



Our Strategies

To reduce youth substance use, CTAD leverages the knowledge and skills of community representatives around the table as well as the many resources available in our communities to:

- Provide information
- Enhance drug prevention skills of teachers, coaches, parents and student leaders
- Advocate for and support proven drug prevention programs
- Change consequences of drug use
- Increase incentives for drug-free choices
- Modify and enforce policies regarding alcohol and drug use among youth in the schools and community

We want to hear from you!

Please contact us with comments, questions, or to join our efforts.

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Join the Movement to Keep Teens Drug and Alcohol Free

in Bannockburn, Deerfield, Highland Park, Highwood & Riverwoods, Illinois

Our Mission

Community—The Anti-Drug (CTAD) Coalition strives to build and sustain a safe and drug-free community in which our youth feel protected, confident and empowered to make healthy choices. Our mission is to reduce the use and abuse of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs among youth in Bannockburn, Deerfield, Highland Park, Highwood and Riverwoods, Illinois.

We bring together input and contributions from all sectors of the community—schools, parents, youth, government, healthcare, faith, law enforcement, youth-serving organizations and more—to transform the environment around our youth so that the drug-free choice is the easy choice. We regularly identify and implement best practices, strategies and solutions that are proven to be effective in accomplishing our mission.

Volunteer Opportunities

It takes a community. Help us reach youth in your circle. Join a committee working with parents, youth, schools, the faith community, law enforcement, media, or evaluation. Or help with a particular project or event like strengthening our online presence, interviewing community members, or planning workshops. Contact us for more details.



Local High School Data

Among Deerfield & Highland Park High School Students:

70%

are alcohol-free.

Compared to 73% of Lake County students overall

82.5%

are marijuana-free.

Compared to 84% of Lake County students overall

While most of our students are making healthy choices, fewer students in our communities make healthy choices compared to their Lake County peers.

Local Teen Alcohol & Drug Use

The good news is that the majority of students in our communities make the healthy choice to avoid drugs and alcohol. According to the Illinois Youth Survey conducted in March 2016:

- 70% of DHS & HPHS students choose not to drink alcohol*
- 83% report not using marijuana in the past month*
- Illicit drug use is very low – at or below the average of nine suburban, neighboring counties

That said, CTAD is concerned about the health, well-being, and bright future of each and every young person. We are concerned about those who choose to use and about the trends in the data.

- Alcohol and marijuana are the most commonly used drugs
- DHS & HPHS 10th grade students are using at lower or the same rates compared to suburban peers
- 12th grade students, however, are using alcohol and marijuana at higher rates

*Source: Illinois Youth Survey, March 2016. Percent of 2,821 Deerfield & Highland Park High School 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who responded that they did not use alcohol or marijuana in the previous 30 days.