



## About Our Coalition:

*The mission of the Wayne County Recovery Coalition (WCRC) is to improve the health and safety of individuals and families in Wayne County through comprehensive, community-wide strategies that reduce and prevent youth and adult substance use, assure treatment services are available and accessible for all, and promote long-term recovery for everyone. WCRC was initially formed in 2019 when a task force was developed to look into the rising number of ER visits related to drug misuse and overdose deaths due to opioids in Wayne County. In September of 2023, the WCRC was awarded a Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFCSP) grant to prevent and reduce youth substance use.*

**Partners in Wayne County are uniting in health, safety, and well-being:** Anchored, Boys and Girls Club of the Altamaha Area, City of Odum, City of Screven, Coastal Pines Technical College, Drug Court, Family Connections, Forward Digital Marketing, Jesup Police Department, Life, Inc., Mother's Against Substance Abuse, Press Sentinel Newspaper, Safe Kids, Shane's Crib, Share Health Southeast Georgia, Southeast Health District, St. Simons by the Sea, Wayne County School System, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, and Wayne Memorial Hospital. By combining resources and support as partners in prevention, Wayne County will become a safe and healthy place for youth and families to thrive and live life substance free.



## All Recovery Meetings

Fridays at 6:30 PM | 177 N Brunswick St. Jesup GA

## WCRC Meeting

August 12, 2025 | Sam Dryer Community Center

September 9, 2025 | TBD

## International Youth Day August 12th, 2025

**International Youth Day** is a global celebration of young people and their potential to create positive change in their communities. It is also a great reminder for parents and caregivers to stay engaged in their children's development—encouraging open communication, supporting their interests, and promoting mental, emotional, and physical wellness. Whether it is helping with schoolwork, attending events, or just spending quality time together, small actions can make a big impact.

*Let's work together to nurture confident, healthy, and empowered youth!*



## Back to School: Routines & Risk Prevention for Youth

The start of a new school year is more than just new supplies and schedules—it is also an important time to help youth reset, refocus, and make healthy choices. As they adjust to early mornings, new classes, and changing social dynamics, youth can also be exposed to pressures around vaping, underage drinking, or drug use. Having routines and strong support at home can help them feel grounded and better equipped to handle those challenges.

Here are a few simple tips for parents and caregivers:

- Get back into a routine with consistent sleep, meals, and screen time limits.
- Talk openly and often about the dangers of substance use. Keep it honest and age-appropriate.
- Know their friends and where they spend time—relationships matter.
- Set clear expectations and boundaries. Youth thrive when they know what is expected.
- Stay involved—even small check-ins or shared meals can go a long way.

**Helping your youth build structure now sets the tone for a healthy, successful school year.**





## SOAR & Motivational Interviewing Training in Jeff Davis County

Do not miss this free, in-person Science of Addiction Recovery (SOAR) & Motivational Interviewing training happening at the Jeff Davis Public Library in Hazlehurst on August 8! This is a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of how substance use disorder impacts the brain and learn practical tools to foster supportive, person-centered conversations that encourage change. CEUs are available for this training. Whether you are working in prevention, recovery, treatment or community support, this training is a valuable resource to strengthen your impact.

### Training Details:

Jeff Davis Public Library, 189 E Jarman St, Hazlehurst, GA 31539  
August 8, 2025

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/56c2dhab>

**For more information or to let us know you're attending, feel free to reach out!**

## National Fentanyl Prevention & Awareness Day: August 21st, 2025

**National Fentanyl Prevention & Awareness Day**, held every August 21<sup>st</sup>, serves as a crucial rallying point in the fight against the opioid epidemic. It empowers communities through knowledge, calls for action on prevention and policy, and honors those we have lost. By educating ourselves and others, advocating for change, and offering compassion, we can help reduce overdose deaths and save lives.

### Goals for Education & Awareness:

- Inform the public about what fentanyl is, how potent it is compared to other opioids (up to 50–100× stronger than morphine), and why even tiny, counterfeit-laced doses can be lethal.
- Dispel misinformation and stigma surrounding substance use disorder and overdose.
- Encourage individuals, families, and schools to discuss the risks safely and compassionately.

## Sponsors, Funders, and Key Resources

