

## YOUTH SPEAKERS

**Andrea Ventura** is a high school senior from Broward County, Florida. Drawn by her desire to give back to her community, she has been involved in coalition work for over six years as a member of United Way's Broward Youth Coalition (BYC). Andrea has worked with her coalition on several programs, including the Youth Leadership Institute, an event used to empower youth in leadership and drug prevention. Andrea has also played a role in the United Way of Broward County Commission on Behavioral Health & Drug Prevention's Latino Initiative, where she served as a speaker at the coalition's first Rising Above Stigma conference, aimed to inform Latino parents about prevention. Currently, Andrea is focusing her efforts on the Latino Initiative's Mobile Home Park Initiative, where she tutors kids who live in a mobile home park in her community and teaches them about drug prevention. Andrea has used her cultural competence, bilingualism and public speaking skills for the past three years to advocate for drug, immigration and gun policy reform.



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Last summer, Andrea received a scholarship to attend CADCA's Mid-Year Training Institute, where she completed the Youth Leadership Key Essentials course in Spanish. This event inspired Andrea to apply to CADCA Youth Leadership's Training of Trainers program, and she was selected for the upcoming 2020 cohort. She is excited to continue her journey of promoting substance misuse prevention with CADCA. After graduating high school, Andrea will pursue her dreams of advancing human progress by studying international relations at Boston University and then attending law school.

**Angela Ventura** is a high school senior at Pompano Beach High School in Broward County, Florida. Andrea enjoys debate, advocating for marginalized groups and serving her community through coalition work. She has been involved with her local coalition, United Way's Broward Youth Coalition, for the past six years. During this time, Angela has collaborated with her coalition on several community initiatives, including pushing for the passing of legislation to counter the e-cigarette epidemic in her county, which contributed to the passing of Tobacco 21 legislation in the city of Ft. Lauderdale.



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