



Drug-Free Communities Support Program

Program Overview

The Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program, established by Congress in 1997 and administered by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), is the nation's leading effort to prevent and reduce youth substance use. Managed through a partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the program funds coalitions across all 50 states, Guam, and Puerto Rico and engages diverse sectors such as parents, youth, schools, law enforcement, and healthcare to implement evidence-based prevention strategies.

Focus Areas



Preventing Drug Use:

DFC coalitions work to prevent the use of alcohol, marijuana/cannabis, tobacco/nicotine, prescription drugs, and emerging threats like fentanyl, methamphetamine, and youth vaping.



Building Community:

Coalitions mobilize community members to create supportive environments, help youth manage their emotions, and encourage healthy choices.



Empowering Youth:

Approximately 69% of coalitions host youth-led coalitions,¹ fostering leadership and engagement in prevention activities.

Key Achievements

Community Reach: In 2024, DFC coalitions reached approximately

63 Million

Americans, including 5 million youth.¹



Engagement:

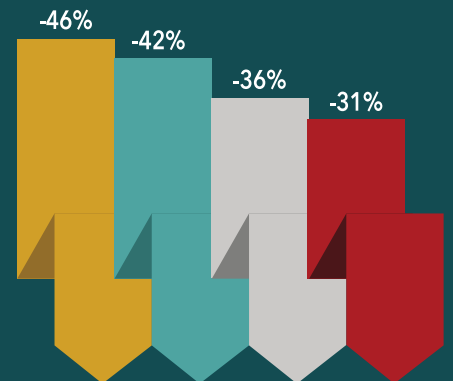
Over **41,000** community members participated in prevention efforts, with **9,000** youth actively involved in decision-making processes.¹



Economic Impact: A federal investment of **\$94 million** in 2024 generated over **\$200 million** in matching local resources, more than doubling the federal investment.¹

Substance Use Reduction:

DFC coalitions reported decreases in 30-day use of **prescription drugs (46%)**, **tobacco (42%)**, **alcohol (36%)**, and **marijuana (31%)** among high school students.¹



Impact on Youth and Communities

The DFC Support Program plays a critical role in shaping a healthier future for the next generation by empowering communities, engaging youth, and implementing effective prevention strategies. By addressing risk factors and promoting healthy community norms, DFC coalitions contribute to safer environments for youth and reduce the likelihood of substance-related issues later in life.

For more information, visit: www.cdc.gov/DFC.

¹ICF (2025). Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program National Cross-Site Evaluation: End-of-Year 2024 Report. Washington, DC: Office of National Drug Control Policy