



Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program: Overview

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DFC Program Partners

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

- Component of the Executive Office of the President (EOP)
- Funder and administrator of the DFC and CARA grant programs

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)

- Provides the day-to-day management of the DFC and CARA programs
- Home to the Project Officers and Grants Management Specialists

DFC & CARA National Evaluation Team

- ONDCP contract awarded to ICF to evaluate the effectiveness of the DFC and CARA program

CADCA

- ONDCP grant recipient of the National Coalition Institute (NCI)

Provides training and coalition development support to coalitions across the country



DFC Program Overview



- The placement and structure of the DFC Program within ONDCP was part of the original authorizing statute passed by Congress on June 27, 1997.
- DFC is a unique substance use prevention program because funds go directly to the community versus through the State.
- In addition, strategies to address local youth substance use are driven by local conditions and coalitions implement local solutions.



DFC Program Overview



Program Goals:

1. **Establish and strengthen the collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth (individuals 18 years of age and younger).**
2. **Reduce substance use among youth and, over time, reduce substance use among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increases the risk of substance use and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance use.**



DFC Program: Award Information

- Up to \$125,000 per year for 5 years (\$625,000 Total Award)
- After the initial 5 year cycle, coalition is eligible for an additional 5 year cycle
 - 10 Year Maximum
- Match Requirement: Yes



Eligible Applicants:

The community coalition must be a 501(c)(3) organization, or the coalition can partner with an outside organization that is eligible to receive federal funds to serve as the Fiscal Agent on behalf of the coalition.

Definition of a Coalition

A community-based **formal arrangement** for cooperation and **collaboration** among groups or sectors of a community in which each group retains its identity, but all agree to work together toward a **common goal** of building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community.



Parents



Youth



Business



Media



Schools



Youth
Serving
Organization



Law
Enforcement



Civic/
Volunteer
Organizations



Religious/
Fraternal
Organizations



Healthcare
Professional



State/Local
Tribal
Government



Substance Use
Organizations

Seven Strategies for Community Change

1. Provide Information
2. Enhancing Skills
3. Provide Support
4. Change Incentives / Consequences
5. Reduce Barriers / Enhance Access
6. Change Physical Design
7. Educate About Policies and Laws

