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# LINCOLN COUNTY D.A.R.T. DISPATCH

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## Prevention Starts Here

The Drug and Alcohol Reduction Team (DART) of Lincoln County brings together dedicated volunteers from across our community to help prevent and reduce youth substance use by raising awareness, strengthening partnerships, and working to shift community norms.

Interested in getting involved? **Fill out our membership form below**, email [contact@dartlincolncounty.org](mailto:contact@dartlincolncounty.org), or visit [dartlincolncounty.org](http://dartlincolncounty.org). Together, we can protect what matters most.

## Prevention In Action



**CANNABIS ROADMAP**  
A FREE COMMUNITY EDUCATION EVENT

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 @ 9:30 AM**  
LCHD CONFERENCE ROOM

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN**

- 📍 CANNABIS BASICS
- 📍 TYPES & PRODUCTS
- 📍 ACCESS & REGULATION
- 📍 YOUTH PREVENTION

PRESENTED BY  
D.A.R.T. & PreventEd

**FREE • OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY • ALL ARE WELCOME**

5 HEALTH DEPARTMENT DRIVE, TROY, MO 63379

## DART to Host Community Cannabis Roadmap Event

DART will host a **Cannabis Roadmap Community Education Event** on **January 29th, 2025 at 9:30 A.M.** as a part of the coalition's regular meeting, presented in collaboration with PreventEd. This session will cover what cannabis products look like today, where they're sold, how they impact our community, and how we can help keep them out of the hands of Lincoln County youth.

This event is open to coalition members, community partners, parents, educators, and anyone interested in youth prevention, and a **virtual attendance option is available!**

**Please register today** by visiting our Facebook page or by clicking the link below. Join the conversation and be part of protecting the health and well-being of our youth!

[Click Here to Register for Cannabis Roadmap](#)

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## DART Coordinator Attends Lincoln County R-III Wellness Expo



On January 5, DART Director Marilyn Carter attended the Lincoln County R-III Wellness Expo during the district's professional development day, where educators learned about wellness resources available in the community.

It was a great opportunity to connect with teachers and staff, share DART's prevention work, and engage in meaningful conversations about supporting student well-being. Marilyn had a wonderful time connecting with our educators and community partners!

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## Don't Miss Our February Meeting!



**Johnathon White, Ed.D.**

DART is excited to welcome member Dr. Johnathon White, Prevention and Support Systems Strategist for the Lincoln County R-III School District, as our February meeting presenter!

Dr. White brings nearly two decades of experience in education and youth support, including serving as a high school administrator, alternative school principal, and adolescent substance use counselor.

His presentation, "An Updated Conversation About Cannabis," will cover today's cannabis landscape, including myths vs. facts, vaping and dabbing, high-potency THC products, short- and long-term effects, withdrawal symptoms, and specific Lincoln County data.

This session will take place on **February 26th, 2026 @ 9:30 A.M.** in the **LCHD Community Room**, and will provide valuable insight for parents, educators, and community partners working to prevent youth substance use.

**All coalition members and community partners are encouraged to attend and be part of this important conversation.**

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## Member Spotlight



**Madeline Drapp**

### **Assistant Chairperson: DART of Lincoln County**

Maddie has worked at LCHD since April 2021 as a Public Health Educator. She spends most of her time focused on Maternal and Child Health, ranging from suicide prevention in middle and high schools to child safety education such as how to properly install a car seat or how to ensure your baby is sleeping safely.

Maddie is active in DART's efforts in her role as the coalition's Assistant Chairperson. In addition to her work with DART, Maddie is also a member of leadership for the LC-CORE (Lincoln County Opioid Response Effort) coalition. In these roles, Maddie dedicates her time to both youth drug prevention activities and adult opioid awareness activities. Outside of work she loves spending time with her husband, daughter, and golden doodle doggie and making sourdough bread!

Thank you, Maddie, for your hard work and dedication to DART!

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## Get Involved With DART!

### Mark Your Calendar!

#### **January 29, 2025: Cannabis Roadmap Community Education Event**

Join us on January 29th, 2025, for a Cannabis Roadmap community education event as a part of the coalition's regularly scheduled meeting, presented in collaboration with PreventEd. More information about this event can be found above.

#### **February 11th, 2026: MOPAL Advocacy Day**

Join prevention professionals, advocates, and community members for **Prevention Advocacy Day** on **February 11, 2026**, from **10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at

the **Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City**. This event provides an opportunity to elevate prevention voices, connect with fellow advocates, and educate Missouri lawmakers about how prevention supports healthy communities across Missouri.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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## Fill Out the DART Membership Form

Whether you're new to the coalition or have been part of our efforts for years, we'd love to know more about your interests, areas of involvement, and how we can best support and collaborate with you!

Filling out the form below ensures we have the most up-to-date information about everyone involved in our prevention efforts.

**Please take a moment to submit the form below!**

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## Community Resources



Scan to view the LCHD Resource Guide.

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Health Department  
Resource Guide](#)

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## Connect With DART!



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