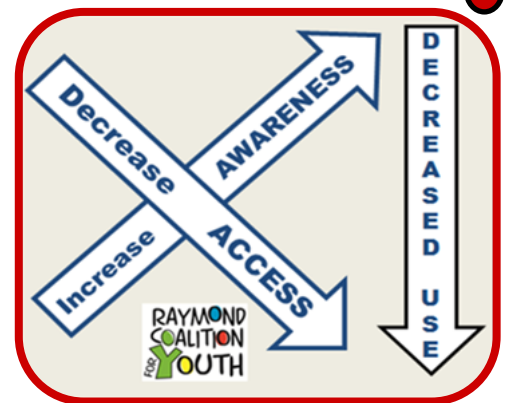


2023

improving communities • connecting resources • providing opportunities • empowering youth

FOR RAYMOND COALITION YOUTH

Promoting Positive Healthy Choices for Youth!



Stay connected and updated with everything “RCFY” through our newsletter, meetings, social channels and www.rcfy.org

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RCFY Since 2002

Thank you, to the many, many individuals, organizations, partners, parents, businesses, and especially our youth, who have been a part of the Raymond Coalition For Youth to Promote Positive Healthy Choices for Youth since 2002.

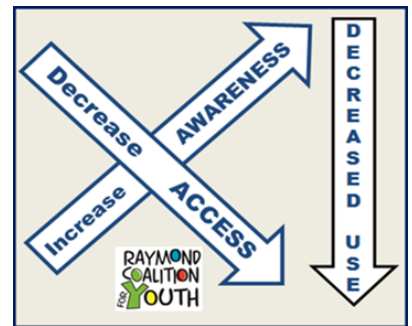


RCFY mission - to empower the community to promote positive youth development and reduce youth substance use and suicide risk.

Our vision - to build a strong Youth-empowered community

Our RCFY Goals:

1. Increase community partnerships and collaboration.
2. Reduce youth substance misuse.
3. Empower Youth voice
4. Ensure the long-term sustainability of RCFY



How? We use the seven strategies for community change - Provide Information, Enhance Skills, Provide Support, Change Access / Barriers, Change Consequences, Change Physical Design, Modify & Change Policies.

What is a Coalition?

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.

Who are we? ➔

The Raymond Coalition For Youth is community, it is you , your friends, neighbors and everyone who supports the mission.

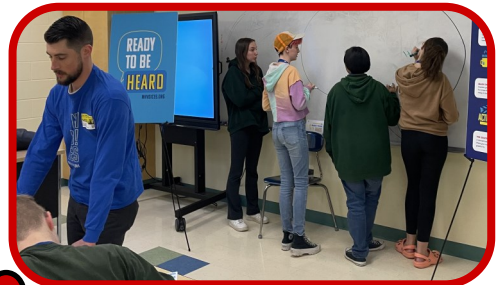


Thank you to our partners and supporters, who work together to make RCFY happen.



RCFY Youth Action

RCFY Youth Action groups meet at the middle and high school weekly to work on issues that are important to them. This year mental health was at the top of their list. They also expressed concerns about underage drinking, vaping, and marijuana use, with a focus on increasing positive adult relationships. We want all student to have at least one adult they can go to on the good days, as well as on the days when they need someone to talk to and support them.



Youth in Action!

Planning, creating, advocating, cheerleading –they do it all! Here are some fun pictures of them doing what they do best—being leaders! Youth Film Festival, Suicide Awareness, sharing awareness and so much more. Youth provide the direction of RCFY, with support from our Program Coordinator, Ms. Pamela Baker.




Congratulations to Kaylee and Payton who earned 2023 RCFY Scholarships. We are so proud and grateful to them both for all they have done for RCFY, sharing their leadership skills and voice.



RCFY Prevention Summit

Prevention filled the house at our 9th Annual RCFY Prevention Summit at the Derryfield Country Club in October of 2022. Our keynote speakers featured Carlton Hall on the importance of coalition work and doing it collaboratively together as a community, and Jon DeLena of the New England DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) with updates on the continued concerns around opioids and Fentanyl. We recognized our community partners and leaders that work especially hard to promote the mission of RCFY. Our 2022 Leadership Awards went to Ms. Kaylee McGlynn, the Raymond Recreation Department, and Pizza by George. A special thank you to everyone who is a part of RCFY and supports the ongoing work we do together. A special thank you to our guests and sponsors who made the day possible.



Hope is a good thing, maybe the best thing, and no good thing every dies ~ Stephen King 
In 2022, RCFY celebrated twenty years of providing hope to our community!



Providing Information & Awareness



Family Fun Night

One of our longest running RCFY events, Family Fun Night, is designed to be fun and offer an opportunity to connect families to our community partners in a fun environment with friendly faces and the option to meet new people. This is a true community event, open for all to attend, and free to come, learn, participate, and have fun!! This is one of our favorite nights to plan for our RCFY Youth Action members.



DEA Medication Take Back and Partnership



"Drug traffickers are driving addiction, and increasing their profits, by mixing fentanyl with other illicit drugs. Tragically, many overdose victims have no idea they are ingesting deadly fentanyl until it's too late."

