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From Awareness to Action: A Community Partnership

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MEET THE PANEL

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Panel Purpose

FROM EXPERIENCE TO ACTION

Explore how a family-led nonprofit, student recovery leaders and community partners turn lived experience and shared purpose into coordinated action.

WHAT WE'LL EXPLORE

We will discuss real partnerships, expanding networks, and lessons other communities can use.



How We Will Proceed

- A moderated, conversational panel led by Michelle Sawyer.
- Micah, Jason and Daniel will share perspectives and examples of community collaboration.
- We will close with practical steps, audience reflection and Q&A.



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Lived experience

What brought you to this work, and how does that experience shape your approach?

Family perspective and student leadership

Building the partnership

How did you connect, and what helped the partnership take shape?

The first conversation, shared goals and responsibilities

Partnership in action

What has working together made possible, and what have you learned?

One real example, its results and what changed

Lessons for other communities

What would you tell another community that wants to build a similar partnership?

A first step, a likely challenge and a plan to continue

Audience questions & discussion

What would you like to ask the panel?



Partnerships, student leadership and putting ideas into practice

One next step

Who could you partner with, and what could you do together?

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- Closing remarks
- Resources
- Contact information