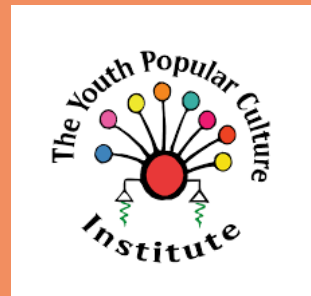


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Who Are We?

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We are Faces 4 Change (F4C), a Drug Free Community & Comprehensive Addiction & Recovery Act Coalition working to establish and strengthen collaborations and partnerships among communities, non-profits, & governments to prevent & reduce substance use among youth. We address the factors that increase the risk of substance abuse and promote the factors that minimize these risks. Our goal is to foster positive youth development and engagement.

The F4C Coalition began in 2009, and the late Dr. Doris Harper Allen served as an inspiration for the community collaboration required for the then unfunded Coalition. Allen was a local historian, author, and community activist. JMU awarded Allen an honorary doctorate in 2019.



Doris Harper Allen, Ph.D.
1927-2021

In 2020, The Youth Popular Culture Institute, Inc. (YPCI) was awarded a 5 year US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), F4C Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Coalition grant for Harrisonburg, VA to implement evidence-based strategies for the prevention of marijuana and the non-medical use of use of prescription drugs among youth.

In 2021, YPCI received a Notice of Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) 5 year Award for F4C MethAmphetamine Prevention, or M.A.P., to assist in preventing methamphetamine use among youth aged 12-18 in Harrisonburg.

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