



🎉 **April 2026: Big Wins, Big Moments, and What's Next** 🎉

🎉 **Contest Season Wrap-Up**

That's a wrap on our 16th Annual School Bus Drug Prevention Media Contest! This year's theme, "The Art of Self-Care," was properly reflected in the student artwork that showed how staying vape- and alcohol-free can be an important part of self-care. We will be celebrating our amazing finalists and winners at our Awards Ceremony on April 8. From bold designs to thoughtful messages, their work highlighted how self-care can be both creative and impactful. Check out the winning entries below:



Contest Season Wrap-Up Cont.

The level of talent this year was truly impressive. Out of more than 800 entries, the winning artwork is now displayed across Palm Beach County on over 800 school buses for thousands of students to see every school morning and afternoon.

Thank you to our 150+ volunteers who helped install these messages during Bus Poster Day. Special shoutout to our valued partner, the Palm Beach County Police Athletic League (PBC PAL), who brought so many helping hands!



SCHOOL BUS DRUG PREVENTION MEDIA CONTEST

THE ART OF SELF-CARE

VIDEO CONTEST RESULTS
SCAN TO VIEW VIDEOS

Winners

1ST PLACE
Zachary Preddy
9th grade
Seminole Ridge HS

2ND PLACE
Alan Lewis
9th grade
Seminole Ridge HS

3RD PLACE
Chloe Smith
9th grade
Seminole Ridge HS

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🚫 CANCELED: April Virtual Coalition Connection

Please be advised that our April PBCBHC Coalition Connection meeting will be **canceled** due to the School Bus Drug Prevention Media Contest Awards Ceremony taking place the evening prior. We look forward to seeing you all **virtually on May 14th** at our next Coalition Connection meeting.

Interested in attending? Please fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/51j5esLwUo4VsyKB6>

OR

You can also email prevention@pbcbhc.org for more information.

🎓 Graduation Season Is Coming

Graduation season is almost here, and we are excited to be part of the celebration. Be on the lookout for our PBCBHC graduation banners featuring positive prevention messages plus our ongoing “The Look I Made” campaign, now visible throughout the county.

The look I made when I found out...

possession of a THC vape by a minor is a felony

and 95.2% of Palm Beach County Teens are THC Vape Free!

For one, vaping causes more harm to teens than using traditional tobacco. Most PBC teens are already making the right choice. Keep up the good work.

Stay vape-free! Learn more at thelookimade.org or scan this QR code!

Take Back Day Is Back (April 25th)

Mark your calendars for April 25 for our annual DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events! This is a great opportunity to safely dispose of unused or expired medications and help protect children, pets, and the environment. It is a simple step that makes a meaningful difference in our community. Scroll below to our "Upcoming Events" for more info.

Are you a community partner interested in hosting a resource table at one of our four sites this year? Please reach out to prevention@pbcbhc.org by the end of this week.

Locations will be at several Walgreens throughout Palm Beach County, including:

- Belle Glade: 101 N Main St, Belle Glade, FL 33430
- Boynton Beach: 1601 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach, FL 33426
- Lantana: 6558 S Lantana Rd, Lantana, FL 33467
- Wellington: 10420 Forest Hill Blvd, Wellington, FL 33414

Get Your Green On

Get Your Green On (GYGO) is back and celebrating 10 years of raising awareness for mental health and trauma-informed care! Join our Digital Goosechase Scavenger Hunt to be part of the celebration this May. The hunt is a fun and interactive way to learn about mental health and local resources through trivia, photo challenges, and team participation. Registration opens this month. Find out how to join in our "Upcoming Events" section below.

From Our Teens to You

Our Teen Coalition In Action (TCIA) youth created a meaningful proclamation declaring May 2026 as Mental Health and Trauma-Informed Care Awareness Month in Palm Beach County. One line captures the heart of their message:
"Together, we can build a county where no young person has to struggle alone."
We invite you to read the full proclamation and hear directly from the voices of our youth [here](#).

Impact in Action

Youth Summit Recap

Another successful Youth Summit is in the books. Hundreds of students gathered at Palm Beach Lakes High School for a day filled with connection, music, games, prizes,

and interactive workshops. Our TCIA youth delivered impactful presentations such as “Drop the Vape” and “THC Free For Me,” demonstrating the power of youth-led prevention efforts. This year also included parent workshops and raffles, making it a fun and engaging experience for everyone.



