

By participating in the Boomerang Program you agree to the following rules:

1. I agree to attend every class with one or both of my parent or legal guardians.
2. I agree to participate in all activities during the program.
3. I will arrive on time to each session.
4. I agree not to use any alcohol or illegal drugs during this program
5. I agree to pay RCFY a non-refundable participatory fee of \$ 50

Upon successful completion of the Boomerang Program offenses will not be forwarded to the Juvenile Court and will be handled within the Police Department only. Failure to complete the program will cause the case to be reopened and official court charges will be filed with the Juvenile Court.

Comments from some Students who have attended - I learned:

“Statistics were eye opening”, “a lot about the consequences of my actions”, “info on the law”, “other things to do besides drugs and alcohol”, “the dangerous effects of using”

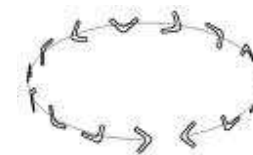
From Adults who have attended: I have a

“Better understanding of dealing with these issues and my kids”, “This class was excellent”, “Thank you!!”, Everyone should have to take this class- it was a great experience”

The Raymond Coalition for Youth offers this program as a support and educational opportunity for youth and their families. Sometimes youth make poor choices or don't understand the consequences of their actions. RCFY offers this program to educate on the dangers associated with the use of alcohol or marijuana, the law and why it is the law and to allow an opportunity for this not to be something that follows you and has the possibility of affecting your long-term life goals, such as job, college or the military.

Contact the Raymond Coalition for Youth office to enroll in the next session at  
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# The BOOMERANG PROGRAM



A diversion program  
for youth 18 years  
of age and younger  
Addressing the issue  
Alcohol and Marijuana  
use

**BOOMERANG** is a program designed specifically to address the first-time offenders of underage drinking and other illegal substances laws. The program is delivered by a team of facilitators, including a professional in the field of adolescence/substance abuse, a local police officer and a caring community person involved in the prevention of substance abuse issues. The program includes both prevention and intervention as a means of dealing with the first time offense. Prevention is offered to the parent or legal guardians in the form of education about the facts of adolescent substance abuse, including the progression of the disease as well as awareness regarding attitudes and society's role. Intervention is offered to the first-time offenders in the form of education about the process of underage/illegal use and where it leads, as well as communication about the understanding of stress and adolescent issues. Discussions include dealing with peer pressure, making goal directed choices and committing to abstaining from underage use and avoiding future issues with alcohol or other drugs.

**BOOMERANG** is directed at both the first time offender and his/her parent or legal guardian(s). The goal of the program is to educate both the adolescent and the parent or legal guardian(s) about the dangers of underage drinking in an effort to prevent further problems with alcohol or other drugs. The belief that the parent or legal guardian(s) is a key figure in the adolescent's life is central to the need for their involvement in the program. An agreement of full participation by both the first-time offender and the parent or legal guardian(s) is mandatory. All participants must attend and participate in all sessions.

**BOOMERANG** serves to enhance developmental assets known to reduce risky behaviors, including substance abuse, among adolescents. The external assets of family support, positive family communication and other adult relationships are met through involvement with the program. Empowerment is touched upon as the youth realize that the community values them. Boundaries and expectations are addressed when the parent or legal guardians help to clarify rules and consequences for their child. High expectations are encouraged and the adult facilitators become positive role models to the youth participants. Time use is linked to the program as suggestions are offered regarding time at home, creative activity involvement and youth programs. The program helps to build internal assets of positive values such as honesty, responsibility and restraint. The program enhances social competencies such as planning and decision making as well as resistance skills. The program also helps to increase positive identity through personal power, sense of purpose and positive view of personal future.



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