

Youth for Youth

LIVE! Guam

Over twenty years ago,
an idea was born
to use the power and influence
of Guam's youth,

to make the difference
in how prevention
programs and services would
work best for youth,
when developed by youth.

ABOUT US

Guam's youth leadership movement began in May 1988. Known originally as the Dededo Drug-Free Organization (DDFO), it began with about fifty youth and their parents gathered in a small meeting room of Santa Barbara Church Parish hall to discuss the idea of involving youth in drug prevention work.

Two decades later, **Youth For Youth LIVE! Guam** continues to evolve. Youth For Youth is a non-profit community-based, youth-centered, youth-driven drug prevention program for teens between the ages of 11 and 17. Youth members are the assets of this non-profit organization. The foundation upon which YFY is built is in the belief that Guam's youth are leaders of today and have much to contribute towards making positive changes in their families, schools and village communities. Teens are actively involved in prevention program development, implementation and evaluation. Guam's youth possesses relevant knowledge and cultural experiences, strength and character, and the ability to effectively lead and influence their peers to take personal responsibility for living their lives, healthy and drug-free.

MEMBERSHIP

Guam's middle and high school students are recruited year-round. They are empowered with personal skills and resources to successfully reach out to their peers, to embrace healthy and positive lifestyles, and to use their creative energies and culture to spread the drug-free message to others.

Youth members meet to:

- Recruit youth who commit to learning and improving their lives and personal relationships that will result in **no alcohol, tobacco, or other drug use**
- Train youth as trainers in substance abuse prevention and related life skills development
- Organize, develop, implement, and evaluate annual prevention programs and activities, targeting youth on Guam from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds



OUR YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES

Annual Youth-for-Youth Conference

Empowers youth with knowledge and life skills while promoting healthy drug-free lifestyles

This drug-prevention conference engages 400 youth from middle/high, public/private schools on Guam, Republic of Belau, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshalls and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. First conducted in May 1990, the YFY conference is planned, organized, implemented and evaluated by youth. Prior to the 8 months of planning, the youth involved (50 members) receive training from advisors and professionals in the community. This training involves leadership skills and facilitation of workshop presentations. In this peer-helping-peer conference, the youth facilitate groups and present all workshops.

Annual Youth Summer Swimming and Water Safety Program (YSWSP)

An alternative-to-drugs program for children between the ages of 5 to 17

Approximately 40 youth mentors are trained in CPR/First Aid, swimming and water safety skills prior to the start of the program. The youth mentors are also trained to provide life skill workshops (i.e. communication, building self-esteem, peer pressure/decision making skills, alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention, etc.) to 200 children in this 6-week program. Since 1996 the Chamber of Commerce supported YSWSP under the leadership of the Youth For Youth LIVE! Guam and the Prevention and Training Branch of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, co-sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Youth Helpline (YH)

A peer-helping-peer service that provides support and hope to teens struggling with life problems

The Youth Helpline is a confidential telephone hotline available to any youth who may be in need of assistance, referral information or crisis services. The YH is staffed with teens and young adult volunteers from ages 15—24.

Tobacco Vendor Monitoring (SYNAR)

To reduce tobacco sales to minors

Youth and adults are recruited and trained prior to the compliance inspection.

Red Ribbon Campaign

A National Substance Abuse Awareness Campaign commemorated on October since 1985

In communities across the U.S., the Red Ribbon has become the centerpiece of many truly grand celebrations of freedom from drugs. The Red Ribbon Campaign acts as a catalyst to mobilize the communities into action. The goals are to create awareness concerning alcohol and other drug problems facing every community, build community coalitions to implement alcohol and drug prevention strategies, support healthy drug-free lifestyles, and encourage neighborhood prevention planning and activities. When funds are available either through fundraising or private donations, necessary resources are ordered, shared and promoted at primary/secondary, public/private schools, Government of Guam and the private sector.

Kick Butts Day (KBD)

An annual national celebration of youth advocacy, leadership and activism in the fight against tobacco

KBD is the day when millions of kids stand up against Big Tobacco and adults stand up for kids. Every year young people find new and creative ways to fight youth tobacco use in their communities.



JOIN US!

Every Friday, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

NETWORKING

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LEADERSHIP

TRAINING TRAINERS

COLLABORATION

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