



*empowering youth
to make positive choices*

2016 - 2017 Annual Report

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Highlights of 2017-18

Another great year working with a caring, supportive community for the benefit of our youth! New connections and relationships have formed with many faith communities, with local businesses, and with emerging student leaders.

Organizationally, we gained our 501c3 status, as we moved from the Lionville YMCA, our host for 16 years. Our new office is in the Downingtown Area Senior Center, 983 East Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown.

With the assistance of a local grant, an Interfaith Prevention Council (IFC) was developed to reach more families with resources to support youth facing all kinds of challenges. The IFC also plans to collaborate on a year of weekend activities for 2018-19, accessible for all youth, regardless of church affiliation!

In addition, Youth Prevention Councils were formed at Downingtown East and Downingtown West/STEM Academy to impact the attitudes and behaviors of their peers relevant to drug and alcohol use. These student leaders are committed to new and creative ways to support each other while educating the community.

I continue to be awed by all who support the urgent work of CTC!

- Libby Egnaczyk, Community Mobilizer
CTC of Greater Downingtown

Prevention is helping in these areas for Downingtown youth:

The number of 12th grade students in Downingtown who drink alcohol on a regular basis decreased by 10% from 2013-2015.

Numbers of 12th grade students who drive after drinking has also decreased by 6%.

Cigarette use by students in grades 6-12 grades continues to decline.

Problem Areas to be addressed:

38% of Downingtown 10th grade students report feeling depressed most days, and 17% have considered suicide.

22% of 12th grade students report binge drinking in past 2 weeks, which is higher than State averages.

Over 25% of 12th grade students use marijuana on a regular basis, higher than the state average, and about half of those students report driving after using.



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In a panel of 4,407 youth followed from Grade 5, by
Grade 8 youth in CTC communities were:

33% less likely to start smoking cigarettes

32% less likely to start drinking

25% less likely to start engaging in delinquent behavior

than those from control communities

Research and Community Collaboration Research Institute, The Ohio State University, September 12, 2013



Youth Prevention Councils Form In Downingtown

By Francine Fulton

Sports, karate, Instagram and eating doughnuts were just some of the alternative ways that Downingtown High School West students listed to spend their time rather than engaging in destructive behaviors. The suggestions were listed on sticky notes that were placed on a large poster at the school displayed under the heading "What Is Your Anti-Drug?"

Similarly, at Downingtown High School East, students and staff members were asked to write their 2018 New Year's resolutions and post them to a banner. Resolutions included eating healthy and joining a club.

The sticky note project was the first major effort by the new Youth Prevention Councils (YPC) at each school, which were formed by Communities

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Members of the newly formed Youth Prevention Council at Downingtown High School East, including (from left) Lauren Kolenda, Chloe Baumann, Maddi DeRocco and Kenneth Donahue, asked students to place their New Year's resolutions on sticky notes. The resolutions were posted on a banner in the school hallway.



Downingtown High School West students (from left) Ryan Yezak, Allison Kay and Holly Kooni are members of the school's new Youth Prevention Council. The YPC's first project was to have students write their "anti-drug" activities on sticky notes that were displayed on a poster in the school lobby.

"Newly formed Youth Prevention Councils under the umbrella of Communities that Care of Greater Downingtown, at Downingtown East, Downingtown West (includes students from the Downingtown STEM Academy) facilitate their first prevention activity of the year. Post-It Note projects at both schools. At Downingtown East, students noted their 2018 New Year's Resolutions, and at West/STEM, students noted their "Anti-Drug" activity of choice. Over 600 notes were posted to both banners which was facilitated during several lunches over a 2-day period. Students, Administration and Teachers all participated in the project – it was a huge success!

The Youth Prevention Council (YPC) is comprised of high school students from within the Greater Downingtown community whose primary goal is to impact the attitudes and behaviors of their peers relevant to drug and alcohol use and abuse. Throughout the school year, the council will meet regularly to plan, facilitate and evaluate prevention activities under the direction of school advisors. Both councils combined total about 23 students.

Members will work with peers, key leaders in and around the community – including school administrators, residents, law enforcement, government, faith-based, local businesses and the media – in essence, the make-up of the whole community. Open to 9th – 12 graders in the Downingtown and surrounding areas, if you have a desire to help others and to make a difference in the lives of your peers and adults in the community, this council is for you. For more information, contact Libby Rgnaczuk / Community Mobilizer at: dtowncto@gmail.com.

The Communities That Care mission is to empower youth to make positive choices."



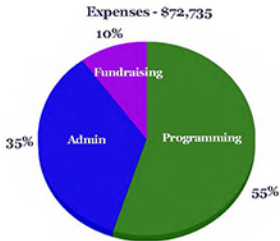
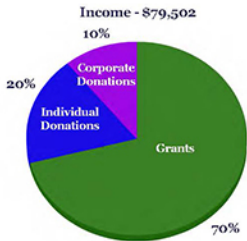
Downingtown Youth Prevention Council 2017-18



A Great Year with a Great Group of People!



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CTC engages the community in prevention
through amazing volunteers!

CTC Volunteers - 285 Volunteer Hours - 735



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The generosity of the many individuals, organizations, and foundations who contribute to the work of CTC each year enables our community to support its youth and their families. Thank you for your year-long support of Communities That Care of Greater Downingtown. * Denotes gifts of 1000 and over

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