

COMMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS

"LCPC has been vital in keeping our district connected with the prevention efforts throughout the county and state. The ongoing group networking and collaborations that are developed are like none other. The information I gather, the friendships that are built, and programming opportunities are essential for making a big difference in people's lives."

Gina Eschke
Guidance Counselor/Brookside High School

"LCPC is a great forum whereby businesses, not-for-profits and guidance counselors can share commonalities to provide healthy lifestyle choices for our youth all in a matter of two hours."

Barb Ritsko-Stephens
*NIE/Marketing Services Mgr.
The Chronicle-Telegram*

"LCPC is a dynamic partnership made up of members inclusive of our schools, community, service organizations, and businesses. Each member is able to bring the pulse of their constituent group together to form a collective forum for improvements of programs and services for our community's youth."

Elaine Georgas
*Executive Director Alcohol and Drug Addiction
Services Board of Lorain County*

"Educators, parents, and community leaders are increasingly challenged to encourage thriving behaviors among our youth while discouraging the practice of at-risk behaviors. The informational networking capabilities of the Prevention Connection are essential and valuable to schools and agencies in promoting healthy lifestyles and positive decision making among children and adolescents of Lorain County."

Dr. Craig Koehler
*Building Principal
Avon Middle School*

If you wish to attend a Lorain County Prevention Connection meeting or receive information about the association, contact Dr. Craig Koehler (Chairperson).

Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday every other month when school is in session starting in September.

Meetings are held at the Lorain County Joint Vocational School (Board Room) at the corner of Routes 20/58 in Oberlin, Ohio.

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ILLEGAL DRUG USE

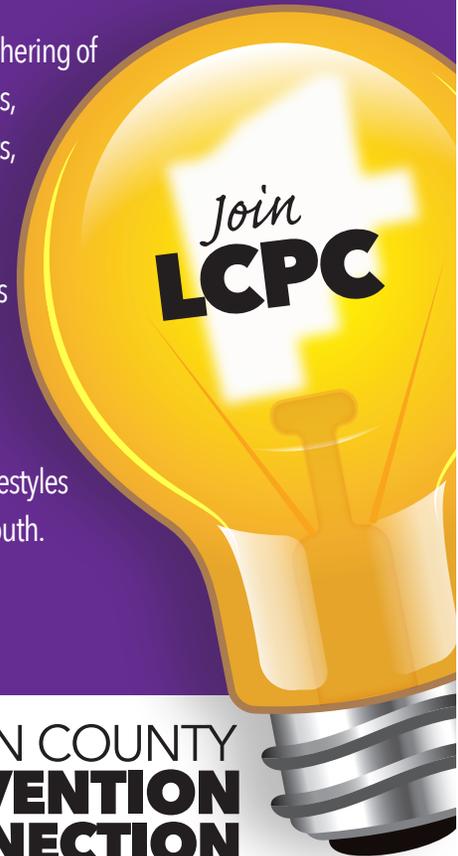
AT-RISK BEHAVIOR

IDEAS FOR THEIR PREVENTION

A local gathering of businesses, non-profits, educators and counselors sharing ideas to provide healthy lifestyles for area youth.

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LORAIN COUNTY
**PREVENTION
CONNECTION**



Our purpose, history and services

PURPOSE

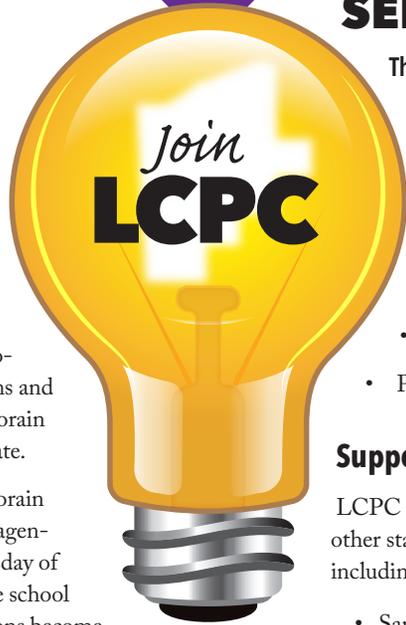
The Lorain County Prevention Connection (LCPC) is a community support and information network that promotes healthy and safe lifestyles for youth through the abstinence of tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs. The Lorain County Prevention Connection plans and coordinates prevention programs and activities for the schools of Lorain County that wish to participate.

Representatives from both Lorain County Schools and various agencies meet the first Thursday of every other month during the school year. Various local organizations become members through having a commitment to prevention. An executive board sets the meeting agenda and then steers the strategic focus of LCPC.

HISTORY

The Lorain County Prevention Connection began in 1994 with six school districts who formed an association of prevention specialists and educators. Using the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Grant and other resources, they established and implemented a unique, countywide network that has grown to impact most of the schools throughout Lorain County.

The Education Service Center of Lorain County has supported Lorain County Prevention Connection and has acted as the organization's fiscal agent.



SERVICES

Through a countywide networking system, the Lorain County Prevention Connection has been able to provide many direct services to the area schools:

Special Events & Activities

- Recruitment of national speakers to local schools for special assemblies and classroom presentations.
- The annual Buckle Up Bowl
- Parents Who Host annual campaign

Supporting Prevention Programs

LCPC has been actively involved in promoting and supporting other state and national prevention programs and initiatives, including:

- Sandy Hook Promise
- Teen Institute and S.A.D.D.
- Strengthening Families Program©
- Athena & Atlas Programs©
- Tobacco Prevention Program
- Alternative to Suspension Program & Smoking Cessation
- Communities That Care© Youth Survey and Initiatives
- 40 Developmental Assets© via The Chronicle-Telegram

Organizational Involvement

LCPC actively cooperates with the local health departments, law enforcement, counseling crisis teams, rehabilitation services, schools, churches, the media, and various volunteer agencies.

The Lorain County Prevention Connection has affiliations with the many schools and organizations and agencies, including the following:

- Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Chronicle-Telegram
- Common Ground Center
- Cornerstone among women
- Education Service Center of Lorain County
- Fireland Counseling
- Genesis House
- Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services
- Lorain County Health District
- Lorain County Joint Vocational School
- Lorain County Board of Mental Health
- Lorain County Schools
- Lorain County Sheriff's Department
- Nord Center
- Ohio State Highway Patrol
- Operation Keepsake©
- Parochial Schools

As a partner with Lorain County Prevention Connection, The Chronicle-Telegram's Newspaper In Education program publishes a monthly ad highlighting participating schools and organization's illustrating the 40 Developmental Assets. To view

past articles, go to www.chroniclet.com/nie and click on Assets. If your school or organization would like to be considered for publication on one of these pages, please contact: Barb Ritsko-Stephens at bstephens@chroniclet.com or call 440-329-7239.