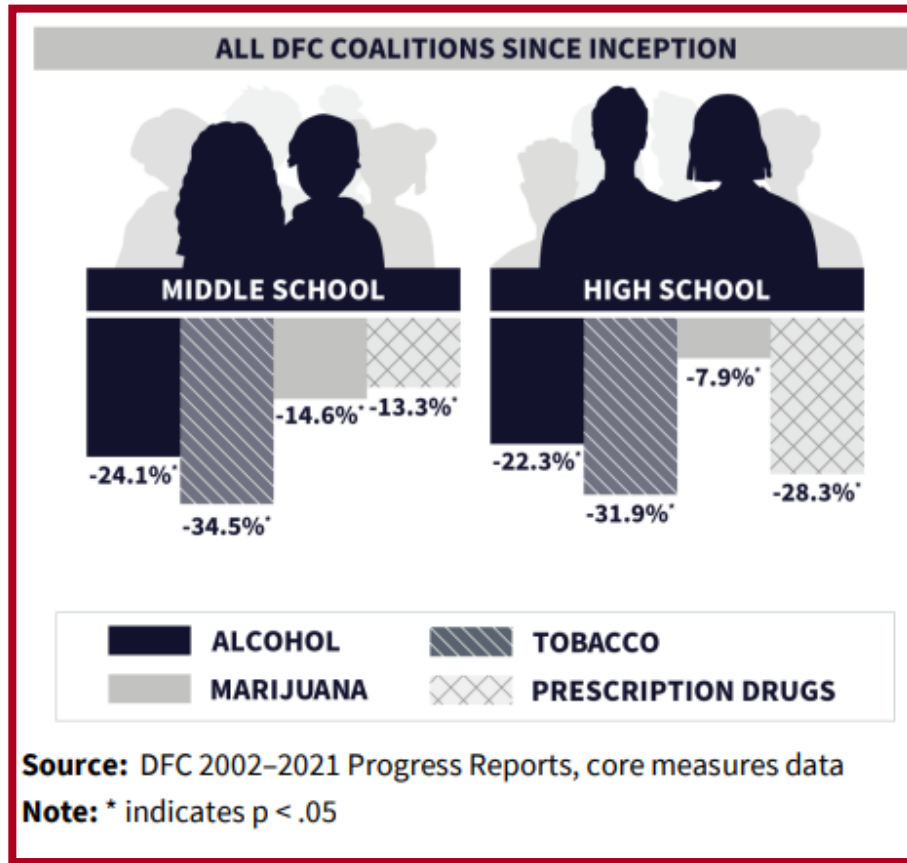
Individual

Environmental

[The Coalition Impact:
Environmental
Prevention Strategies](#)



DFC Program Outcomes



- DFC grant award recipients are required to participate in the DFC National Cross-Site Evaluation, intended to measure the effectiveness of the DFC Support Program in reducing youth substance use.
- DFC recipients are required to provide data every two years on the following core measures for **alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and prescription drugs** for three grades (6–12th):
 - Past 30-day use
 - Perception of risk or harm
 - Perception of parental disapproval of use
 - Perception of peer disapproval of use



Transforming Communities Together

Over time, significantly more youth in DFC communities report not using substances in the past 30 days. This means:

- No Alcohol Use
- No Marijuana Use
- No Tobacco Use
- No Prescription Drug Misuse

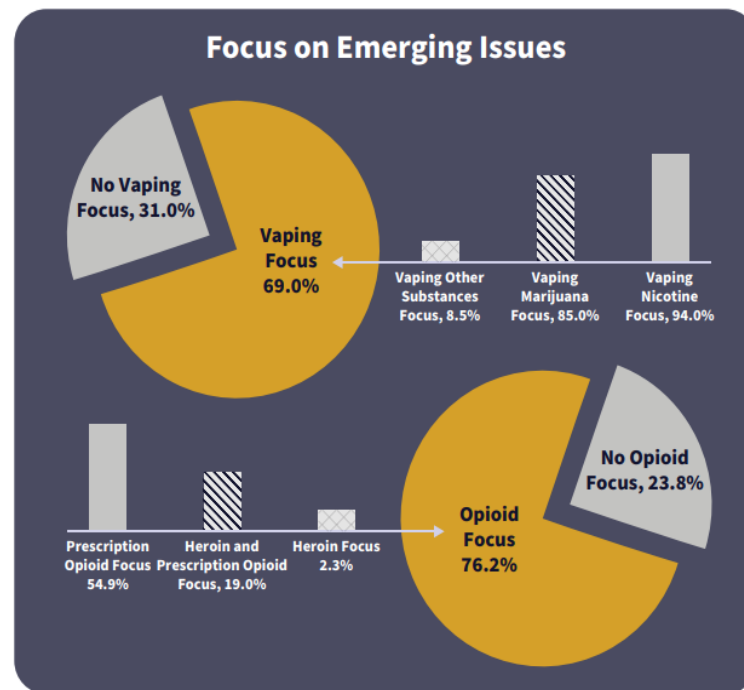
54%

of Americans have lived in a community with a DFC-funded coalition since 2005.

In 2021, **67 million** people (20% of the U.S. population) lived in communities served by DFC-funded coalitions:

2.7million
middle school youth

3.8million
high school youth



DFC coalitions successfully mobilized approximately

30,000

community members to **engage in youth substance use prevention/reduction efforts.**

67%

of DFC coalitions **host youth coalitions—a promising practice** linked to increased Youth, School, and Youth-Serving sector involvement





Thank you

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