

# TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES



Insights from the 2022  
**Drug-Free Communities**  
 National Cross-Site Evaluation Report

## Building Capacity

DFC Coalitions are successful at building the capacity needed to prevent and reduce youth substance use in their communities. They serve a diverse range of communities.

# 35,000

People were successfully mobilized to engage in youth substance use prevention and reduction efforts

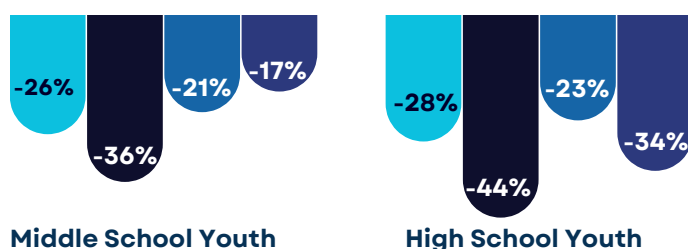
# 67 million

Americans lived in a community with a DFC Coalition in 2022

## DFC coalitions successfully:

Significantly decreased the prevalence of past 30-day substance use among youth (percentage change)

● Alcohol ● Tobacco ● Marijuana ● Prescription Drugs



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 Our coalition partnered with 23 other community coalitions statewide to develop and implement a toolkit that includes radio PSA's, posters, PowerPoint presentations, posters, cards, etc. to educate adults and youth statewide on fentanyl and methamphetamine use and to provide information on Narcan.  
 (Year 8, West Region)  
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## DFC coalitions facilitated successful prevention strategies:

- **69%:** Implemented Social norms campaigns
- **62%:** Disseminated substance use warning posters
- **67%:** Hosted a youth coalition
- **49%:** Held prescription drug disposal programs
- **58%:** Led town hall meetings



of coalitions addressed **vaping**, **96% of which focused on vaping nicotine/tobacco** and **89% vaping marijuana**.

## School Engagement

Almost all DFC coalitions are implementing work within schools. The school sector is the lead of the coalition for 17% of DFCs.

Worked with at least one school



## Equity & Diversity Focus

DFC coalitions are increasingly focusing their prevention efforts on specific underserved groups of youth and people, with a **6 percentage point increase** from 2021-2022.

**59%** → **65%**

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