



ARLINGTON YOUTH HEALTH & SAFETY COALITION

Substance abuse is a complex and often enduring problem for many youth. However, the majority of our teens regularly engage in safe, healthy and responsible behaviors.

OUR MISSION

The Arlington Youth Health & Safety Coalition (AYHSC) mission is to **engage**, **inform** and **empower** our community to prevent and reduce substance abuse and other risk behaviors that adversely affect Arlington youth.

WHO WE ARE



AYHSC is a group of concerned community members comprised of parents, youth, organizations and public agencies united in their **goal of preventing and reducing underage drinking and substance abuse**. AYHSC uses multiple prevention strategies to promote healthy behaviors throughout the community.

WHAT WE DO

- ▶ **Educate & Support Parents** through community forums & workshops
- ▶ **Strengthen Policies & Bylaws** around alcohol sales, youth substance use, public consumption & distribution of marijuana
- ▶ **Reduce Youth Access to Drugs & Alcohol** through retailer trainings, sales compliance checks & safe medication disposal
- ▶ **Facilitate Interventions for High Risk Youth** through Arlington Diversion Program & the Arlington Youth Counseling Center (AYCC)
- ▶ **Promote Healthy Social Norms** through media campaigns targeting alcohol & tobacco use, designed & created by students.



AYHSC installed a Drug Kiosk in the Arlington Police Department to encourage safe disposal of unwanted prescription medications.



Students take the 'Project Purple Pledge' to lead substance-free lives.

