



START youth at the Underage Drinking Prevention Rally at the Michigan State Capital.

START members are seeking to "grow" their organization to include all Midland County high schools. START youth strive to serve as "ambassadors" of our community and represent youth making positive choices.



To follow future START projects go online at:
www.circleofhealthpartnership.org



START members with Director, Donald J. Allen of the Office of Drug Control Policy.



START youth in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bay City.



START MISSION:

Students Tackling Alcohol and Resisting Temptations, or START, was established in April of 2006 as a coalition of Midland County youth dedicated to preventing underage and illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Our mission is to educate teens of the dangers and consequences that accompany the use of these substances and to provide youth with the skills to resist negative peer pressure.

START is a project of Circle of Health Partnership.

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START youth assist in developing video psas with the help of GRIID.

Who are we?

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Alexs Hermans	Logan Zaun
Jennifer Bate	Meghan Theil
Jane Stewart	Emily Moe
Elise Leichtnam	Sarah Menz
Gaye Terwilligar	J.R. Smith

We still have room for more members-come and join us!

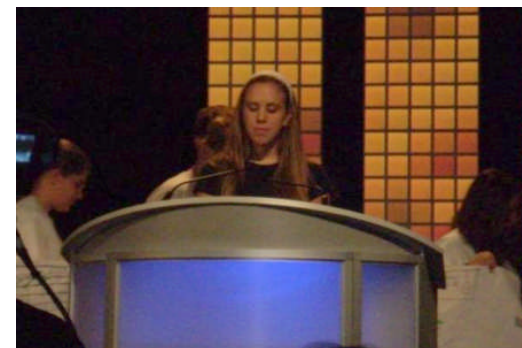
What have we done so far...

- START membership contract
- Connected three of Midland County's high schools in our mission to keep teens drug-free
- Youth attended media literacy trainings and developed video PSA messages for viewing at our local cinemas
- OJJDP Baltimore and Orlando Youth Leadership Conferences, where START youth attended and participated in the youth track.
- Sponsored a Red Ribbon Week Balloon Launch
- Midland County Fair booth and display
- START attended a press event at the state capitol addressing underage drinking in Michigan, where two youth from our START Coalition provided speeches on the capitol steps
- Created artwork for Rock the Mall events at the Midland Mall
- Created friendships with other students from across Michigan

Future Projects:

- START display and skit at Kids Day and Wellness Day
- Our World PSA

- Reach Out Now SAMHSA Teach-Ins to area 5th grade students
- MCTV Studio Show on Underage Drinking
- Collaborate with SADD Clubs at each high school during alcohol awareness month in April, doing a "Sticker Shock" project with area alcohol retailers
- Rock the Mall Spring Break '08
- START recognition event, where a scholarship will be awarded to a graduating START senior
- Midland County Fair display
- Mentor with Middle school youth at area youth centers
- Midland alcohol retailer surveys
- "Tag-your It" skit at community events



START Co-Chair speaking to over 1600 attendees at the 9th Annual OJJDP National Leadership Conference.