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“There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. It is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher.”
—Henry van Dyke

Website



National Prevention Week 2023

Last week we participated in [National Prevention Week](#) (NPW). NPW is a week-long observance founded by SAMSHA. NPW aims to raise awareness about the importance of substance use prevention and positive mental health.



This year we partnered with the library to create a book display with titles related to substance use and mental health, along with prevention resources.

Our tulips, planted in October, are also blooming right on schedule, and in time for NPW. Symbolizing growth, progress, and bright new beginnings!

We encourage everyone to use National Prevention week to learn, reflect and engage. More helpful resources, conversation starters, toolkits and stories can be found on the SAMSHA National Prevention Week page [here](#).



Coalition Events



Rockville High School Prom Prevention

RHS had their prom at the end of April, and everyone looked fabulous! The coalition handed out bracelets with prevention messages encouraging safe celebrations and good decision making.



Vernon Community Meet and Greet

Rockville Public Library hosted a Vernon Community Meet and Greet at the end of April. The coalition had a table with prevention resources to hand out to community members. It was a great event to learn more about local agencies!

Social Marketing Campaign & Social Host Law

Social Marketing

The coalition has spent the last few months working on a Social Marketing Campaign. With hopes to spread word around town about important prevention messaging and education. You may have seen our

Social Host Law

lawn signs around Vernon in various locations toward the end of April.



Connecticut's "Social Host Law", is a crucial piece of legislation that was passed in 2012 to help reduce the incidence of substance use.

The law holds parents and other adults responsible if they allow minors to consume alcohol or drugs on their property and recognizes that doing so is a crime.

Under the law, any adult who knowingly hosts a gathering of minors where alcohol or drugs are being consumed can be held criminally liable for any harm that results.

By working together and staying informed, parents, caregivers and all members of the community can help to create a safer and healthier environment for our youth.

Learn more about the law [here](#).

If you or a loved one is having trouble with substance abuse check out the available resources in the area.

[Get Help](#)

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.

[Report it Here](#)

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the Vernon ROCKS Coalition? We are always looking for more members. You can join by visiting our website.

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