



DEA TRIBAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DEA Community Outreach and Prevention Support works with Tribal partners to increase the understanding of substance use issues by bridging public health and public safety initiatives. Join our efforts to safeguard our communities by keeping dangerous drugs out of our communities and breaking the intergenerational cycles of substance use disorders. Begin with one of these actionable areas:

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Year-round Rx collection sites keep medication out of the hands of others. Take back day is a call to action for Tribal community members to clean out their medicine cabinets by properly disposing of unused, unwanted, and expired medication.

- Find a year-round collection site near you: www.dea.gov/everyday
- Find a take back location in your area: www.deatakeback.com
- Law enforcement can sponsor a collection site for April and October events: www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/poc.html

AWARENESS EVENTS

Fentanyl and counterfeit pills are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 45. American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations continue to face the highest risk, with mortality rates over six times greater than other racial/ethnic groups in some regions of the U.S. in 2024.

- Connect with a DEA Community Outreach Specialist in your area, visit: www.dea.gov/divisions
- Tag us @DEAHQ and #DEATribal when you use our free publications and campaign messages: www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com/community-outreach-resources

PARTNERSHIPS

Illicit drug poisonings, overdoses, and violence connected to substance use can be prevented through a combination of individual, community, and systemic strategies and partnerships. We partner with tribal-serving entities at the federal, state, Tribal, and local levels to amplify the messages of substance use prevention and medication safety.

- Join DEA's Together for Families network to serve as a resource for families in your area. To join, send an email to: TogetherForFamilies@dea.gov

PREVENTION MESSAGES AND MATERIALS

A growing amount of research supports culturally tailored substance use interventions for AI/AN communities, led by Tribal members, that draws on Indigenous knowledge and healing practices that serve as protective factors against substance use disorders.

- Use the One Pill Can Kill campaign to inform about illicit fentanyl and counterfeit pills; visit: www.dea.gov/OnePill
- Use the free Operation Prevention curriculum in your schools and workplaces to inform about the science of addiction and the impact that substances have on the brain and body; visit: www.OperationPrevention.com
- The message of abstaining from drugs and alcohol use can begin at a young age and supported by hosting annual Red Ribbon Week activities; visit: www.dea.gov/RedRibbon

MORE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Download the DEA Publications at: www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com/Publications

To learn the facts about drugs, visit: www.JustThinkTwice.com For Teens

www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com For Parents & Caregivers

www.CampusDrugPrevention.gov For Higher Ed

To report suspicious activity, visit: www.dea.gov/submit-tip

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