Spring Break Scavenger Hunt Results

We hosted a Digital Scavenger Hunt over Spring Break for teens, and it was a huge hit! Students stayed engaged, had fun, and showed up in creative ways. Check out the video below for a quick recap of the results.



Upcoming Events



GYGO HUNT '26

*Mental Health Scavenger Hunt
throughout the month of May*

- Download free **GOOSECHASE** app
- Set up free account or play as guest.
- Find **GYGOHUNT'26**
or join code **UXV54H**
or use QR code
- Create your own team or fly solo.
- Complete missions. Earn points.
- Improve mental health and awareness of local resources.
- Share with others!
- Win random prizes.
- Hunt starts May 1st - May 31st.

SCAN HERE



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BY:



For Hunt Help contact Prevention@pbcbhc.org
For more events: www.pbcbirthto22.com/gygo/

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} **TAKEBACK DAY**

Turn in unused,
unwanted or
expired medications
for safe disposal.

Saturday, April 25, 2026
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Four
Locations**

Walgreens

BELLE GLADE

101 N MAIN ST,
BELLE GLADE, FL 33430

BOYNTON BEACH

1601 S CONGRESS AVE,
BOYNTON BEACH, FL 33426

LANTANA

6558 South Lantana Rd.
Lantana, FL 33467

WELLINGTON

10420 FOREST HILL BLVD,
WELLINGTON, FL 33414



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 **Community Call**



Each opportunity, big or small, helps build a more connected, responsive, and effective system of care. We truly value your partnership and hope you'll consider getting involved in the way that works best for you.

Together, we can turn collaboration into action.

- **Logic Model Planning Committees:** Lend your expertise to help guide priorities, outcomes, and strategies that will shape our work moving forward. Your perspective ensures our plans reflect real-world needs and community realities. Our projects include prevention of underage drinking, vaping nicotine, marijuana in all forms, fake pills, opioid overdose and mental health support.
- **Mental Health & Behavioral Health Resources Form:** Take a few minutes to complete the resource form with your organization's information so our county members and partners alike can easily find and access the services you provide.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



PBCBHC
Palm Beach County
Behavioral Health Coalition
Building A Healthier Community

Join our Mental & Behavioral Health Resource List

Help us send referrals

YOUR WAY

- Share your
- *Services*
 - *Who you serve*
 - *Cost*
 - *Key details*
 - *Contact info*

*So we can promote your work
in the community*

FILL OUT OUR FORM:



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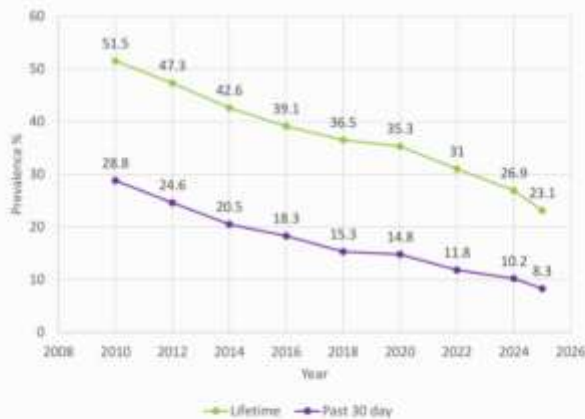
News You Can Use



FYSAS 2026

The 2026 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS) Annual Report offers a comprehensive look at substance use trends across Florida, highlighting patterns among both youth and adults. Their findings are based on data from multiple trusted sources, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Florida Health Charts, the Florida Medical Examiners Commission, and the 2025 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS). Check out how well our Florida youth are doing!

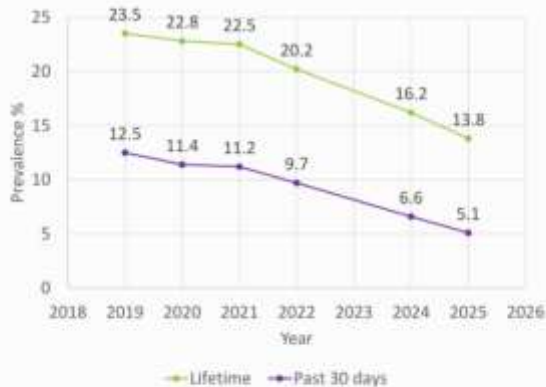
Lifetime and Past 30-day Alcohol Use among Youth in Florida, 2010-2025



- Steady decreases in alcohol use, although it is the most used substance among youth in Florida.
- Almost a 50% decrease in change from 2010-2025 for lifetime prevalence.

