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CICAD Initiatives for Youth



◆ **Capacity Building:** Youth Forum Events for Latin America and the Caribbean; national trainings for youth; UPC, UTC trainings



◆ **Prevention Tools:** Pilot Program for Preventing Drug Use and Supporting Mental Health (SADD Model)



◆ **Youth Network**



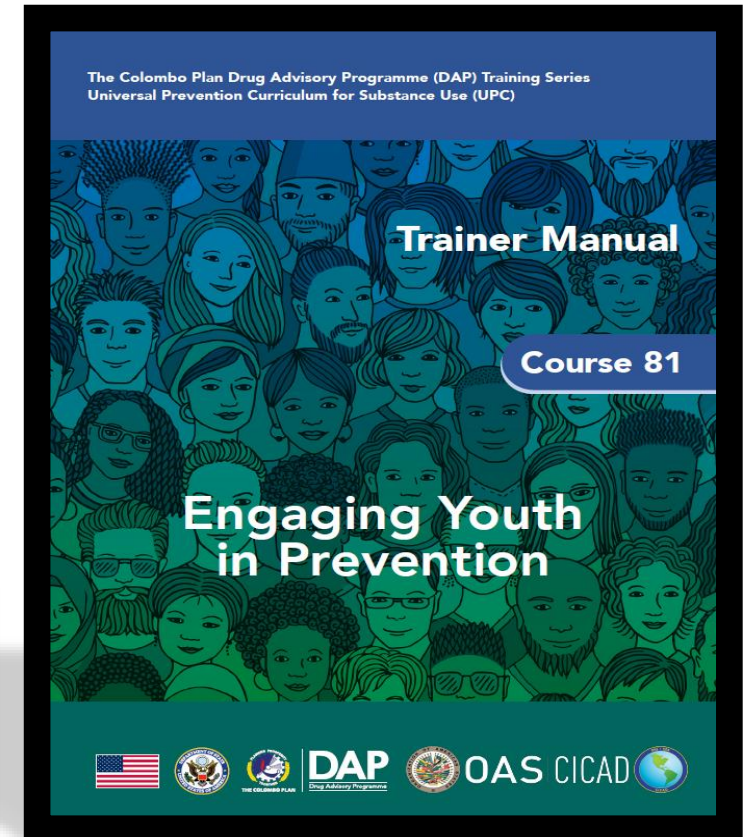
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Capacity Building:

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- ❑ Goal: Build the capacity of youth to take action in drug use prevention and health promotion
- ❑ Global and regional (Barbados 2019 and Bahamas 2023) youth forums on drug use prevention
- ❑ National trainings (2023: Argentina, Bahamas, Peru, Brazil)
- ❑ 159 youth from 18 OAS member states



Prevention Tools for Youth

Pilot Program for Preventing Drug Use & Supporting Mental Health (SADD Model)



- ☐ Partnership with SADD since 2021
- ☐ Participating countries: The Bahamas & Suriname
- ☐ Participation is currently open to all OAS English-speaking Member States, and, in the future, Latin America



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CICAD-SADD Pilot Program

1

Support youth in the implementation of youth-led drug use prevention and mental health initiatives in school and community settings by providing further practical tools for implementation

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Provide Caribbean government agencies (National Drug Councils, Youth and/or Education Ministries) with school- and community-based tools for drug use prevention

3

Adapt the SADD Model to OAS Member States from the Caribbean and Latin America

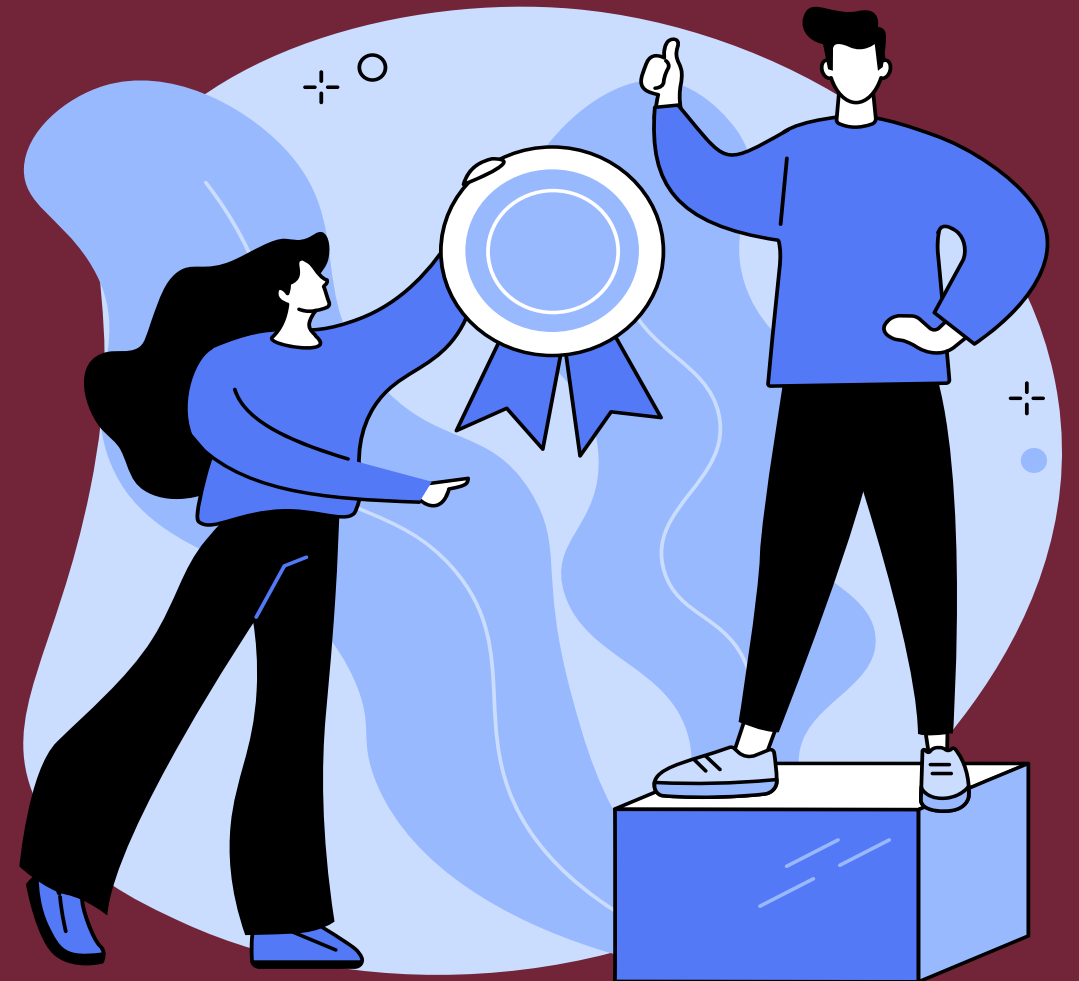
Youth Network:

Engagement and Participation

- ◆ **Develop youth leadership to build strategic alliances** with international organizations, youth organizations, government agencies, and civil society partners for advocating youth participation in drug use prevention and health promotion
- ◆ **Provide an opportunity for young people** to participate in drug demand reduction discussions and programming at the global and national levels
- ◆ **Provide access to training and capacity building opportunities** in Drug Demand Reduction
- ◆ **Connect youth** from different parts of the world to share experiences and discuss relevant issues in their communities
- ◆ **Spark the interest of youth** to become a drug demand reduction professional



Success Stories



Thank you

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