

# PEACE Collaborative Fostering Coalitions & Networks



**OHIO ALLIANCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
(OAESV)**

***STRATEGIES FOR ENGAGING  
YOUTH IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION***

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# Background Information



- Loss of funding for prevention
- Overall concern that community-based prevention programs would not fare well.
- Groups were formed
  - SULT! & PEACE Collaborative
- Strategic Planning Process Occurred
  - thanks to Rebecca Cline at ODVN



# **Prevention Education in All Classroom Environments (PEACE ) Collaborative Members**

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Big Walnut Local Schools  
Buckeye Valley Local Schools  
Delaware City Schools  
Olentangy Local Schools  
Delaware General Health District  
Delaware Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board  
Delaware Co. Dept. of Job & Family Service  
HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc.  
Maryhaven  
Turning Point  
Recovery & Prevention Resources  
The STAND UP! Leadership Team  
The United Way of Delaware County

# Prevention Education in All Classroom Environments (PEACE) Collaborative



- **Our Vision**

- The PEACE Collaborative is committed to promoting comprehensive prevention education and positive youth development in all Delaware County schools through community collaboration such that children achieve academic success in a supportive, healthy school environment

Three main strategic directions:

- Launching the PEACE Collaborative as a Foundation for Prevention in Delaware County.
- Coordinating and Operationalizing Prevention Strategies in Delaware County
- Advocating for and Advising on Prevention Policies and Practices

# Recent History



- With Justice Assistance Grant funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, in 2010, a team of community agencies and school personnel vetted, interviewed and hired a PEACE Collaborative Coordinator and Youth Empowerment Coordinator.
- Due to a loss of funds, the PEACE Collaborative lost the Coordinator position. Since the beginning of the year, the PEACE Collaborative has continued to meet and has discussed what can and cannot be done, given the limitations of existing members and lack of a coordinating position.
- During the first two years, the work of the collaborative included developing a strategic plan, creating subcommittees, reaching out to the communities, building relationships between members, evaluating existing prevention programs, participating in a needs assessment/survey of the Delaware county school system.
- However, we recently learned that there will be funds to have a part-time Coordinator which will allow the work of the collaborative to continue at a faster pace.

# Spectrum of Prevention: Level 4

## Fostering Coalitions and Networks



- Coalitions and networks bring together the necessary participants to ensure an initiative's success. They increase the “critical mass” behind a community effort, help groups to trust one another, and reduce the likelihood of resource squandering through unnecessary competition among groups.<sup>23</sup> Partnerships across sectors and fields can be especially useful for accomplishing a broad range of goals that reach beyond the capacity of any single organization. A creative example is the “Take Back the Music” campaign launched by Essence magazine to engage hip-hop artists in dialogue and education about sexism and misogyny in music lyrics and videos and the connections to sexual violence.<sup>24</sup> Across the country, formal local coalitions are expanding their membership to include faith institutions, prisoner rights organizations, disability rights organizations, elder abuse prevention councils and businesses. Like a jigsaw puzzle, each piece of a collaboration is important, and only when all of the pieces are put together is the whole picture complete. By working together, coalitions can conserve resources by reducing duplication and sharing expenses, foster cooperation between diverse sectors of society, and increase the credibility and impact of their efforts.

# Thank You!



## Questions about PEACE?

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