REAL Benefits:

- Inside information about the drug and alcohol issue in Helena
- Confidence that when faith leaders refer someone via CONNECT, the family will get the help they need
- Tools and confidence to handle difficult conversations with youth regarding substance use
- Resources available in the community
- Information about positive events for youth

According to the Surgeon General of the United States

“The participation of faith communities in the nationwide fight against drug abuse is critical to preventing and treating opioid misuse—and to supporting individuals in long-term recovery.”


Participate and Create REAL Impact!

For questions or to participate in the REAL Community Project, contact Rachel Dober, an AmeriCorps VISTA serving with Youth Connections at Rachel@youthconnectionscoalition.org

More information is also available at www.youthconnectionscoalition.org/REAL

We engage our community to create environments where youth thrive and succeed.”

The REAL Project is possible due in part to the generosity of the

Connect with us:

- Youth Connections
- @YouthConx
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Use #REALHelena to talk about the REAL Project on social media!

Make a REAL Difference!

“My daughter suffered from a substance use disorder, and our family received no support from the community.”

- A parent in Helena

Faith leaders have the opportunity to provide that necessary support!

The REAL Community Project will make a safer and healthier community by equipping faith leaders with knowledge and tools to help families in crisis, prevent substance abuse, and create REAL community, REAL change, and REAL impact!
R is for REFERRALS

The CONNECT Referral system is a tool for faith leaders to help those in crisis and allows the leader to be confident that those in need are connected with services.

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E is for EDUCATION

Attend the REAL Forum to learn from those on the front lines how drugs and alcohol are affecting families in Helena. Check our website for details.

Youthconnectionscoalition.org/REAL

A is for ACTION

The Service Fair will be an opportunity for all people to learn how they can help make a difference in the lives of kids in the Helena community!

L is for LOVE

Loving others is vital for most faith communities and is the heart of the REAL Community Project. Everything done through REAL will be done in love.

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

-Mahatma Gandhi

“How to Raise a Drug Free Kid, by Joseph A. Califano, Jr.

"Religious organizations can play a significant role in preventing substance abuse and supporting substance abuse treatment in their communities."

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