



YOUTH-Turn

YOUTH-Turn is a program that guides youth through the process of creating programs to address adversities in their communities. How adversity is faced will determine recovery, course of action, and impact on others. Everyone needs time to deal with shock, sadness, or anger. But wouldn't it also be great to take some action to prevent a similar event from happening to someone else? This is the purpose of YOUTH-Turn: to help young people turn adversity into action. By being the rallying voice in local communities, youth can effectively help others cope and work toward preventing future tragedies.

YOUTH-Turn Resources:

1. **YOUTH- Toolkit**- Online and hard-copy toolkit that provides youth with over 20 resources and tools to turn adversity into action. [Request a hard copy toolkit.](#)
2. **Coping** - Understanding Emotions, What You Can Do, Guidelines for Tributes, Where to Turn for Help, Working with the Media.
3. **Creating Change** – Developing an Action Plan, Project Ideas, Connecting with Other Youth, Connecting with Adults, Promoting your Projects.
4. **Resources**: Underage Drinking, Seatbelt Use, Passenger restrictions, Nighttime Driving Restrictions, Developing a Team, and Printable Resources.
5. **Featured Stories**: Real-life stories of people who turned adversity into action.
6. **Submit Your Stories**: Submit your personal stories of taking an adversity and turning it into action.

YOUTH-Turn It Around Awards

Through partnership of the Casey Feldman Memorial Foundation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), NOYS was able to host the contest in 2011 and award \$10,000 to youth organizations in high schools and universities that utilized the YOUTH-Turn resource and turned traffic adversities into positive and educational action. NOYS is going to host another YOUTH-Turn It Around Awards contest in 2012. To get involved, contact NOYS at info@noys.org.

Access:

This program is available FREE on the NOYS website at www.noys.org.

Partners:

- Casey Feldman Memorial Foundation (www.caseyfeldmanfoundation.org)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (www.nhtsa.dot.gov)
- National Road Safety Foundation (www.nrsf.org)
- NOYS is seeking partners to support other categories of YOUTH-Turn such as Substance Abuse Prevention, Youth Violence Prevention, and Suicide Prevention
- Please contact NOYS for partnership opportunities

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