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Dear Community Partner,

Licking County has been a leader in youth prevention since 1986. Providing Licking County's youth with multiple avenues to engage, build self-esteem and develop invaluable leadership skills has always been a high priority. We invite you to join us as we continue that time honored tradition of mentoring and valuing our county's young people.

The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is an award-winning, youth-led prevention project established in 2011 to promote a happy, healthy, safe and drug-free place to live, work, and go to school. We are currently recruiting youth members to serve on the ninth cycle of the council. The YLC works collaboratively with the Licking County community to reduce violence and substance use among youth and provide an opportunity for youth to have a voice and impact change in their neighborhoods. We would like a minimum of two representatives from all county high schools to serve on the council.

Ideal council members will meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade in Licking County
- Commitment to living a violence and drug free lifestyle
- Commitment to making a difference in the community

I hope you will join us and ask your staff to share this information and encourage your students to participate. Attached you will find a application instructions, please feel free to copy as needed. Applications can be accessed at www.kidscaretoo.org/recruitment.

Please stress to your students that **applications will not be accepted after the deadline**. Students must be prepared to upload their *letter of intent* and (3) three *letters of reference* when they sit down to complete their online application.

Application DEADLINE is Friday, April 8, 2019

The benefits of participation: Increased involvement from Licking County students in other violence and drug prevention efforts; the implementation of new drug free programs in our schools; adults and youth from different communities working together for a common goal; and a generally higher level of awareness of positive prevention across our community.

Thank you for your commitment to youth, and for your help in recruiting students for this leadership initiative. If you would like more information or have questions, please feel free to contact me via phone at 740.345.6166 ext. 228 or e-mail at bpersinger@pathwaysco.org.

Best,

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