FYSAS

Lifetime and Past 30-day Vaping Nicotine among Youth in Florida, 2019-2025



- Highest rates were reported in 2019.
- Prevalence rates continue to markedly decrease.
- Vaping nicotine is the second most commonly used substance.

FYSAS

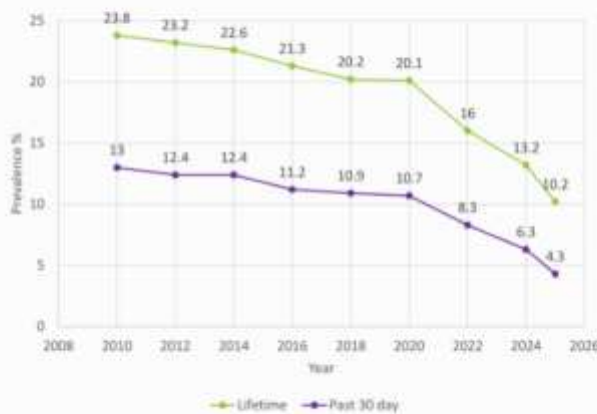
Lifetime and Past 30-day Vaping Marijuana among Youth in Florida, 2019-2025



- Rates are lower for vaping marijuana versus vaping nicotine.
- Trendlines are similar to vaping nicotine trends with continuation of lower rates than the previous survey year.
- Vaping nicotine prevalence rates are closing the gap with vaping nicotine rates.

FYSAS

Lifetime and Past 30-day Marijuana Use among Youth in Florida, 2010-2025



- Slow decrease in marijuana trends until 2020.
- Lowest marijuana rates reported in recent 2025 survey.

FYSAS

Community Happenings



APPLY NOW!

Full scholarship to day camp from June 1 - August 7, 2026

To submit an application, determine eligibility, or find the camp closest to you, please visit:
www.pbc.gov/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx

AGES SERVED
5 - 17
 Five-year-olds must be currently attending or have completed VPK to be eligible.
 Families must meet scholarship guidelines.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
February 9 - April 3
 Education Enrichment, Specialty, and Special Needs camps are offered so that your child can enjoy the perfect summer experience.



SCAN ME



Application
Eligibility Calculator
Summer Camp Map

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Application assistance is available at the locations below

<p>Lantana Rd Branch Library 4020 Lantana Rd Lake Worth</p> <p>Wednesday, February 18 12pm-5pm</p>	<p>Main Library 3650 Summit Blvd West Palm Beach</p> <p>Saturday, February 21 10am-2pm</p>	<p>Glades Rd Branch Library 20701 95th Ave S Boca Raton</p> <p>Monday, February 23 4pm-7pm</p>	<p>Belle Glade Branch Library 725 NW 4th St Belle Glade</p> <p>Thursday, February 26 2pm-5pm</p>
<p>Greenacres Branch Library 3750 Jog Rd Greenacres</p> <p>Saturday, February 28 10am-2pm</p>	<p>Canyon Branch Library 8915 Senator Joe Abruzzo Ave Boynton Beach</p> <p>Friday, March 6 2pm-5pm</p>	<p>Okeechobee Blvd Branch Library 5689 Okeechobee Blvd West Palm Beach</p> <p>Saturday, March 14 10am-2pm</p>	<p>Belle Glade Branch Library 725 NW 4th St Belle Glade</p> <p>Friday, March 20 2pm-5pm</p>
<p>Jupiter Branch Library 705 Military Trail Jupiter</p> <p>Saturday, March 21 10am-2pm</p>	<p>Main Library 3650 Summit Blvd West Palm Beach</p> <p>Monday, March 23 4pm-7pm</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>SCAN ME</p>  <p>Application Eligibility Calculator Summer Camp Map</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>Application Eligibility Calculator Summer Camp Map</p> </div> </div>	

To access a computer or receive assistance completing an application, please contact your camp of choice or contact Palm Beach County Youth Services at (561) 242-5713 or YSD-SummerCamp@pbc.gov

In Spanish:

In Creole:



This is a Spanish translation of the main poster, containing all the same information about the scholarship program, application process, and assistance locations.



