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## Our Contact







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#### Welcome Message Celeste Clark

**Executive Director** 

What an exciting year 2024 has been for the Raymond Coalition For Youth (RCFY.) At the beginning of summer, we celebrated moving into our new home, located at 66 Main St, in Raymond NH.

Our new location provides space for our staff, volunteers, and youth members, to plan, strategize, create, and be amazing. The office is located in the heart of Raymond and offers supportive, resources and information, for youth, parents and community members as a whole to access.

Please enjoy this book, as it highlights the successes we see when we focus on a common goal to promote positive healthy choices for youth and then work together to achieve it. In the process we are also creating strong, passionate, caring young people who will one day be the leaders of tomorrow.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out. It is in building our partnerships that we strengthen our work.





# Vision, Mission & Goals

**Vision –** To build a strong Youth-empowered community.



CFY Youth Action

Presentation

**Mission -** The Raymond Coalition For Youth empowers the community to promote positive youth development and reduce youth substance use and suicide risk.

Goals - To increase community collaboration (working together)
To reduce youth substance misuse
To empower youth voice
To ensure the long-term sustainability of RCFY



#### **About RCFY**

RCFY, established in 2002, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with a Gold star rating on Guidestar.org for nonprofits.

RCFY uses the Strategic Prevention Framework, a comprehensive five step approach, to understand and address substance misuse and related behavioral health concerns. The five steps at a:

- 1. Assessment (Data)
- 2. Capacity (People & Financial Resources)
- 3. Planning (Community & Youth Collabora ion)

Assessment

Sustainability

and Cultural Competence

Implementation

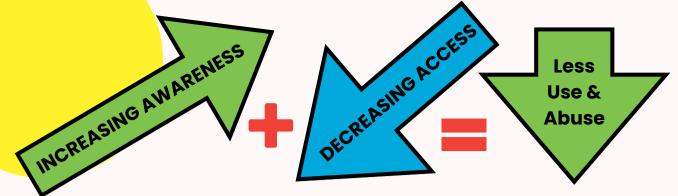
Capacity

Planning

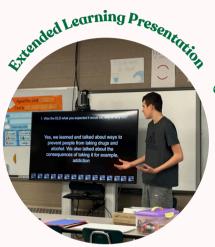
- 4. Implementation (Activities & Events)
- 5. Evaluation (Successful Outcomes)

This process ensures our programs, activities and events, are effective, making a difference, and a good use of our valuable resources.





RCFY members share awareness and information presentations at a local, state and federal level. on the importance of preventing youth substance misuse and supporting mental health. When we raise awareness and decrease access, we can help prevent, and lower, use of dangers substances.



















#### 7 Strategies to create positive **Community Change**

#### (What we do to make a difference!)



When working together, coalitions and communities are proven to be more successful in achieving community-level change when we engage in the following CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) strategies.

These strategies reach individuals and the community as a whole.

The goals of these strategies are to empower and connect Monthly RCFY Meetings youth to our community, all while promoting making positive healthy choices.

#### **Provide Information**

Helps the community understand why prevention is important to talk about, and that RCFY is here to support our youth.

#### **Enhance Skills**

RCFY provides opportunities for youth and adults to learn about issues impacting our youth and effective ways we can work together to address them.

#### **Provide Support**

RCFY works to increase opportunities to get involved by supporting the creation of alternative activities, such as RCFY Youth Action, mentoring opportunities, referrals to services, support groups, etc.





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## Increase Access & Reduce Barriers

RCFY works with our local and state partners to increase // access to substance abuse and mental health prevention, treatment, and recovery, services and support.

#### **Changing Consequences**

RCFY works with our partners to explore ways of working with youth and families on alternative discipline options that allow for students to learn from their mistakes and actions. This is also known as restorative justice.



RCFY works with local partners and organizations to improve the environment. An example is through the addition of parks and equipment, like our Disc Golf park and newly created Pickle Ball courts.

#### **Change Policies & Rules**

RCFY is actively involved in providing accurate and updated information to help support, and/or discourage, formal changes in written policies and laws, The goal of these efforts always being a young persons safety, health and well-being.





