

Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria

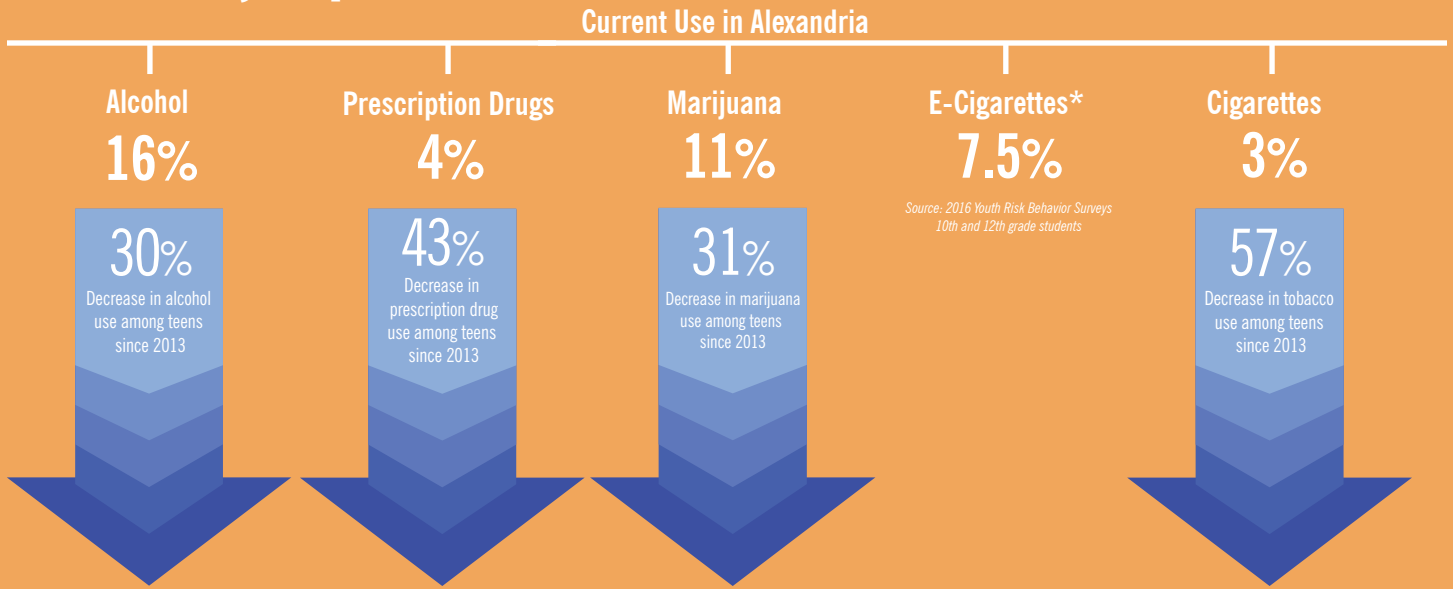
2021 Annual Report



Mission

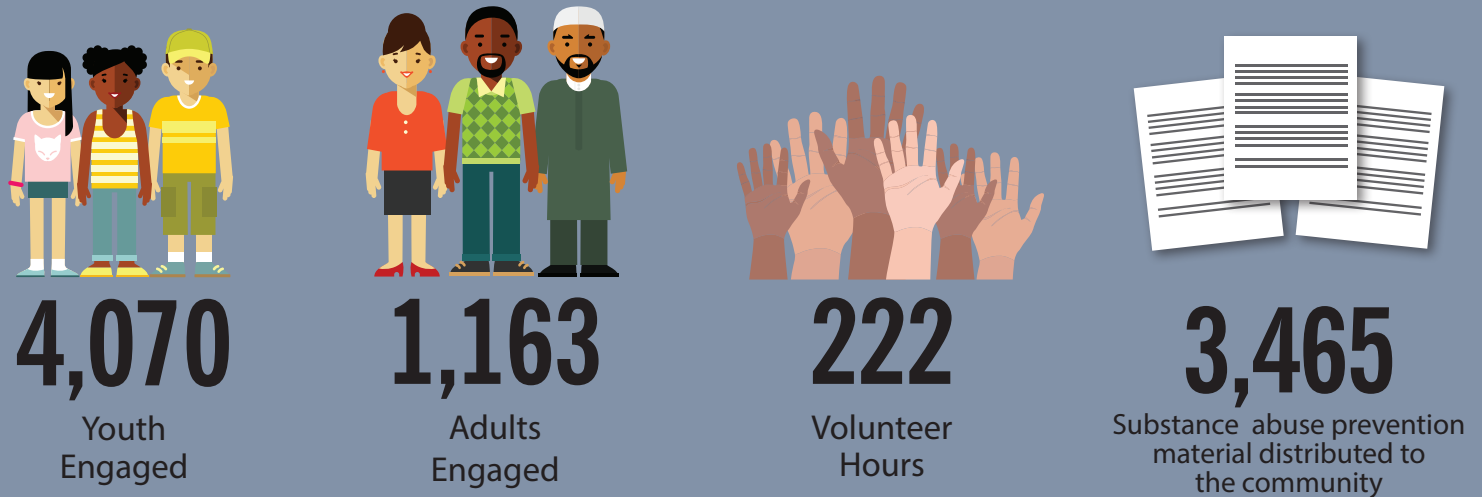
SAPCA's mission is to engage diverse sectors of the community in collaborative, cross-cultural and comprehensive substance abuse prevention efforts that result in a reduction of underage substance use and abuse in the City of Alexandria.

