

Advocacy Webinar

JANUARY 26, 2022 • 2PM

V4P Announcements

- Substance Abuse Prevention Day Pre-event Webinar- Feb. 18th @11am
- Substance Abuse Prevention Day Feb. 24th 2022 (10:30 – 12:30)
- Suicide Prevention Day March 30th 2022 (10:30 – 12:30)
- V4P Membership- To become a V4P Member is Free. Membership includes exclusive webinars, networking opportunities, and much more. Visit v4pga.org to become a member today

WHAT WE DO:



V4P ACTIVITIES

Host Quarterly Calls / Meetings:

- V4P Member Networking
- Suicide Prevention Stakeholders
- Suicide Prevention Mental Health Trainers
- Suicide Prevention Clinicians



Advocacy Basics

Advocacy is defined as any action that speaks in favor of, recommends, argues for a cause, supports or defends, or pleads on behalf of others.

2 KINDS OF ADVOCACY



Policy Education



Lobbying

LOBBYING

“LOBBYING” IS ANY ATTEMPT TO GET A POLICYMAKER OR THE PUBLIC TO VOTE YES OR NO ON A CERTAIN BILL OR ORDINANCE. A “BILL” IS A PIECE OF LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED BY LEGISLATORS BEFORE IT EITHER PASSES OR FAILS TO PASS. IF IT PASSES THEN IT BECOMES A LAW.



POLICY EDUCATION

“Policy education” involves educating various kinds of policymakers and the public about the problem (or problems) you are concerned about and the changes you or your organization want to see take place.



Policy

A policy described
government, private
“Statement of Inter
important organiza

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	NAME↓	PARTY	DISTRICT	CHAMBER
	Al Williams	Democratic	168	House
	Alan Powell	Republican	32	House
	Angela Moore	Democratic	90	House
	Angelika Kausche	Democratic	50	House
	Barry Fleming	Republican	121	House
	Becky Evans	Democratic	83	House
	Bee Nguyen	Democratic	89	House

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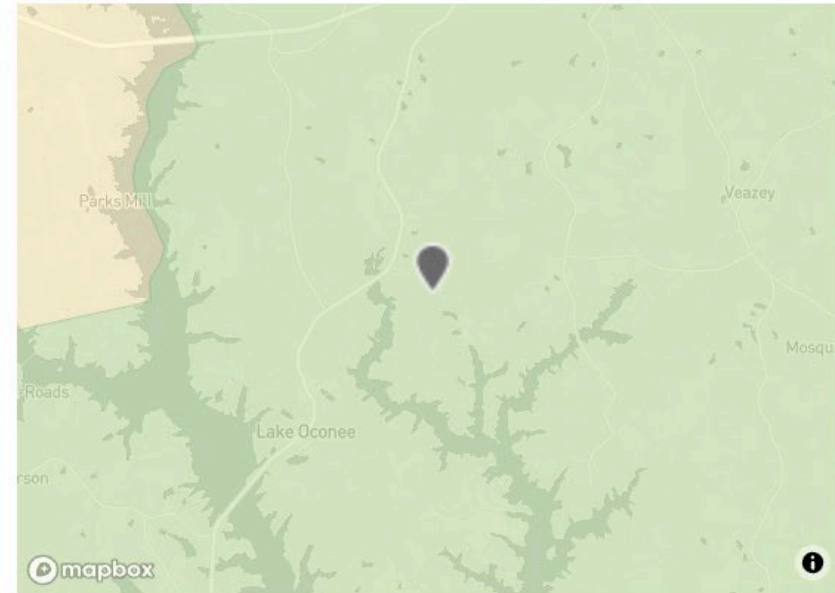
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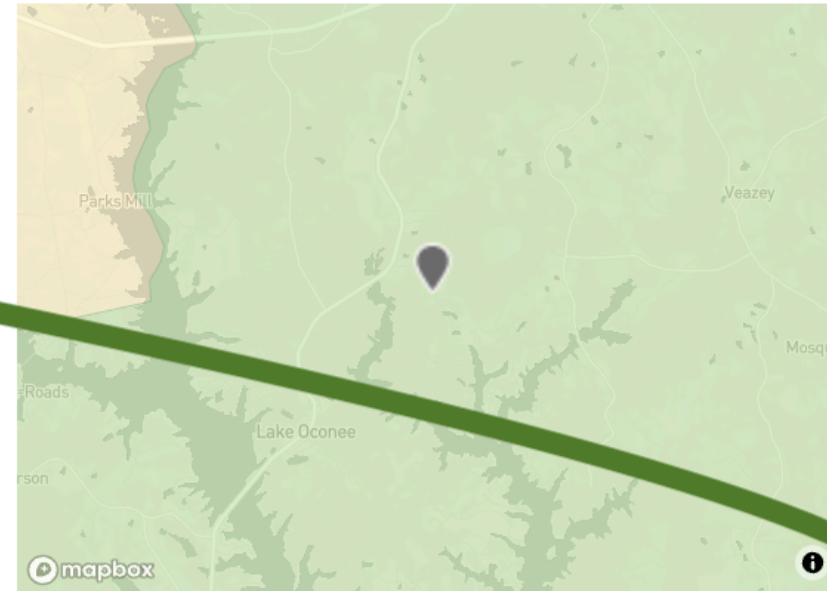
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SERVING DISTRICT 120





