

YEARLY

TASK FORCE EVENTS

- Teen Hall of Fame
- Red Ribbon Campaign
- Adolescent Health Fairs
- Prevention Academy Awards
- St. Patrick's Day Float
- Senior Citizens Health Fair
- Alcohol Server Training



Lock drugs out of Pawtucket!

Additional Resources:

RI Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence
 24 Hour Confidential Helpline for assistance to any individual throughout the state who needs to speak to somebody regarding services for alcohol and other drug problems.
 1-866-252-3784

MADD Rhode Island: for information on alcohol abuse and tips for talking to your child about drinking.
 (401) 421-0800

Community Counseling Center of Pawtucket RI
723-1915 Hotline

For services including psychiatric and substance abuse treatment. Languages spoken: Creole, Portuguese, and Spanish

Pawtucket Police
 727-9100 Juvenile Division x777

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WHO WE ARE

The Pawtucket Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force is made up of volunteers who live or work in Pawtucket and are committed to preventing the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. We work with schools, community agencies, human service providers and other prevention programs to bring information to Pawtucket residents that can help them make healthy decisions for themselves and their families.

YOU CAN HELP spread the word that drugs and alcohol can lead to serious health and social problems, including violence, teen pregnancy, depression, suicide, problems with the law, and unintentional overdose. Let people in your community know that **ALCOHOL is as dangerous as any drug**. More youth die from alcohol than from all other drugs combined, and alcohol plays a role in 50% of all arrests. Studies show that youth have tried alcohol more than they have tried tobacco or other drugs. Let youth know that alcohol is dangerous and report underage drinking in your community so kids can get help.



Healthy and Positive Youth Activities

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Research shows that parents play an important role in their child's decision to **not use** drugs and alcohol. It is not too late to talk with your children about what you expect. Tell them what your family rules are about the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. According to student surveys (SALT), 20% of children in Pawtucket middle schools have already tried alcohol.



Don't wait another minute to talk to your children about drugs

It is never too early to talk to your child about drug use. Every day children see drugs and alcohol portrayed on TV, in movies, and in music videos.

WHAT EVERY PARENT CAN DO:

- Ask your children where they are going and get a number where you can call them.
- Set curfews and house rules
- Confront your child if you suspect they are using alcohol or drugs. (*FOR HELP, see the resource list on the back*)

For more information on under age drinking go to:

www.toosmartostart.samhsa.gov

www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/multimedia/starttalking.aspx

<http://www.madd.org/>

Task Force Programs

Creating Lasting Family Connections

CLFC is a family program that strengthens bonds between parents and their children while building important communication and conflict resolution skills. The program reduces family problems and builds cooperation and understanding.

Pawtucket Assessment and Referral Team

PART serves to prevent juvenile delinquency, youth violence, truancy, and crime in Pawtucket through a case management approach for troubled youth. The program includes referrals to services and programs as a way of keeping youth in school and out of the juvenile justice system.

Creating Solutions for Independence

CSI is open to youth ages 12-17 living in Pawtucket Housing Authority sites. It focuses on staying in school, community service, talent cultivation and behavioral health education.

The Music School of The Rhode Island

Philharmonic Orchestra partners with the Task Force on a Drug Free Communities grant to provide talent cultivation programs that serve youth in public housing.

Community Tobacco Control

CTC focuses on building community consensus on prevention issues related to the elimination of the use of tobacco products. This initiative includes a youth empowerment group called **SWAT** (Students Working Against Tobacco). This group works to empower youth in tobacco prevention education and advocacy as well as promoting smoking cessation in the community.

