

Montcalm Prevention Collaborative

2025



Montcalm Youth Prevention Club

Our Voice. Our Vision. Our Victory.

WHO WE ARE

The Montcalm Youth Prevention Club (MYPC) was formed in 2017 to empower young people to make good choices for their health and well-being, and to develop leadership skills to facilitate positive, social change in their communities.

WHAT WE DO

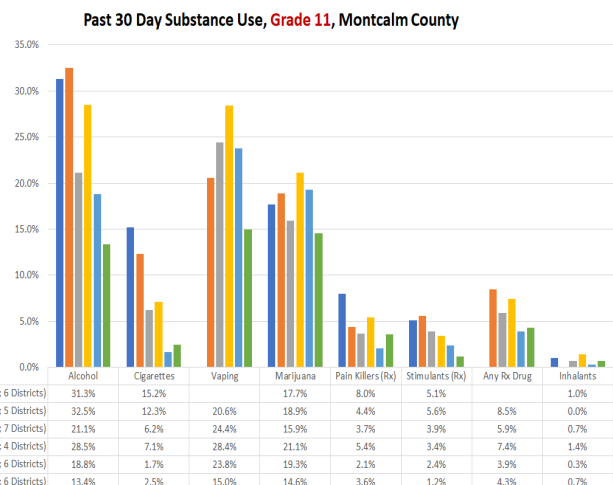
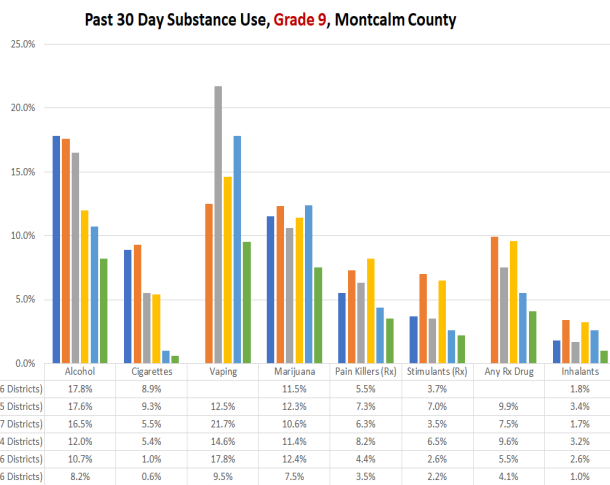
There have been many trends in substance use over the years, and coalitions across the nation have worked to address them all. Excited about the possibilities of what we can achieve through continued growth, the MYPC reviews the changing landscape of alcohol, marijuana and other use in our county and adopts best practices to help tackle drugs on the rise.

THE CHALLENGES WE FACE

Technology and changes in the law make it easier than ever for youth to obtain and alcohol, marijuana and other drugs. In MontcalmCounty, youth are joining others from around the world as part of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) to create healthier, more fulfilling lives.



CHALLENGES



GOOD NEWS

Data Source: MiPHY 2022-2025 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth

MOST YOUTH CHOOSE NOT TO USE
It is good to recognize that most youth do NOT use!!!

OUR PARTNERS

Carson City Police Department
Great Start Collaborative
Greenville Department of Public Safety
Greenville Public Schools

Lakeview Community Schools
Lakeview Police Department
Mid-Michigan District Health
Department Montcalm Care Network
Montcalm Human Services Coalition

Montcalm County Sheriff Departments
Corewell Health
Tri County Area Schools
Montcalm Community College

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

Coordinated Response: Youth leadership teams are youth-led, and guided by adult public health educators and business leaders who educate them about what works in promoting healthy lifestyles. Youth provide vaping information at school block parties, parent-teacher conferences, community health fairs and other community events.

Prevention Curriculum: Partner with Montcalm County school districts and Mid-Michigan District Health Department to deliver Project SUCCESS, an evidence-based substance use prevention curriculum. Over 200 students received this instruction in the fall of 2019.

Community Initiatives: Youth successfully advocated for the installation of amnesty boxes in high school bathrooms, providing a safe and anonymous way for students to dispose of vape products. Additionally, they organized a county-wide dodgeball tournament, fostering teamwork and healthy competition.

School Leadership: Each year, Montcalm youth attend CADCA National Leadership training and bring back what they learned to their schools and communities. In their respective districts, youth leaders have run kindness campaigns, organized assemblies, created senior (legacy) bricks, changed school policy around suspension for vaping and created a vaping education WebQuest, and more.



"I love it at the CADCA conferences, everyone is there for the same reason, we all want to make a difference, and by getting together and networking we get to work to make changes that to some seem small and to others, end up changing their entire lives."

- recent Greenville High School graduate, Ryleigh Reese



SECRETS TO OUR SUCCESS

Diverse Membership: We engage students from grades 9 to 12 across all school districts to ensure broadrepresentation and access to essential insights.

Best practices: We use proven strategies for improving health and well-being, guided by the science of preventionand social change,

Action Orientation: We steadily move from thoughtful conversation to implementation of action plans.

Continual Improvement: We measure the impact of our efforts through study of County, State and National data.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We welcome new supporters, who are interested in the health of youth, to ensure the continuation of our effective prevention curriculum and youth leadership initiatives. Help us keep the momentum going by becoming involved in one of the following ways:

✓ **Become a member:** Join the Collaborative and help us move forward by serving on one of our committees and/or providing in-kind services. Sign our Coalition Involvement Agreement and vote on important issues that may arise.

✓ **Become a collaborator:** Spread the word about our work and how people can connect with us.

✓ **Become a volunteer:** We are always looking for volunteers to help represent MPC at upcoming events.

For more information, contact our Prevention Coordinators at

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