



**Kenneth Young Center's CPYD ROSC–Coalition Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**5:30 PM – 7:00 PM CST**  
**650 E. Algonquin Rd., Suite 450, Schaumburg, IL 60173**

**Introductions**

**Program Updates**

CPYD Coalition Updates:

The CPYD Coalition has been awarded as being a Blue Ribbon Coalition. Blue Ribbon Coalition Application process recognizes coalitions that achieve measurable success in community-level substance misuse-related outcomes. U.S. House of Representative members and the Office of National Drug Control Policy Director recognizes Blue Ribbon Coalitions. Having recognition on a national level also extends to the amount of federal resources Blue Ribbon Coalitions have access to. Our Chairs, Yassi Delgado and Joe Podlasek, attended the award ceremony for the Blue Ribbon Award in Washington D.C.

KYC Organization Updates:

Substance Use Prevention Services (SUPS): KYC substance use prevention services conducted a drug take-back day with multiple community police stations. SUPS collected over 200 pounds of prescription drug medication and properly disposed of them.

Mental Health Awareness Training (MHAT) Grant: Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. This 7.5-hour training gives you the skills to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to appropriate care.

Regional Substance Use Prevention Integration Center (RSUPIC) Grant: This grant aims to increase the amount of substance use prevention strategies being implemented in the Cook County (Non-Chicago) area. KYC will provide training and technical assistance to increase the number of substance use prevention strategies (the six CSAP strategies) available and being implemented through collaboration and training. Our target population is IDHS providers who serve youth.



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Cook County Department of Public Health-Building Health Communities: KYC provides free bus transportation for Northwest suburban Cook County to the Kenneth Young LGBTQ+ Center in Schaumburg. KYC hosts queer-inclusive, informational events on comprehensive sex education, the legal name change process, local LGBTQ+ advocacy, and more.

## **Presentation**

### Community Conversation: Ending the Stigma of Asylum Seekers

Liza Gutierrez, Director of immigrant programs at POC, conducted the community conversation. The purpose of the community conversation is to destigmatize immigrants coming into our shared communities seeking asylum.

The Northwest Suburbs of Chicago are seeing an influx of immigrants coming from Afghanistan, Russia, Ukraine, and Venezuela. Community members need to understand the hardships these immigrants looking for refuge had to go through first to destigmatize the false narratives that are occurring in the neighborhood. Ukrainian, Afghan, and other asylum seekers are not at the shelters. They received TPS and United for Ukraine, and the Department of State placed them quickly and aided them with permits for work. It wasn't until a few weeks ago that TPS was announced for Venezuela alone.

Addressing the falsehoods of the asylum seekers. Stigmatization falsehoods are rooted in our country's immigration laws. Asylum seekers are often time scapegoats for the economy, crime, and health. It is in the community's best interest to identify these false narratives and try to help asylum seekers prosper in our communities. Understanding the resources we as a community can offer as the immigrant population in all our communities is the backbone of each of our communities. It is imperative to acknowledge what is going on and make the situation into a benefit to the community.



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**Upcoming topics/Events:**

Seasons of Recovery at KYC Schaumburg | Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 |  
 11am to 3pm

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Attendees:**

Name	Organization	Sector
Yassi Delgado (Co-Chair)	CPYD Co-Chair Schaumburg High School, Director of Student Services	School
Joe Podlasek (Co-Chair)	CPYD Co-Chair Trickster Cultural Center	Civic Organization
Michelle Mussman	State Representative	Government
Jennifer Naddeo	Exec. Director of Special Education Schaumburg School District 54	School
Karen Herrera P	Elk Grove YAC	Youth
Luz Paz	Elk Grove YAC	Youth
Abigayle Pignatari	Schaumburg Township District Library	Civic Organization
Tristan Podlasek	Trickster Cultural Center	Civic Organization
Allison Riggs	Schaumburg Township Library	Civic Organization
Yaryna Rysyk	Lake Park YAC	Youth
Gisele Wite	Lake Park YAC	Youth
Itzel Castenada	D211 YAC	Youth
Llyanna Mereedi	D211 YAC	Youth
Alex Tuozzo	D211 YAC	Youth
Nathan Cherry	Illinois National Guard	Law enforcement



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Melissa Cameron	Boys and Girls Clud	Youth Serving Organization
David Moravek	Conant High School	School
Liza Gutierrez	POC	Civic Organization
Kaleigh Pinoes	Hanover Park Park District	Youth Serving Organization
Sofia Carasquillo	Hanover Park Park District	Youth Serving Organization
Nicole Cox	Hanover Park Park District	Youth Serving Organization
Heczen Gomez	Hanover Park Park District	Youth Serving Organization
Charles Vaughn	State Rep. Michelle Mussman's Office	Government
Sherrine Peyton	Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery	Government
Daryl Pass	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff
Mario Nunez	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff
Shawn Rivera	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff
Brittany Soto	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff
Stephanie Vazquez	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff
Hina Hamidani	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff
Dan Hanners	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff
Rosie Tuttle	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff
Jeremy Gavin	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff
Turquoise Brown	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff
Kate Garbarek	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff
Grace Hong Duffin	Kenneth Young Center	N/A - Coalition Staff