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**Men and Women of Vision Awarded State Grant to Expand Youth Fentanyl Awareness and Safety Education**

**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA** — Men and Women of Vision (MWoV) has been selected as one of only 35 organizations across the Commonwealth of Virginia to receive funding through the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY) Dangers of Fentanyl Activation Grant initiative.

This award recognizes MWoV’s commitment to youth safety, community education, and evidence-informed program delivery at a time when fentanyl exposure continues to pose significant risks to young people and families.

Through this grant, MWoV will expand its **Life Over Likes (L.O.L) youth safety programming**, delivering age-appropriate education focused on the **Dangers of Fentanyl (D.O.F)**:

- Understanding fentanyl and its risks
- Recognizing signs of overdose
- Making informed, real-time decisions
- Accessing local and national support resources

*“This recognition affirms the importance of ensuring that families and young people have access to clear, practical information”* said Mary Norris, Chair of Men and Women of Vision. *“Our focus is not just awareness, but equipping communities with the tools to respond, make informed decisions, and protect one another.”*

MWoV’s approach integrates **education, community engagement, and structured volunteer infrastructure**, creating pathways for sustained impact beyond a single program or event.

The organization will implement programming across community settings, including schools, community centers, and public events, with an emphasis on accessibility and real-world application.

**About Men and Women of Vision**

Men and Women of Vision (MWoV) is a 501(c)(3) public charitable organization serving the Hampton Roads region. The organization focuses on youth safety education, volunteer development, and strategic partnerships that strengthen community infrastructure and long-term impact. MWoV operates with a disciplined approach to governance, program design, and community engagement—ensuring that initiatives are structured, measurable, and sustainable.

To learn more or request a program, visit:



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Organizations and businesses interested in supporting this initiative may participate through sponsorship, in-kind donations, volunteer engagement, or community partnerships. To learn more about partnership opportunities, contact: [partners@menandwomenofvision.org](mailto:partners@menandwomenofvision.org)

**Community Engagement Opportunity**

MWoV offers brief, accessible workshops designed for youth, parents, and community groups. Families, schools, and community organizations interested in **bringing fentanyl awareness education** to their communities are encouraged to connect with Men and Women of Vision.

To schedule a session or learn more: <https://menandwomenofvision.org/life-over-likes/>  
[www.MenAndWomenOfVision.org](http://www.MenAndWomenOfVision.org) or contact: [media@menandwomenofvision.org](mailto:media@menandwomenofvision.org)

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