The residents of Fountain Valley are taking important steps to address youth substance use and abuse by implementing Communities That Care (CTC), a prevention system that has been proven to reduce alcohol and tobacco use, crime and violence among youth.

The Fountain Valley is part of a statewide CTC effort that seeks to promote healthy youth development, improve outcomes, and reduce problem behaviors among youth through achieving the following objectives:

- Reduce risk or increase protective factors commonly associated with underage use or abuse of substances
- Delay initiation and reduce current use of marijuana, alcohol, and opioids among middle and/or high school students

**Our Mission**
To prevent youth substance use in the Fountain Valley by providing resources, education and opportunities.

**Our Vision**
To have a safe, inclusive and connected community for youth and families in the Fountain Valley.

**Get Involved!**
Community involvement is critical to the success of CTC. Organizations and individuals from across Fountain, Ft. Carson, and Widefield/Security are working together to take ownership for the long term health, safety and wellbeing of youth in their communities. We are always looking for volunteers to:

1. Join a strategy implementation team
2. Join a work group

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