

Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria

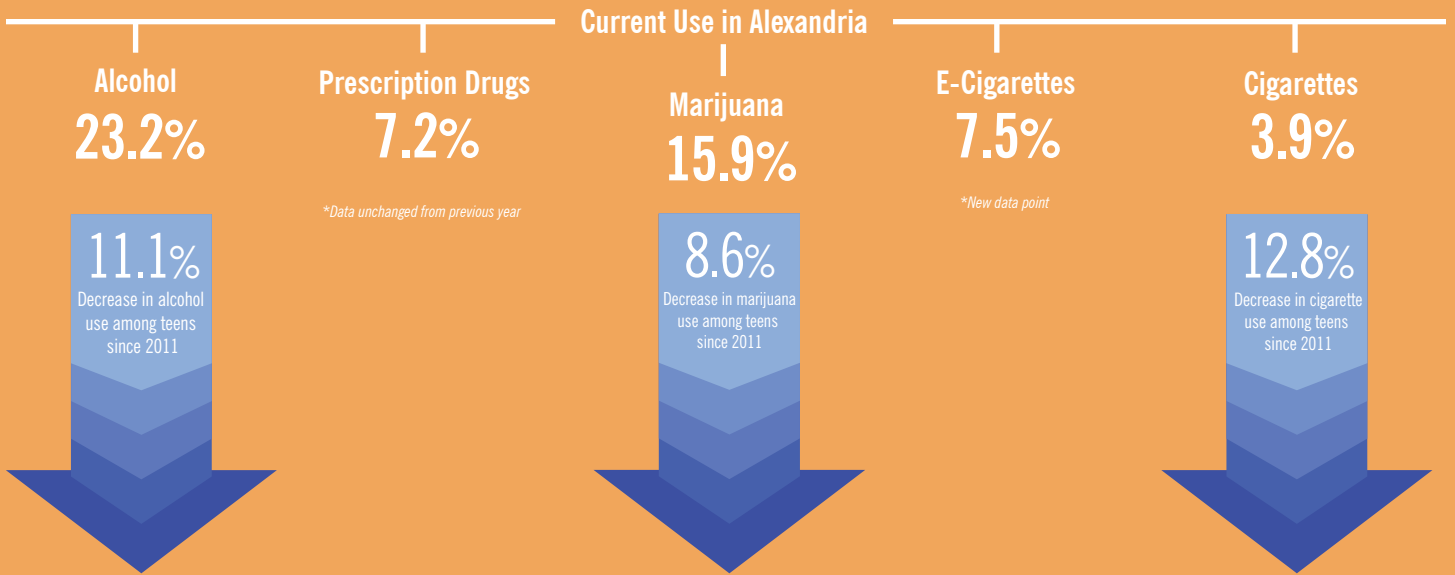
2017 Annual Report



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



Source: Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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



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

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 Kick Butts 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.

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.

Titan 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!

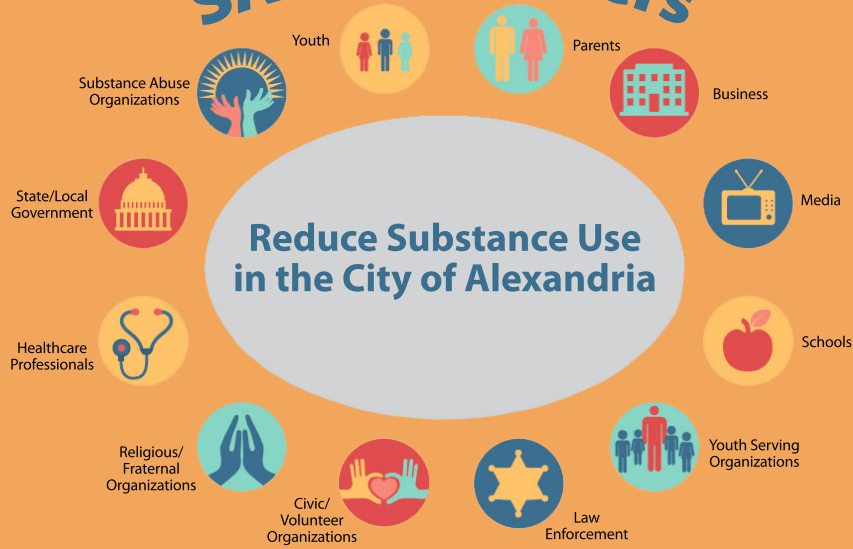
wreckED Workshops

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.

SAPCA Partners



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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