

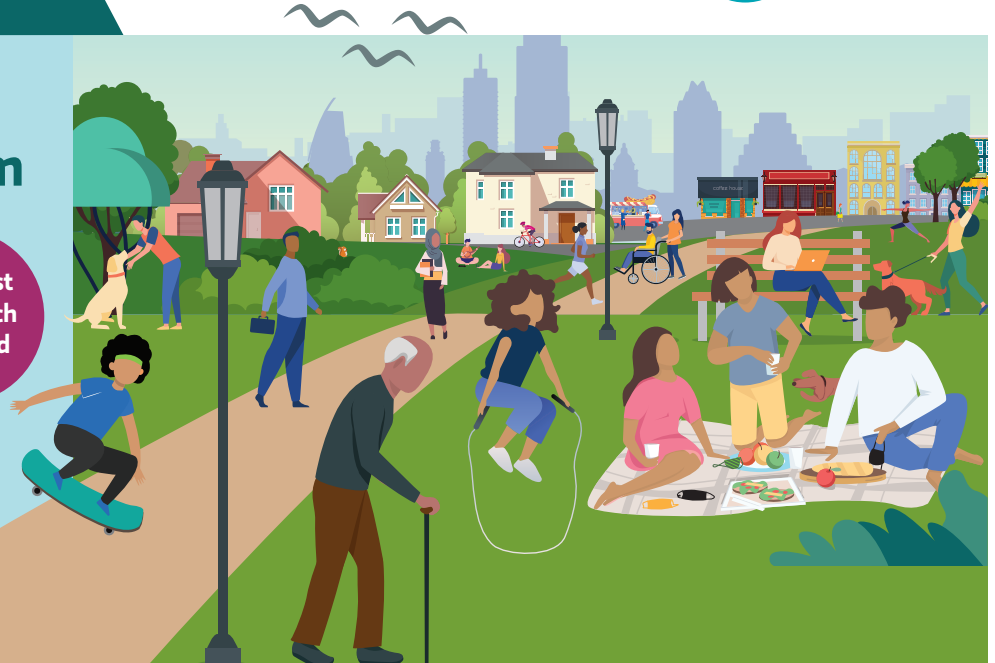
# Join Us!

## Austin Area Community Forum

Aug. 19, 2022  
9am – 2pm  
Doors open at 8:15am

Breakfast  
and Lunch  
Provided

**Norris Conference Center**  
2525 W. Anderson Lane  
Ste. 365  
Austin, TX 78757



### Why Focus on Youth Alcohol Use?

In Texas, more than half of 7-12th graders say they have used alcohol at some point in their lives. Alcohol is the substance most used by youth – they report it's easy to get and that there's not much risk associated with using it. This is concerning because youth alcohol use can harm the developing brain and is associated with an increased risk of things like impaired driving, poor academic performance, depression, anxiety, and addiction. Despite the serious consequences, young people continue to use alcohol.

### What Is a Community Forum?

TxSDY's Community Forums explore ways we can work together to address youth alcohol use and the associated consequences. Forums help facilitate introductions between stakeholders in the community, increase collaboration and engagement, and mobilize participants to reduce youth alcohol use in a coordinated and strategic way.

At a Forum, you can expect to learn from expert speakers, hear thoughtful panel discussions, and engage in conversations with fellow community members working to address identified obstacles. Attendees will walk away with a greater understanding of issues related to youth alcohol use, tools to effectively create change, and new partnerships that will help solve their community's complex challenges.

### Who Should Attend?

This Forum is designed for anyone interested in working collaboratively to prevent youth alcohol use. This includes:

- Substance Use Prevention Professionals & Organizations
- Public Health and Safety Advocates
- Youth and Adult Community Leaders
- Members of the Traffic Safety Community
- School District and Higher Education Staff
- Parents

### How Do I Register?

Use the QR code or visit [bit.ly/austinforum](https://bit.ly/austinforum) to register. Attendance is free, but pre-registration is required to ensure sufficient food and materials. Registration deadline is August 16th. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with site-specific details.



### Day-At-A-Glance

#### Check-in & Breakfast

**Morning** – State and local prevention leaders speak on youth substance use trends, how they affect young people, and the heart of our prevention work

**Lunch** – Networking

**Afternoon** – Interactive sessions focused on what's happening in Austin, community building, and next steps to protect our youth