



**Clay Counts Coalition Agenda**  
**Wednesday, August 2024**  
**Stuart Administrative Center Meeting Room**  
**Noon to 1:00**  
**Lunch Provided**  
***August is National Wellness Month***

***Welcome and Introductions***

Lori Martin (Clay Counts Coordinator), Brayley Langvardt (Ylink), Emma Spellman (Ylink), Matt Weller (Community Coordinator), Dana Rickley (CCHD), Reagann McDonald (Ylink), Craig Rickley (CCCMS teacher), Paul Tessaro (faith based member), Ryan Wilson (Dispatch), Jeanna Fancella (Scouting rep), Angie Parcell (Clay County EMS), Brett Nelson (USD 379 superintendent), Audrey Waid (Little Learners/Head Start)

***How I Can Learn Time***

Ylink Presentation (Brayley, Emma, Reagann)

Ylink stands for Youth Leaders in Kansas. It has grown tremendously not only in Clay Center, but around the state. One of the first events Ylink hosted was 5<sup>th</sup> quarters after home sporting events. This has been extremely well attended. Reagann is part of National Youth Advisory Committee and Upstream Kansas.

In June, the Clay Center Ylink chapter received the prestigious iLead award. Lori Martin also received the Sheryl Carlson Outstanding Leadership award for the state of Kansas.

In June, multiple Ylink members attended the CADCA national convention in Chicago. More than 3,500 students and adults attended. There were adult and youth sessions to attend.

Recently the officers attended a leadership retreat to get ready for the new school year. Sept. 6 is the first event of the year, which is a 5<sup>th</sup> quarter Luau after the first home football game. The goal is to do at least one event each month.

Ylink is also helping with the Garfield TeenMates program, where they are paired with Garfield students and spend time with them.

If you are interested in being a chaperone for upcoming events, Clay Counts will pay \$20/hour.

A local church ministry has donated Russell Stover candies. These will be handed out at the 5<sup>th</sup> quarter event.

***How I Can Make an Impact Time***

A. What Clay Counts Did Last Summer:

1. Awarded ILead Award at KS Mental Health Consumer Advisory Board State Conf. 6/11/24
  - a. This was particularly because of the work of the Red Bandana Group
2. Awarded Outstanding Sponsor Award @ State YLink Conference 6/12/24
3. Hosted PAX Tools for Human Services Workers 6/24/24 (12)
4. 12 Members Attended CADCA Mid-Year in Chicago 7/14/24 to 7/18/24
5. Hosted ACES/ Emotional First Aide for Youth for First Responders 7/31/24 (14)
6. Hosted Farmer to Farmer Suicide Prevention Training 8/1/24 (16)
  - a. This is the first step in developing a Farmer to Farmer local and state-wide program
  - b. There has been regional and national recognition for Clay Counts attempting to start up this program

7. Hosted 8/7/24 Staff Back to School Kick Off “Managing Stress / Developing Resilience” (280)
  8. Hosted 8/7/24 Teacher Sessions “Trauma Informed Suicide Awareness Training” (280)
  9. Hosted 8/7/24 Courageous Conversation “Shattering Our Silence” (93)
    - a. Kevin Polky spoke at all of these, and it was paid for through Clay Counts
  10. Collected 19 out of 24 Red Back Packs for DECK Project
- I. Matt Weller Update
    - a. Please visit the [Clay Counts website](#) to sign up for updates as they are posted.
  - II. End of the Fiscal Year Budget Report: Dana Rickley
    - a. Clay Counts needs to spend some advertising money, so if you have any ideas, please contact Lori. It needs to be health and safety information for the general public.
  - III. KDADS KPC Prevention Conference Mini-Grant  
The theme for this year is Harvesting Hope in the Heartlands. Dates of the Conference are 10/2/2024 to 10/4/2024. Wichita, Kansas. All submissions to be considered should be sent to Stephanie Rhinehart, Prevention Program Manager, KDADS at [stephanie.rhinehart@ks.gov](mailto:stephanie.rhinehart@ks.gov) by 5:00 pm August 16, 2024.
  - IV. Jeanna is interested in finding some kind of training on how to better deal with technology, including for the children (scouts) and adults. Lori mentioned the PAX tools presentation and is going to check into this.

#### ***How I Can Help Time***

- I. Chaperones for YLink Luau are needed 9/6/24 from 9-11 pm
- II. Volunteer for Teammates Mentoring Program
  - a. At this time there is still a need for 27 more Teammates mentors
- III. Recruit and Bring a New Member to our Next Meeting
- IV. Attend the 11Kansas Prevention Council

#### ***Next Meeting***

***Next Meeting:*** Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the Stuart Administrative Center with Lunch provided.

#### ***Our Mission***

The Clay Counts Coalition exists to promote social, physical, and mental well-being for the residents of Clay County, emphasizing reduction of youth substance use and to foster a thriving environment in which to live, learn, and play.