



Youth Crew

The Youth Crew was established in July 2008. The crew is comprised of 20 local teens. Crew members range in age from 14-18 years old and dedicate 10-30 hours per month to RCASA activities. Members meet twice per week in the summer and every other weekend during the school year (Photo: Youth Crew @ Friends & Family Day, 2010).



"I want the community to know that substance abuse has become a serious problem in Reading and we can take steps to stop it."

-Written by RCASA Youth Crew Leader, Age 17

In the words of our Youth Crew

As a group, we...

- raise awareness
- present info in interesting ways like workshops, games, & presentations
- spread the word about substance abuse issues and prevention
- inform others of trends
- want to help our community

It changes us because...

- it helps us to help other people
- makes us feel more connected to the community
- helps us make good choices
- makes us feel more educated
- more aware of the big picture
- helps us voice our opinions
- creates new connections and friends

We strive to...

- maintain a relaxed vibe
- our meetings are comfortable, casual yet productive
- we focus on member-driven group efforts
- reduce the gap in communication between teens and adults
- hear each other's opinions and respect our differences