This is a Creole translation of the main poster, containing all the same information about the scholarship program, application process, and assistance locations.

HOPE in Times of Crisis Building Resilience Together



A community training on understanding crisis, resilience, and the power of HOPE.

Training topics:

- The impact of natural and human-made crises on our community
- Understanding trauma and resilience in times of hardship
- Importance of self-care for professionals
- Strategies for supporting residents during difficult times



Wednesday, April 8th, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



UB Kinsey Community Center
720 8th St, West Palm Beach,
FL 33401

When crisis strikes, HOPE helps us heal, rebuild, and move forward.

Scan the QR code to register today!

tinyurl.com/HOPE4826



Presented by: Center for Child Counseling

In partnership with United Way of Palm Beach County, The American Red Cross and Palm Beach County.

Johnny's Ambassadors 2026 Spring Webinar Series

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM mountain (12:00 PM to 1:00 PM eastern)



**CANNABIS USE AND PSYCHOSIS:
FROM RISK TO TREATMENT**




MARTA DI FORTI, MD, PHD
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026
10:00 AM MOUNTAIN / 12:00 PM EASTERN

Each webinar with LIVE attendance is approved for 1.0 CE hour from the NAADAC. Johnny's Ambassadors is an NAADAC Approved Education Provider #253600.


Register at
[JohnnysAmbassadors.org/
webinars](https://JohnnysAmbassadors.org/webinars)

**CANNABIS PHARMACOLOGY,
TEEN NEUROCHEMISTRY:
THE SCIENCE OF RISK**



ERIK MESSAMORE, MD, PHD
FEBRUARY 13, 2026
10:00 AM MOUNTAIN / 12:00 PM EASTERN

**CANNABIS-INDUCED
PSYCHOSIS:
PSYCHOSIS AND MANIA**




NIK RAO, MD, MSC
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026
10:00 AM MOUNTAIN / 12:00 PM EASTERN

**REACHING RESISTANT YOUTH:
FAMILY SYSTEMS APPROACHES
TO EARLY INTERVENTION IN
CANNABIS-INDUCED
PSYCHOSIS**



**GIANNA YUNKER, CIP, CAI,
CFRS, CRS**
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026
10:00 AM MOUNTAIN / 12:00 PM EASTERN

**MARIJUANA MYTHBUSTERS:
COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS
AND THE MEDICAL
EVIDENCE**



MATT POLING, MD
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026
10:00 AM MOUNTAIN / 12:00 PM EASTERN

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COULD BE A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking knows no bounds. This modern-day form of slavery claims victims of all ages, sex, ethnicities, and demographics. You can save a life by knowing the signs and reporting the crime.

KNOW THE SIGNS

PHYSICAL

- Branding scars, burns, or tattoos • Malnourished
- Serious dental issues • Documented or unexplained
- Drug addiction • Infections • Sleep deprivation

VERBAL

- Responds as if coached • Allows someone else to speak for them • Fearful, anxious, or apologetic
- Reluctant to discuss their injuries

AT SCHOOL

- Unexplained absences • Sudden change in usual attire, behavior, or relationships • Dramatically sure away • Sudden increase in material possessions

REPORT THE CRIME

To Report Suspected Human Trafficking to Law Enforcement in FL

CALL 1-855-FLA-SAFE

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
JAMES UTHMEIER
Right, Strong, and Free



SEXTORTION

DON'T BECOME A VICTIM



SEXTORTION is a type of blackmail used to acquire sexual content from a child, coerce them into sexual activity or obtain money.

- Remember, the blackmailer is to blame.
- Show a parent or a trusted adult right away.
- Do not pay money or comply with the blackmailer's requests.
- Report the account through the platform's safety feature.
- Block the suspect, but **DO NOT DELETE** the messages or your profile.
- Report the crime to law enforcement or at Report.CyberTip.org.

GET THE FACTS AT



#STOPSEXTORTION



Stay Coalition Connected...

Update your contact info today to be in on all things behavioral health in Palm Beach County.

Coalition Connections for updates on General Coalition Meetings, Outreaches, Newsletters...

Text **PBCBHC** to **888-687-0035** for text updates on Coalition happenings.