PUTNAM YOUTH TOBACCO AWARENESS COALITION

2026-2027 YOUTH ACTION PLAN



Our vision is to change the hearts, minds and environment of Putnam County where people are empowered to live nicotine free.

Changing the Environment: Ecolizers Science Experiment

The goal is to work with schools to to increase overall safety to reduce nicotine overdosing and reduce fire risks.



- Educating students and school staff about the nicotine and its environmental impact.
- Support schools in adding nicotine disposal as part of their hazardous waste policies/guidelines.

Changing Hearts: "Together Nicotine-Free Initiative"

The goal is to help provide nicotine prevention education and to help students who have a nicotine addiction get the support they need.

- Educating school staff to build capacity for an alternative to suspension.
- Increase knowledge of students about the danger of nicotine.



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Changing Minds: "Voices of Change" and "Chat for Change"

The goal is to increase the number of adults and students that agree that youth should never experiment with nicotine products.

- As part of the Red Ribbon Week Toolkit, "Voices of Change" will provide an opportunity to bring awareness to stress management factor of youth nicotine use.
- Students and their parents participate in the "Chat for Change" Challenge to provide information about nicotine to parents and start conversations with their kids.





Youth Led Policy Change: Village Zoning

The goal is to work with at least Putnam County Village to help them adopt a tobacco zoning policy.

- Educate village coucils in the dangers of nicotine and provide support for update their village zoning around nicotine.