

MARYSVILLE

Innovate Collaborate Inspire



Marysville Schools is a growing suburban school district located about 15 miles Northwest of Columbus, Ohio and embedded in the US 33 Smart Mobility Corridor. The district has over 5000 students consisting of five elementary schools, one intermediate school, one middle school, one high school and one early college high school.



Governor's School Innovation Awards

OUR STORY

Community identified drug use as problematic.

- **We needed a grassroots effort to make change.**
- **Historically “school” produced interventions had shown little impact.**
- **Student and community engagement and ownership were essential for success.**



OUR VISION

A grassroots movement which would take hold and grow.

- Start Talking Campaign
- Above the Influence
- Mentoring



START TALKING CAMPAIGN

Students & community members canvassed events to spread the message to parents to talk with their children early and often about drugs.



ABOVE THE INFLUENCE

A poster campaign featuring drug free high school students to be displayed throughout our schools and community.



STUDENT MENTORING

Asset Building

- **Drug free high school students mentor elementary students 1 hour every other week.**
- **The most “at-risk” elementary students receive additional mentoring from community members once a week.**



Our Results and Impact

What students say.....

“It shows she cares. I want to make my mom happy.”

- 11th Grade Student, Early College High School

“My favorite day of school is when the high schoolers come. I wish they could be my teachers.”

- 4th Grade Student, Navin Elementary

Parents talk to students “often or very often” about drug use

Local YRBS data indicates an approximate 4% increase in parent child communication



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

