

National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week® (NDAFW) Activities in the Community



These activities will get teens involved in their community and encourage them to inform others about the risks of using drugs. Use the NIDA [Drug Facts pages](#), the [Drugs: SHATTER THE MYTHS](#) booklet, and the [Drugs & Health Blog](#) for inspiration and free content!



Bake Sale

Host a bake sale to help raise money for your school or club. With each treat you sell, hand out a [drug fact](#) to help spread the word about the dangers of using drugs.

Get the facts from our free booklets, [Drugs: SHATTER THE MYTHS](#); [Drugs, Brains, and Behavior: The Science of Addiction](#); [Marijuana: Facts for Teens](#) and [Opioid Facts for Teens](#); and from our [Drug Facts pages](#). You could donate a percentage of your earnings to a local nonprofit organization that helps people who have problems with drugs.



Bike Party

Organize a local bike party to raise awareness about the dangers of drug use. Use our [logos](#) to create t-shirts/stickers for this event, and create a biking route for your group. You can contact local police and the local department of parks and recreation to help you organize the event.



Candlelight Vigil

Drug use can hurt families and communities, no matter where you live. Hold a gathering to remember local people who have been lost to drugs, and use this as a way to teach young people scientific facts about drug use and how to get help.

- [See the Mt. Shasta, California, NDAFW Participants light luminaries for their lost loved ones](#)



Concert With Local Bands

Everybody loves a good concert. Team up with a local band (or two) and find a venue. Decorate the space with homemade “Drug Facts” posters or [free posters from NIDA](#) and hand out the booklet, [Drugs: SHATTER THE MYTHS](#). Have “drop boxes” for people to write down their questions about drugs and drug use, and post the answers online.



Drug Awareness 5K

Staying healthy is more than just being drug-free! Organize a running or walking group and, at each mile marker, have people hold up signs with drug facts on them. Get the facts from our free booklets, [*Drugs: SHATTER THE MYTHS*](#); [*Drugs, Brains, and Behavior: The Science of Addiction*](#); [*Marijuana: Facts for Teens*](#), and [*Opioid Facts for Teens*](#); and our [Drug Facts pages](#).



Drug Facts on Local Stations

Ask local TV and radio news shows to mention drug facts throughout the week during NDAFW to help spread the word to prevent teen drug use. Get the facts from our free booklets, [*Drugs: SHATTER THE MYTHS*](#); [*Drugs, Brains, and Behavior: The Science of Addiction*](#); [*Marijuana: Facts for Teens*](#) and [*Opioid Facts for Teens*](#); and our [Drug Facts pages](#).



Drug Facts Poster Campaign

Have a poster showing where students in your school or young people in your community display posters they've created about the risks of drug use. Start by having them read about the effects of different drugs in our free booklet, [*Drugs: SHATTER THE MYTHS*](#), or on our [Drug Facts pages](#).

You can also display the posters in places where your community will see them. Talk with your local city authorities to get support for the project. You may be able to get a local printer to make copies of the posters for free.

To create your own NDAFW posters, [download a free template](#) (see the section, "Spread the Word With Posters, Flyers, and Brochures").

- [See Mississippi High School's Poster Campaign](#)



Host an Online Event

Host a Twitter chat, Facebook Live discussion, or other online event to share scientific facts and **SHATTER THE MYTHS**® about drugs and alcohol. Find facts to share on the [NIDA web site](#) or the [NIDA for Teens web site](#).

[Learn more: See "Host an Online Event" on the "Promote & Enhance Your Event" page](#)



Take It to the Streets

Have students volunteer to take part in community events and hand out information about the risks of drug use. Or they could attend a city or town council meeting and ask for ideas about events where they could hand out that information.

Download some of our free materials to help students with their outreach, or copy some of the Q&As from the booklet, [*Drugs: SHATTER THE MYTHS*](#).