

PREVENTION

Data to Practice: Virtual Training Series

The Evolution of Youth-Led Programs in Ohio

While many programs provide youth with a safe space for recreation, few are designed to empower young people to address pressing issues within their community. In this session, presenters will discuss how Ohio State government, a State University and a non-profit partnered to collaborate with adult allies of Youth-Led Prevention (YLP) to further refine and develop youth-led programming. In addition, participants will learn about the collaborative, data-driven approach taken by Ohio to modernize and elevate youth-led programs while both honoring its long history and embracing prevention science.



September 21st
11 am

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will learn about the historical foundation of YLP in Ohio
- Participants will identify the critical role strategic planning has in informing YLP infrastructure and capacity building at the state level
- Participants will understand the overarching goal of YLP and the two evidence-based frameworks that inform the work of youth-led programs: The Youth Empowerment Conceptual Framework (YECF) and the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)

Trainers: Valerie Leach, OCPS & Molly Stone, LSW, OCPC

Biographies: **Valerie Leach** is a Prevention Administrator with the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services, Office of Prevention. She currently leads and facilitates the advancement of Behavioral Health Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Supports utilizing the public health approach related to social determinants of health, substance abuse, suicide, depression/anxiety, and youth empowerment for the State of Ohio. With more than 20 years of experience, Mrs. Leach has worked in the field providing direct care services in correctional settings, providing services to individuals in the community with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, and addressing complex social problems utilizing the Strategic Prevention Framework Collective Impact. Mrs. Leach graduated from Ohio University and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Molly Stone is a Licensed Social Worker and an Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant with more than 32 years of experience in prevention project development and management. She is a Prevention Administrator and former Chief of the Bureau of Prevention at OhioMHAS. She has provided training and technical assistance to prevention professionals in the areas of program planning, design and implementation, evaluation, budgeting, data collection and youth development. She has served on several statewide and federal committees such as the Prevention Committee for the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board, IC&RC prevention test item writing committee in addition to being a federal reviewer for the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) exemplary prevention programs, a Central CAPT Associate and the past president of the National Association of Teen Institutes. Ms. Stone serves on the Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Advisory Board and was awarded the 2019 Prevention Visionary Award from Ohio's Professional Prevention Association, ADAPAO.

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