

## **Illinois Alliance on Reducing Youth Substance Use**

**September 11, 2025**

**2:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

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**The Illinois Alliance on Reducing Youth Substance Use allows stakeholders to:**

- Share current youth substance use prevention efforts being implemented in the State of Illinois.
- Share information on best practices to reduce youth substance use.
- Share data and research on efforts to reduce youth substance use.
- Review the Illinois STOP ACT report.
- Unify prevention efforts in the State of Illinois.

### **MEETING AGENDA**

2:30-2:35 Samantha Alonis, Deputy Director, Bureau of Prevention, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery, IDHS

Opening Remarks

2:35-3:00 Dr. Nicole Gastala, Substance Use Disorders – Medical Director, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery, IDHS

Evidence-based AUD interventions/MAR

3:00-3:10 Jody Heavilin, APRC Administrator, Prevention First  
Resources, Recorded Webinar, and Policy Suggestions

3:10-3:20 Jake Levinson, CPRC Senior Administrator, Prevention First

3:20-3:30 Joanne Bilyk-Glancy, Director of Prevention Services, Project Oz  
Overview of Environmental Scanning

3:30-3:40 Randyl Wilkens, Mental Health & Youth Engagement Specialist, Prevention First  
Youth Advisory Board (YAB) updates

3:40-3:55 Group Announcements

3:55-4:00 Samantha Alonis, Deputy Director, Bureau of Prevention, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery, IDHS

Closing remarks

**SFY 26 Meeting Schedule**  
**Thursday, December 11, 2025**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2026**  
**Thursday, May 28, 2026**