Mission

SAPCA’s mission is to engage diverse sectors of the community in collaborative, cross-cultural and comprehensive substance abuse prevention efforts that result in a reduction of underage substance use and abuse in the City of Alexandria.

Community Impact

- **Alcohol**: 23.2%
- **Prescription Drugs**: 7.2%
- **Marijuana**: 15.9%
- **E-Cigarettes**: 7.5%
- **Cigarettes**: 3.9%

Decline in past 30-day use of alcohol, marijuana, tobacco and prescription drugs

Source: Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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SAPCA’s Key Events & Activities

- **Young Engagement and Leadership**: Promoting youth advocacy and voice by supporting youth leadership on boards and commissions, supporting activism during Nick Butt’s Day, where youth visit tobacco retailers asking them to pledge to help protect their peers from tobacco. Training youth as leaders during the 3-day Youth Leadership Conference.

- **Community of Concern Dinners**: An evening of dialogue and education for youth and their families relating to underage drinking prevention. Families learn how to navigate difficult conversations with teens and how to keep children safe as they grow.

- **Project Sticker Shock**: A community awareness campaign designed to prevent people 21 and older from purchasing alcohol and providing it to youth.

- **Titans Takeover Teen Nights**: Teen nights held at local recreation centers on Friday evenings to provide Alexandria teens a safe place to hang out and have fun. Events feature a DJ, photo booth, free dinner, gift card raffles, games and more!

- **Prescription Drug Take Back Days**: Provides residents a safe, convenient and reliable means of disposing of prescription drugs to help prevent prescription drug abuse. A permanent Drug Collection Box was installed at Neighborhood Pharmacy in Del Ray, purchased by SAPCA.

- **wreckED Workshops**: A community-based workshop designed to educate youth about substance abuse and understand the consequences associated with alcohol and drug abuse.

- **Red Ribbon Week**: Carried out in several elementary schools, reaching more than 600 students. Students decorated schools with posters, and created presentations for their peers about the importance of staying alcohol and drug-free. Students received goody bags filled with prizes for their hard work.

3,213 Youth Engaged
3,107 Adults Engaged
1,352 Volunteer Hours
12,864 Substance abuse prevention material distributed to the community

1,030 lbs. of drugs collected at Prescription Drug Take Back Events collected in 2016

1,249 lbs. of drugs collected at Prescription Drug Take Back Events collected in 2017

Source: Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria
State/Local Government
Department of Community and Human Services
Alexandria Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities Department

Religious/Fraternal Organizations
ALIVE! Inc.

Law Enforcement
Alexandria Police Department
Alexandria Sheriff's Office

Business
The Neighborhood Pharmacy of Del Ray
Kim Hyde Consulting, LLC
Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

Healthcare Professionals
Alexandria Health Department
Alexandria Community Services Board

Schools
Alexandria City Public Schools
Bishop Ireton High School
Episcopal High School

Youth Serving Organizations
SCAN of Northern Virginia
Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy
Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
Alexandria Mentoring Partnership
Boys & Girls Club of Alexandria
Friends of the Mental Health Center
Community Lodgings

Media
Alexandria Times
Alexandria Gazette Packet

Civic/Volunteer Organizations
Volunteer Alexandria

Substance Abuse Organizations
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America
Arlington Reduce or Eliminate Alcohol Use by Youth (R.E.A.D.Y) Coalition

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