Pickleball Court



## RCFY Substance Misuse & Mental Health Prevention & Awareness







In partnership with NH Liquor Enforcement and local retailers, RCFY Youth Action students apply stickers to alcohol products to raise awareness to the drinking age and remind adults that it is against the law to provide alcohol to minors (anyone under the age of 21).



We work closely with the DEA and use their campaign to help raise awareness to fake prescription drugs being illicitly made to look like commonly misused medications that can be laced with deadly fentanyl.



Twice annually RCFY partners with the Raymond Police Department and local retailers to participate in the DEA Medication Take Back Day,. This event is an opportunity to promote Medication Safety and remind people to keep their medication locked up and properly disposed of.



Each year, in our partnership with Breathe NH, we engage our youth and community members to participate in "Bag the Butts", an awareness campaign to raise awareness to the environmental impact of discarded cigarette butts. It is also an opportunity to remind young people of the dangers and risks of nicotine and tobacco products.



An alcohol, tobacco, smoking, and other drug prevention awareness campaign observed annually, October 23 - 31st. It a great way to engage people of all ages to have a conversation about the importance of living drug-free.



RCFY has been training our community in the Connect Suicide prevention program, to recognize the signs of suicide, and connect an individual with help and support, since 2005.



We work with NAMI-NH, Seacoast Public Health and Seacoast Mental Health to provide awareness, resources and support for anyone struggling with mental health or substance use.

## RCFY Annual Community Connection Events

#### **Family Fun Night**

This free fun night out for families is held during the winter months, to get families out of the house with an option to provide a FUN night to play games, eat pizza, win prizes and learn about our community resources and RCFY partners.

#### **Operation Raymond Clean Up**

One of RCFY's longest running events, designed by our Youth Action students to help the community take pride in the place they call home. This event is a community service day for our high school students, and a community wide opportunity for families to clean up their own neighborhood at a time that works for them. RCFY partners work together with staff and volunteers to coordinate clean up kits to make this annual event a success.

#### **Project Safeguard**

This is a day long learning opportunity, for 7th grade students to address current issues impacting teenagers today, with a focus on substance abuse prevention, mental health resources, and connections to positive adult supports. This event is open to students, parents, guardians and grandparents. We are grateful to all of our RCFY partners who work together with us to make this event a fun day to learn new information and provide for a healthy future

**RCFY Prevention Summit** 

Our biggest event of the year for all of our partners, featuring guest speakers, information, resources, partner recognition, and a special presentation by our RCFY Youth Action members. It is a day to celebrate the impact of our work coming together as a community to successfully Promote Positive Healthy Choices for Youth.



#### The Long- Term Sustainability of RCFY

The sustainability of RCFY depends upon both our people and financial resources. These are the capacity of RCFY.

The work of RCFY would not be possible without all of our partners who share their time, talent and treasure, and work together as a part of RCFY to *Promote Positive Healthy Choices for Youth!* 



A coalition is a formal arrangement for cooperation and collaboration between groups or sectors of the community, in which each group retains its identity, but all agree to work together towards a common goal of building a safe and healthy community.

































Annual Gala Fundraiser to raise funds to support RCFY Save the Date, March 29, 2025



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#### **Connecting Resources - Thank you to our RCFY Partners**





































#### Thank you to our financial donors and supporters









































































## The Board & Staff

**Celeste Clark**Executive Director

**Pam Baker** Program Coordinator

Pamela Turcotte
Finance Coordinator

Summer Interns
Xavier & Alice



RCFY Staff and Board members: Pam Baker, Celeste Clark, Tim Carta, Carrie Chooljian, Ed Woodd, Dustin Ramey, Pam Turcotte, Pat Arsenault, Deb Intonti, John Gagliardi. Missing: Gavin Cherry, Ali Bousquin, Terry Leatherman

#### **Awards and Recognition**

2024 CADY Legislative Leadership Award Celeste Clark





2024 NH House of Representatives
Commendation for Prevention Efforts
Raymond Coalition For Youth

