

MORE WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED

Sign our Safe Home Pledge – The pledge brings together a network of parents and families who support each other by providing safe, supervised places for youth to meet; and by encouraging ongoing dialogue between parents and youth about family values and rules about drug and alcohol use.

By signing our pledge, you will join other parents, guardians, and coalition members in Avon who are actively trying to help prevent underage drinking and other drug use. **With only 2 minutes** of your time, you can help your child remain substance-free. Log onto our website at www.acesavon.com and sign our Pledge!

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More Ways to Become Involved (continued)

Parent Referral Program – If you are already a member, you can help by referring another parent or community member to become involved. Upon attendance or participation by the new member, you will receive a **special gift from ACES**.

Sign Up Online to Receive Our Monthly Newsletter. You'll receive important information on how to keep your children safe and free from substance abuse. Visit www.acesavon.com.

Become a "Fan" on Facebook or "Follow Us" on Twitter. Log on to our website and click on the Facebook or Twitter icons or go directly to the sites. We'll be providing up-to-date, relevant dialogue on our efforts and what you need to know to keep your child safe.



KEEP OUR
YOUTH SAFE

WE WANT YOU!

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Leaders help to identify alternatives to negative and destructive behaviors. I know through discussions with my friends that my choices have enabled them to say no to drugs and alcohol. I feel that I have helped to make a difference at Avon Middle High School.

– *SALSA member, student arm of ACES*



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FROM DRUGS
AND ALCOHOL



Avon working together to keep our youth safe from drug and alcohol use.

WELCOME TO ACES

Q: What takes very little time, requires no money and can make a major impact on our youth?

A: Membership with ACES!

Are you aware that as a host in your home you can be criminally charged for serving or allowing underage drinking?

Do you know how to identify if your child is high?

Did you know a teen's brain is still developing and alcohol and other drug use damages the structure and wiring of the brain?

WHAT WE DO

Through a collaborative effort of community-spirited individuals, agencies, businesses and organizations, Avon Coalition for Every Student (ACES) seeks partnerships to foster efforts to reduce youth substance abuse and promote positive, healthy decisions by young people in Avon.

Here's how ACES works to reduce and prevent youth substance use in Avon:

- Provide information to strengthen and support parents in raising healthy, substance-free children
- Engage the community in prevention work

- Promote factors such as strong parental guidelines and supervision, enforceable policies, and positive role models that support youth in being substance-free
- Reduce risk factors such as misperceptions about peer usage, and community beliefs that support or encourage youth substance use
- Develop peer support, youth leadership and other skills to promote substance-free living
- Promote strategies that reduce access to illegal substances

We need your help to continue with our mission. Become a member today!

MEMBERS INCLUDE:

- Students
- Parents
- Local business owners
- School administrators
- Community organizations
- Town officials
- Any other community member that cares about the health and well-being of our youth

ACES has helped our son become a leader in school.
— Avon Parent



My parents shared with me a survey from ACES regarding actual drug and alcohol use of my peers at high school. ...My perception was that everyone was doing it. In reality, the survey confirmed that most kids weren't doing drugs or alcohol. These results shattered my perception of reality. That's when I decided it was time to get off the sidelines and lead.

— Student, Avon Middle High School



WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

- Attend meetings and provide guidance and direction to support ACES
- Provide contributions such as food/drinks, in-kind space or services
- Chaperone a youth event
- Collect local newsworthy items
- Host a Parent Chat
- Organize or plan an event
- Distribute materials and information to help spread the word
- Provide knowledge about substance abuse or prevention issues
- Offer administrative services such as IT, computer, social networking, grant writing, video production skills or any other area of interest
- Work within the community to encourage participation in ACES' work