Community Impact



Source: Developmental Assets Profile, 2019 8th, 10th and 12th grade Alexandria City Public Schools students. New Developmental Assets Profile data will be available later in 2022.

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



1,326 lbs.
collected at Drug Take Back Events in 2020

2,053 lbs.
collected at Drug Take Back Events in 2021

SAPCA's Key Events & Activities

Young Engagement and Leadership

Promoting youth advocacy and voice by supporting youth leadership on boards and commissions and training youth as leaders during the 3-day virtual Youth Leadership Conference.

Community Education About Marijuana

Created and shared "Top 10 Things Youth and Adults Should Know about Marijuana Legalization in Virginia" to highlight the health and legal consequences of marijuana use.

Youth Alcohol Use Prevention Campaign Launch

Short videos created by Alexandria City High School students highlight some of the reasons youth do not use alcohol, share several key facts and inspire youth to stay substance free.

Drug Take Back Efforts

Provide residents with safe, convenient and reliable means of disposing of prescription and over-the-counter medication to help prevent drug misuse and abuse. Medication was collected from take back day events, the City's three permanent medication drop boxes, and homebound residents served by Senior Services of Alexandria. Medication drop-box locations were also advertised through 48,000 printed pharmacy bags.

Listening Sessions with Latino Youth & Parents

Collaborated with Latino-serving organizations to hear directly from Latino families about attitudes and beliefs regarding youth alcohol use. Information shared will support the creation of a prevention campaign targeted towards the Latino community.

Facts and Consequences Workshops

A community-based workshop designed to educate youth about substance abuse and understand the consequences associated with alcohol and drug use and misuse.

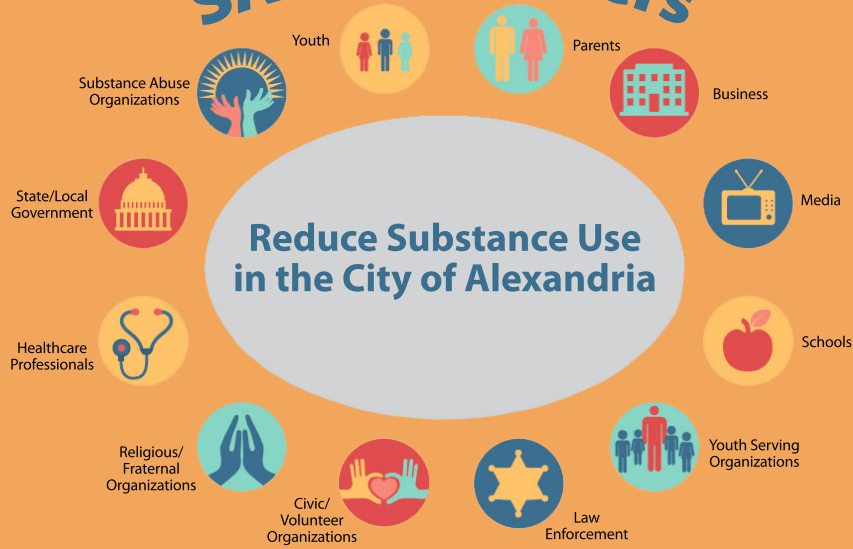
Red Ribbon Week

Carried out district-wide, reaching more than 2,800 students to unite the community and take a visible stand against drugs through a poster contest, City proclamation, and virtual community circles.

Opportunity Seminars

A collaborative model developed in partnership with Alexandria City Public Schools and the Court Services Unit to address substance use infractions. Seminars are delivered to students and their families.

SAPCA Partners



State/Local Government

Department of Community and Human Services
Alexandria Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities Department

Religious/Fraternal Organizations

ALIVE! Inc.
First Baptist Church

Law Enforcement

Alexandria Police Department
Alexandria Sheriff's Office

Business

The Neighborhood Pharmacy of Del Ray
Kim Hyde Consulting, LLC

Healthcare Professionals

Alexandria Health Department
Alexandria Community Services Board
Inova Alexandria Hospital

Schools

Alexandria City Public Schools
Bishop Ireton High School

Youth Serving Organizations

Alexandria 4-H, Virginia Cooperative Extension
Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy
Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
Alexandria Mentoring Partnership
Alexandria Sexual Assault Center
Boys & Girls Club of Alexandria
Casa Chirilagua
Community Lodgings
Friends of the Mental Health Center
Liberty's Promise
Resilience Alexandria: Inform, Support, Elevate
SCAN of Northern Virginia
Tenants and Workers United

Media

Alexandria Times
Alexandria Gazette Packet

Civic/Volunteer Organizations

Senior Services of Alexandria
Volunteer Alexandria

Substance Abuse Organizations

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

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