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***Youth Speak Out***

On January 15, 2014, youth from Yukon and Mustang came together to speak out to leaders in Canadian County about the issues they are facing in their lives and the change they want to see happen in Canadian County. The youth's presentations ranged from substance abuse to bullying. Each student gave a 3 minute speech about a problem they are seeing in their community, including a resolution to the problem. Community leaders were asked to listen and help provide input, guidance, or resources to help resolve the issues.

The Youth Speak Out was a collaborated effort by the Mustang Prevention and Coalition Team (MPACT) and the Yu-Can Coalition. The purpose of both coalitions is to help reduce underage drinking and substance abuse prevention among community members in the Mustang and Yukon communities. The Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC) actively promotes and encourages community members to participate in these community coalitions.

For more information on MPACT, Yu-Can, or substance abuse prevention contact the Red Rock RPC at (405)-354-1928 ext 203 or [www.redrockrpc.com](http://www.redrockrpc.com). Red Rock RPC is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.