

March 2021



Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Visit our Website

"There is no chance, no destiny, no fate, that can hinder or control the firm resolve of a determined soul." -Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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## National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week (NDAFW)

National Drug and Alcohol Facts Weeks (NDAFW) is an annual, week-long observance occurring from March 22- March 28th. NDAFW aims to educate and debunk myths about substances teens commonly misuse. Take this week as an opportunity to start the habit of having frequent, authentic conversations regarding substances with young people to educate and provide accurate facts in regard to substances.

During NDAFW join the Vernon ROCKS Coalition and [The Change Collaborative of Manchester](#) by attending a [Hidden in Plain Sight](#) virtual presentation!

RSVP Here

# HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT



What to look for in your  
teen's bedroom  
and what to say once you  
have found it.

**VIRTUAL PRESENTATION**  
**Tuesday March 23, 2021 6:30pm**

Gain insights into current trends in youth substance abuse, drug paraphernalia and concealment of alcohol & drugs through this online version of our interactive drug education program for parents, caregivers and adults who work with youth. Learn how to talk to youth about alcohol & drugs, and what to do if a problem is suspected.



A presentation  
for parents  
and other  
adults.  
No students  
please.

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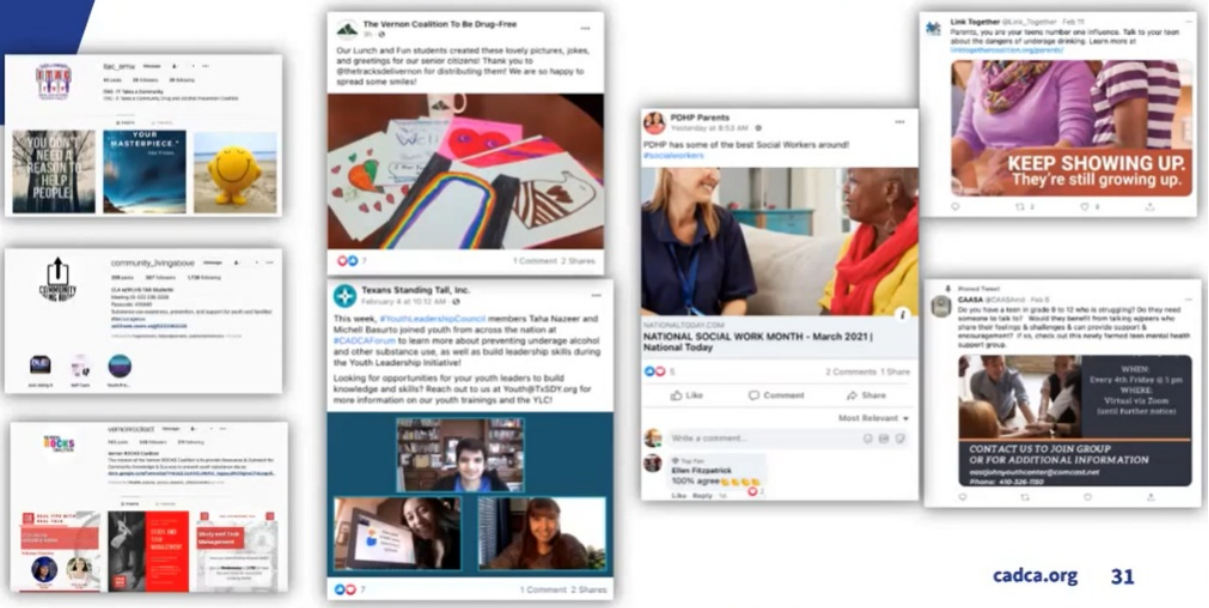
## Coalition's Social Media Featured by CADCA

The coalition was spotlighted by CADCA in a [webinar about effectively marketing your organization through social media](#). We were featured as an "Outstanding Coalition Example" with the CADCA Senior Communications Associate stating, "we want you to be able to see other coalitions that are really doing a great job of this... I mean we have so many coalitions that are just doing an incredible job, but these coalitions, in particular, are really doing great stuff on their social media. They're super active, they're super engaged."

If you are not already, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date and have access to additional substance and mental health resources and information!



# Outstanding Coalition Examples



## DEA Drug Takeback Day

Mark your calendars! Our semi-annual Drug Takeback is back. Stop by Walgreens (188 Union St) from 10 AM- 2 PM on April 24<sup>th</sup> to properly dispose of any unused or unwanted medicine.



Unfortunately, by May 2020 overdose deaths hit 81,000, the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period. By properly disposing of medication, you can help save lives and prevent misuse. This event will be socially distanced.

<p>If you or a loved one is having trouble with substance abuse check out the available resources in the area</p>	<p>If you are aware of an underage party or illegal activity follow the link and submit the anonymous form below, and the Vernon ROCKS Coalition will work with the Vernon Police Department to prevent or stop the activity.</p>	<p>Are you are interested in becoming more involved with the Vernon ROCKS Coalition we are always looking for more members. You can join by visiting our website!</p>
<p><a href="#">Get Help</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Report it Here</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Get Involved</a></p>