– DEA Administrator Anne Milgram

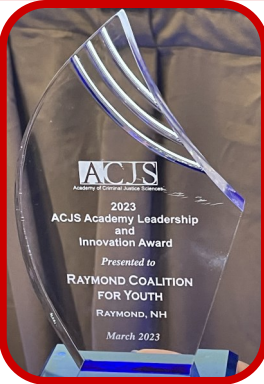
#JUSTKNOW
dea.gov/fentanylawareness

FACES OF FENTANYL
In memory of the many lives lost to fentanyl overdose. Each face represents lost

Congratulations!! Two Awards

ACADEMY LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION AWARD

Celeste Clark,
Executive Director
Raymond Coalition for Youth
Raymond, NH



Congratulations!

2023 ACJS Agency or Non-Profit Organization Leadership and Innovation Award:

Raymond Coalition for Youth

2023 ACJS Agency Individual Leadership and Innovation Award:

Celeste Clark

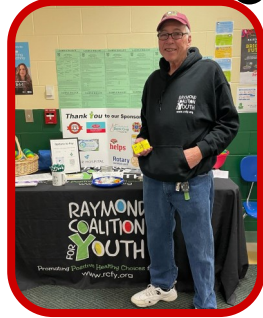
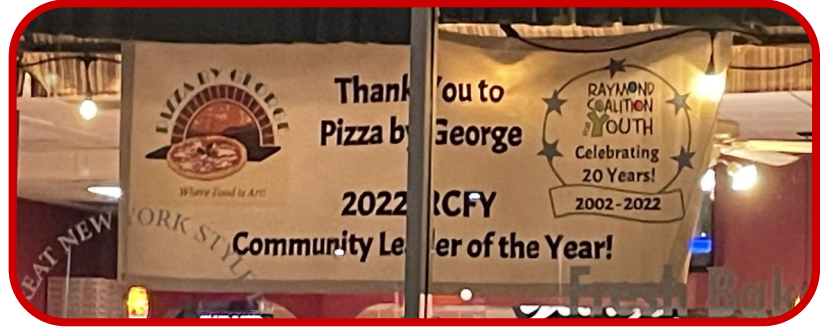
Academy of Criminal Justice and Science

2023 ACJS Leadership and Innovation Award - This award is to recognize a practitioner whose work has had a direct, positive, and significant effect on the criminal justice system.

2023 ACJS Agency or Non-Profit Organization Leadership and Innovation Award — This award is to recognize a criminal justice agency or non-profit organization whose work has had a direct, positive, and significant effect on the criminal justice system, with a commitment to improving the criminal justice system.



#WorkingTogether—our people are RCFY



Our People are the heart of RCFY



Aggregate of Raymond partnered with RCFY and Rockingham Community Action for a cold weather and personal hygiene drive for those in need at Christmas time.

Red Ribbon Week—Enjoy Life Drug Free!



Red Ribbon Week is a national effort to bring together communities, raise awareness to the dangers and risks of substance misuse, and encourage youth and adults to participation in drug prevention activities.



Summer Fun Series and the Town Fair - Community Building



Providing Awareness to Help Policy

As a prevention coalition, it our job to be the experts in substance misuse prevention. Our task is to provide real, evidenced based information to the general public and those who represent us in regards to policy and laws. We are especially proud when our RCFY Youth Action Leaders testify in the state house and are featured in the state newspaper raising awareness to issues important to them.



A teen's worry

Kaylee McGlynn, 16, a senior at Raymond High School, said edibles are popular among students at her high school "because it's super discreet." She said teenagers get them from their parents, peers and online, and eat them at school.

McGlynn, who is active in the Raymond Coalition for Youth, a substance abuse prevention organization, has testified in Concord against previous bills to legalize cannabis for recreational use, and plans to do so again in the new session. "I will be continuing to battle for what we've got in our cannabis island," she said.

McGlynn, who calls herself a "science-driven person" and an animal lover, said she worries about young children and pets accidentally ingesting edibles.

"It just hurts me to see that," she said. "It's super dangerous, and just don't feel comfortable with the adults in this society that we have right now to handle this situation appropriately."

The Pediatrics study noted



Ava Lind, a member of the Raymond Coalition for Youth, says she spends more time with her animals, including her miniature horse Sparkle, than she does on social media.

Growing up quickly

Ava Lind, 15, a student at Raymond High School, said she has seen the negative effects of social media among her classmates. The byproducts include cyber-bullying and body image issues.

"There are big celebrities out there that look a certain way ... It makes it seem like you have to have a perfect body or a perfect image to be great," she said.

But she said, "You just need to be yourself and be caring and loving. You just need to be you to be great."

Lind said she doesn't spend as much time on social media as some of her classmates. She rides horses and has miniature horses and dogs to take care of at home. "I try to keep myself busy off my phone," she said.

Her parents made her and her sisters wait until they were 13 before they had any access to social media, she said. Even then, "My mom monitored me and made sure I was only (on) with family."

It's a decision she appreciates today.

"Everyone's growing up so quickly now," she said. "It's hard to slow it down."

