



GHS Post Prom

Community Partners

The coalition wouldn't be successful without our community partners time and support. Thanks to:

- 185 Promotions & Apparel
- Boys & Girls Club of Franklin
- Center Grove Alternative Academy
- Creative and Serenity Counseling
- Daily Journal
- Drug Free Johnson County
- Ezkenzi Health
- Fairbanks
- Franciscan South
- Franklin Police Dept.
- Girls Inc.
- Greenwood Police Department
- Greenwood Public Library
- Johnson County Health Dept.
- Johnson County Sheriff's Dept.
- Johnson County WIC
- Kiwanis Franklin

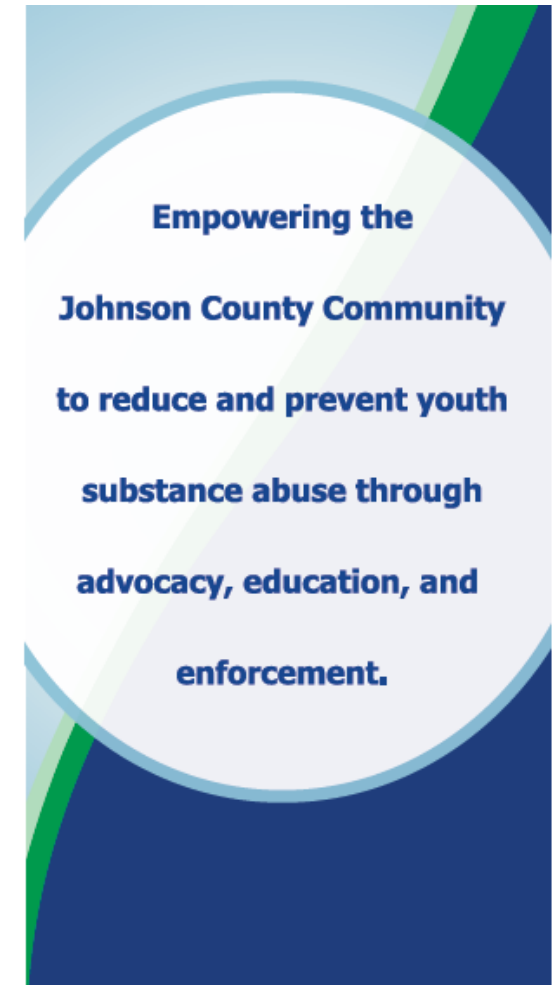
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- Leadership Johnson County
- Oasis Tutoring of Greenwood
- Reach for Youth
- Sam's Watch
- Sertoma Club of Greenwood
- Southsider Voice
- Sovereign Health Group
- St. Mary's Church
- Tara Treatment Center
- Tobacco Free Johnson County
- Turning Point Domestic Violence
- United Way of Johnson County
- Upstream Prevention, Inc.
- Windrose Health Network
- Youth Connections

Where You Saw Us

In 2017, EJC provided sponsorships to the following substance-free events in Johnson County:

- Center Grove Middle School Central Youth Council
- Girl's Inc Go Bananas Walk & Fundraiser
- Greenwood High School Post Prom
- Indian Creek High School Post Prom
- National Night Out Franklin
- Tara Treatment Center Symposium & Movie Screening Event
- United Way of Johnson County Fast Track Events
- Youth Connections Breakfast of Champions



EMPOWER JOHNSON COUNTY

Fall 2017
Annual Report



Past Year Successes

The past year has had many successes for Empower Johnson County, including year one of the Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant. This grant has a 100% match requirement, and EJC matched over 100% of the funds expended! This was done through:

- 605 hours of volunteer efforts
- 218 of hours of skill-specific time donated
- \$4417 in event space costs
- \$290 raised for first annual KEY Celebration

Why We're Needed

In 2015, 25% of Johnson County 11th graders reported using alcohol at least once in the past month; 19% reported using electronic vaper products (INYS, 2015).

Of the 7th graders who reported using a substance, the average age of first use of alcohol was 11.3 years old, and 11.7 years old for trying cigarettes — 5th graders! It's never too early to start talking to youth about the dangers of substance use, and setting expectations of non-use.



Left: CGMSC Youth Council Activity. Above: ICHS Post Prom

Youth At Risk

While most Johnson County youth make the smart choice to not use substances, 54% of 8th graders have a lower perception of risk of substance use than their peers across the nation; 62% of 8th graders don't believe the community rewards and recognizes them for prosocial involvement. These are two contributing factors to substance use that everyone can support in their day-to-day interactions with youth.

Get Involved!

EJC runs with caring individuals like you stepping up to help keep the coalition community-grounded and community-ran. Get involved by:

- Joining us for our monthly meeting in person (rotating between Franklin & Greenwood) or virtually
- Join our mailing list
- Participate in our annual community perception survey
- Talk to the youth in your life
- Engage with us on Facebook

What We Do

Empower Johnson County is a group of dedicated volunteers who seek to support community-level change related to youth substance use. The EJC coalition supports this change through:

- Sponsorship of substance-free community events
- Support of youth coalition activities
- Increasing awareness of harms of youth substance use
- Serving as a resource hub for substance use prevention information

Our story

Empower Johnson County was formed in 2015, to address youth substance use prevention needs in Johnson County. Serving as the touchstone for assessment, planning, and implementation strategies to reduce youth substance use, EJC has forged partnerships with individuals and community agencies to increase the reach throughout the county. As an open coalition, we're always seeking new members and community partners.

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