

# STRENGTHENING *Families* PROGRAM

FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH 10-14



- This free program is limited to youth ages 10 to 14 AND their parents/caregivers.
- Free childcare is provided to children under the age of 10.
- Free family meal provided.

**Every Thursday**  
**February 8th-March 21st 2024**  
**5:30-8:00 PM**  
**Location: Carlisle Family YMCA**

**Registration is required!**

- .....
- Support your youth in resisting negative peer pressure.
  - Improve family communication!
  - Help your youth do better in school!



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**An evidence-based parent, youth, and family skills-building curriculum that:**

- Prevents teen substance abuse and other behavior problems
- Strengthens parent/youth communication skills
- Increases academic success in youth
- Prevents violence and aggressive behavior at home and at school

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The World Health Organization named Strengthening Families Program: For Parents and Youth 10-14 the ***#1 prevention program out of 6,000 programs analyzed for long-term effects on substance use and misuse.***

“Disappointing results from school-based programmes have encouraged interest in family interventions. The one with the best track record is the U.S. Strengthening Families Program: 10-14, an approach now being tried in Britain.” David Foxcroft, Oxford Brookes University (Cochrane Collaboration Systematic Review, 2002). Foxcroft, Ireland, Lister-Sharp, Lowe and Breen

### Program Features

- Developed for parents and youth ages 10-14
- Designed for a group of 7-10 families
- Consists of seven two-hour sessions with graduation
- Led by three certified facilitators with separate sessions for youth and parents and then families together
- Builds communication and allows parents and youth to practice skills with learning games and family projects
- Provides four optional booster sessions that may be held 3-12 months later
- Implemented in all 50 states and more than 18 countries



SFP 10-14 is Blueprints Certified:  
Meeting the highest standards of  
evidence through independent review  
by the nation's top scientists.



### Benefit-Cost Analysis –

**For every dollar spent on SFP 10-14, \$9.60 comes back to the community as benefits in the form of less jail time, less time off work, and less time in treatment.**

Source: Spoth, Guyll, & Day (2002). Journal of Studies on Alcohol, 63, 210-228.



## Our participants say it best...

### From Our Youth:

- "I learned to deal with peer pressure."
- "I realized my parents have stress too."
- "My parents love me."

### From Our Parents:

- "I learned to listen to my child and their feelings."
- "I can set rules and consequences and still show love."
- "This is the first time since my son was born that my husband and I have been on the same page."
- "Since there was a court order for my son to do this, we both felt it was a waste of time – we were wrong!"

### From Our Facilitators:

- "I firmly believe in this program. I hope the parents find the tools, skills, and strategies helpful."
- "All families can learn from this program. Families all have needs and challenges."
- "Our family did the program and the peer pressure steps helped them choose a great group of friends."



## Youth Risk and Protective Factors Addressed

### Risk Factors:

- Aggressive or withdrawn behavior
- Negative peer influence
- Poor school performance
- Lack of pro-social goals
- Poor relationship with parents

### Protective Factors:

- Positive future orientation
- Peer pressure resistance skills
- Pro-social peer relationships
- Positive management of emotions
- Empathy with parents

## SFP 10-14 Delays Initiation of Substance Use by Over Two Years

### Average age at given prevalence levels

	Prevalence Rate	Control	SFP 10-14
Lifetime Alcohol Use w/o Parent Permission	40%	14.4	17.0*
Lifetime Drunkenness	35%	15.3	17.5*
Lifetime Cigarette Use	30%	15.7	17.9*
Lifetime Marijuana Use	10%	15.5	17.8

\*p < .05 for test of group difference in time from baseline to point at which initiation levels reach the stated levels—approximately half of 12th grade levels—in control group.

Source: Spoth, Redmond, Shin, & Azevedo (2004). Brief family intervention effects on adolescent substance initiation: School-level curvilinear growth analyses six years following baseline. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 72, 535-542.

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*Get the tools, skills and  
strategies to build  
stronger families in seven  
sessions!*



**Location:** Carlisle Family YMCA, 311 S. West St, Carlisle  
**Dates:** Thursdays, February 8 to March 21, 2024  
**Free Dinner Served:** 5:30 - 6:00 PM  
**Youth & Parent Sessions:** 6:00 - 7:00 PM  
**Family Sessions:** 7:00 - 8:00 PM

**Free childcare provided for children younger than 10 years of age. All family members are welcome for dinner.**

## Registration

(detach here)

Parent/Caregiver Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children needing childcare: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

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