Lind said she thinks some apps should be available only to adults. And she suggested, "Maybe you have to be over 18 to have comments on your posts, so you're older and more mature."



As a parent to young children, it meant so much to see you all come out in a sea of red for the marijuana hearing last week. God bless you all at RCFY! Hoping the bill dies in committee. Bryan H.



OP-EDS
Celeste Clark: No fear tactics or lies, just the scary truth
Apr 25, 2023

IN THE Midwest they have tornado sirens to warn of imminent danger and destruction. Those sirens are not fear tactics, they are there to save ...

OP-EDS
Celeste Clark- Our governor wants NH to start selling marijuana
08/18/2023

OUR GOVERNOR has officially signed HB 611 to create a commission to study state-controlled sales of drugs. Marijuana and THC products to be exact.

Gala

\$30,000 was raised at our 9th Annual Fundraising Gala, featuring Juston McKinney. Thank you to all of our guests, volunteers, sponsors and supporters who all worked together to support the programming and mission of RCFY. **We hope to see you for Casino night on March 23, 2024.**



Monthly RCFY Networking Meetings

Monthly RCFY networking meetings happen on the second Thursday of the month, 9:00—10:30 am, at the Raymond Baptist Church. Meetings are open for all to attend and guests come from all across southern NH. We typically have a guest speaker sharing about resources that are available to our community and support our youth. Agendas and minutes are posted our website and shared via newsletters.

These meetings are opportunities to share concerns, learn about trends in youth substance misuse and mental health issues, and more importantly learn about the resources available help. Throughout the year, as a group, we strategize on how we can work together and address these issues so as to make a difference and improve things for our youth and community.



I wanted to pass this along. This is a great community wrap around collaboration that might interest you. We would love for you to be part of this great coalition. ~

Best, ~ JPO Jeff Trahant

Board of Directors and RCFY Staff

The Raymond Coalition For Youth Inc. was established as a nonprofit organization in 2004.

As such we have a governing Board of Directors. Pictured: RCFY Executive Director—Celeste Clark (nonvoting member), and volunteer members Timothy Carta, Carrie Chooljian, Deb Intonti, Ed Woodd, Jessica Caron, Terry Leatherman, Patrick Arsenault, Ali Bousquin, John Gagliardi and Dustin Ramey.



To learn more about the board or becoming a member visit www.rcfy.org or contact info@rcfy.org

A special thank you to Kate at Lily Jack photography for providing us with professional headshots of our RCFY staff team. Pictured: Pamela Baker,-Program Coordinator, Celeste Clark—Executive Director, and Pamela Turcotte—Finance Coordinator



Increasing Access to Resources and Supports

We love being able to work with , and highlight, our partners by offering ways for them to share their services at our events so our community members can learn more about the options they have to connect.



RCFY NonProfit Status and Support

A special thank you to everyone who endorses the work of the Raymond Coalition for Youth. RCFY is a nonprofit organization that operates and relies on grants, donations, fundraising efforts, and support from our partners and benefactors.

We are grateful for the opportunity to have our municipal town government ,and other sector partners , whom are vital to demonstrate to our grantees that the citizens of Raymond are dedicated to the value that RCFY brings to our community.

All funds received go directly back into the mission of RCFY and supports the coordination and implementation of programming, events and services to better the community we serve.

RCFY is proud to retain the Gold Star of transparency on Guidestar.org.



2022-2023 budget

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Grants	\$86,975.00	Personnel	\$121,247.00
Sponsorships	\$43,109.00	Benefits	\$22,267.00
Donations	\$7,051.00	Supplies	\$44,147.00
Fundraisers	\$37,410.00	Contractual	\$15,788.00
Municipal	\$8,538.00	Other	\$21,191.00
Income *	\$73,069.00		
TOTAL	\$256,152.00	TOTAL	\$224,640.00

* Includes unexpected 2022 IRS Employee Retention Tax Credit

NH Charitable Gaming. RCFY is grateful to be a charity partner that receives funding from gaming Days at the Brook in Seabrook NH.

October 18—28, 2023



AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire proudly supports the

Tenth Annual Raymond Coalition for Youth Prevention Summit

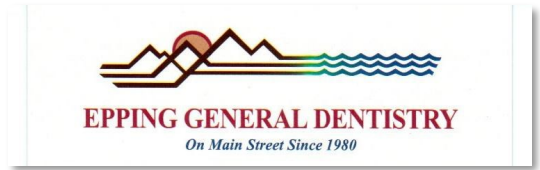
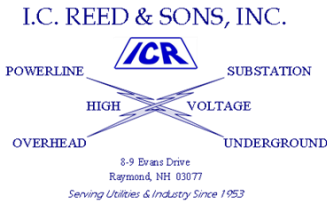
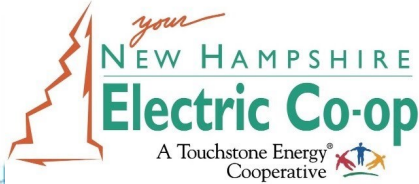
We salute all those advocating for more effective prevention and intervention strategies to help reduce the risk of suicide and substance use among the youth in our communities.

To see how we keep care at the heart of our work, visit amerihealthcaritasnh.com.



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