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2010 Youth Survey Data to be Released at Youth Summit

Lancaster, OH (August 17, 2010) — A 2010 survey of more than 2,500 tenth and twelfth graders, encompassing all Fairfield County public and private schools, was conducted by the Fairfield County ADAMH Board, Family Adult and Children's First Council and the Prevention Works for a Drug Free Fairfield County Coalition. Detailed statistics will be presented at the Fairfield County Youth Summit on August 18, 2010. The summit will be held at Fairfield Medical Center, 401 N. Ewing Street, Lancaster, from 8:00 to 10 a.m.

Results of the study suggest that:

- ◆ frequent use of alcohol among Fairfield County twelfth graders remains lower than the national average but is on the rise,
- ◆ marijuana use has increased since 2008,
- ◆ the use of prescription opiates has declined slightly but remains high,
- ◆ the perceived availability of heroin has increased dramatically,

Representatives of the ADAMH Board, Family & Children First Council, and Prevention Works Coalition will provide detailed statistics and trends about drug use, behavioral health indicators and other important risk and protective factors for Fairfield County youth. Fairfield Medical Center CEO, Mina Ubbing, and Sheriff Dave Phalen will provide opening comments about important prevention efforts under way in our community.