused by alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
* Facilitate initiatives for the coalition to address youth substance misuse in our community
* Empower youth voice and leadership to support substance misuse prevention in Fairfax County

The FPC focuses on decreasing substance misuse within the Fairfax County community, particularly *Youth Substance Misuse (alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, opioids)*

**FPC Structure**

There are three levels of involvement within the FPC, and each level has its own role and responsibilities:

* **Member:** Members represent the Fairfax County community, attend monthly coalition meetings, and lead FPC activities.
* **Partner:** Partners represent Fairfax County government agencies, attend quarterly meetings, and support and amplify FPC activities.
* **Youth Team Member:** Youth lead FPC activities in their schools and communities and attend monthly coalition meetings, acting as equal partners along with other FPC Members.

**Fairfax Prevention Coalition Structure**

**Partners**

**Members**

**Youth Team Members**

**FPC Coordinator**

FPC Member Guidance

**​Responsibilities**

* Attend monthly FPC Member meetings (at least 6 meetings per year).
  + Time commitment: Meetings are virtual and usually about 1.5-2 hours. The goal is to move meetings to in-person in the future.
* Understand the substance misuse issues within Fairfax County and use this information to plan coalition activities
* Support the planning, promotion, and implementation of FPC activities
  + Examples: brainstorming community event support, representing the FPC at community events, presenting on panels and speaking events, advocating for reducing substance misuse in the community with local government officials, and sharing FPC activities with their networks
* Collaborate with the FPC Coordinator and FPC Partners on coalition initiatives
  + Examples: social media campaigns, events
* As an FPC Member, you are expected to take notes at an FPC meeting at least once a year (you will be provided with a template and directions on how to take meeting notes)

**Contact**

**Caitlin Viccora** ([caitlin.viccora@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:caitlin.viccora@fairfaxcounty.gov)) will be your main point of contact as the FPC Coordinator. She can be reached by cell phone (571-474-5513) or email with any questions or concerns.

FPC One-Pager

Please share this one-pager with anyone who might be interested in joining the FPC.