Sponsored Bills

HB 950

Oglethorpe County; Board of Education; provide new district boundaries

Introduced Jan 24 2022 • House First Readers Jan 25 2022

HB 975

Elections; probate court judge to cease acting as superintendent of elections; provisions

Introduced Jan 24 2022 • House First Readers Jan 25 2022

HB 948

Wilkes County; Board of Education; change description of districts

Introduced Jan 24 2022 • House First Readers Jan 25 2022

HB 949

Oglethorpe County; Board of Commissioners; revise districts of members

Introduced Jan 24 2022 • House First Readers Jan 25 2022

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Recent Votes

MAR 08, 2021



RHODES voted **Yes**

HB 693

PASSAGE

Pass

FEB 16, 2021



RHODES voted **Yes**

HB 254

PASSAGE

Pass

MAR 25, 2021



RHODES voted **Yes**

HB 795

Local Calendar

Pass

Questions or Suggestions



Representative Steven Sainz

Representative Sainz recommended the following tips on how community partners could best reach out to their elected officials for advocacy purposes:

- Create a personalized one-pager that could be shared with the elected official to their official member email account. If you know the legislator's assigned assistant, CC them on the email as well. This information can usually be found on the legislator's official webpage. You can ask, in the email, if the legislator has a preferred email or phone number to use for future communication.
- You can request a 10-15 minute in-person, virtual, or phone call brief with your legislator. Highlight in that meeting what your coalition is doing for the given district and relate the coalition funding to the work.
- If no reply to email, follow up with a phone call (use the office line if nothing else). Often emails get lost in the inbox as legislators receive a LOT of robo emails during the session.

Questions or Suggestions

Advocacy Resources



BEGINNERS'
ADVOCACY TOOLKIT
FOR ADULTS &
YOUTH



TOOLS

Vignette Template
Meeting Request Template
Meeting Script
Infographics



WEBINARS

Recorded Online
Future Topics

Making a difference in 5 easy steps

1. Identify whom you want to persuade (your *target*)
2. Know your facts
 - Key pieces of information that help you make the strongest case possible
3. Begin to communicate
 - What is your *ask*?
4. Advocate
5. Follow-up (it is *all* about relationships)

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The Spectrum Of Prevention

Prevention Institute

Level of Spectrum	Definition
1. Strengthening individual knowledge and skills	Enhancing an individual's capability to prevent injury or illness
2. Promoting community education	Reaching groups of people with information and resources to promote health and safety
3. Educating providers	Informing providers to transmit skills and knowledge to others
4. Fostering collaboration	Bringing together groups for broader goals and greater impact
5. Changing organizational practices	Adopting regulations and shaping norms to improve health and safety
6. Educating policymakers	Developing strategies to inform policies

Source. Adapted from Cohen, L., & Swift, S. (1999). The spectrum of prevention: Developing a comprehensive approach to injury prevention. *Injury Prevention*, 5, 203–207, a publication of the BMJ Publishing Group.

QUESTIONS?

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