

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Engaging youth as active leaders in substance use prevention.

The Friday Night Live (FNL) program engages young people, in grades 4-12, in prevention activities on school campuses and in community-based organizations. Under the guidance of an adult advisor, youth focus on making an impact in the areas of substance use prevention and other concerns that affect their schools and communities.

The program encourages young people to take responsibility by creating and coordinating activities and service projects that benefit their peers, schools, and communities. This youth-driven model develops competencies in the areas of leadership, communication, team building, and problem solving. In addition to building these important life skills, students become more connected to their peers and build positive relationships with adults in their communities.

Implementation Options

The most common way to implement FNL is as a youth club where students take the lead on running meetings and implementing activities. The program can also be embedded into an existing leadership class or program to strengthen youth-led substance use prevention efforts.

Adult Allies

A staff member from the school/organization serves as the FNL advisor, and OCFNLP staff provide ongoing training, support, and resources at no cost.

Program Supports

FNL can support many school initiatives, including:

- Local Control and Accountability Plan
- Multi-Tiered System of Support
- Tobacco Use Prevention Education
- Social and Emotional Learning

More Information

For more information on how to start an FNL Program at your school or organization, contact: Elke Petras, Coordinator, at 714-966-4458 or epetras@ocde.us, or visit www.ocde.us/ocfnlp.

Scan to watch an informational video on
Friday Night Live

