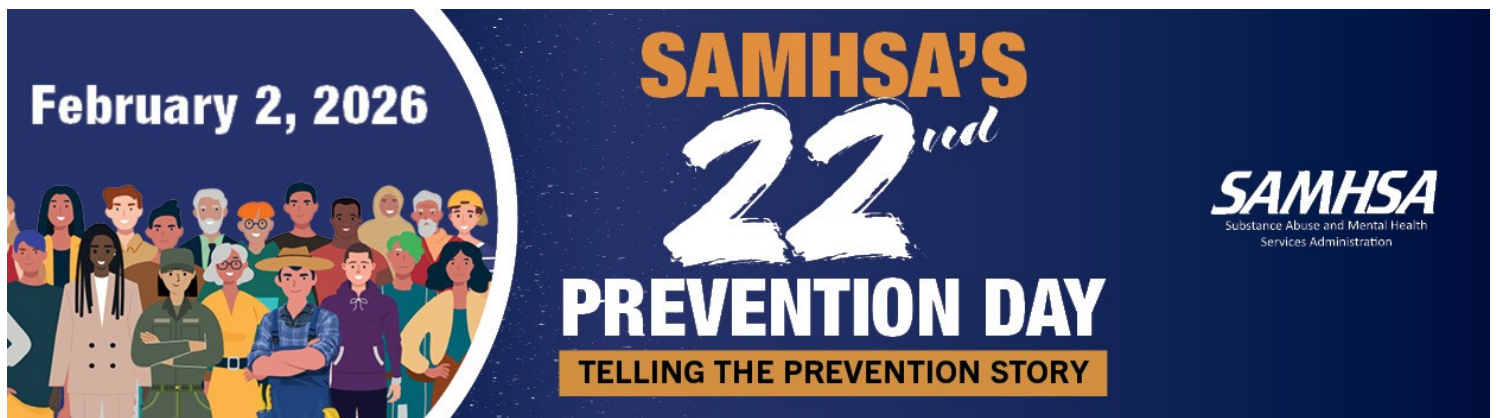


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HISTORIC TRIANGLE DRUG PREVENTION COALITION



PREVENTION DAY

SAMHSA's Prevention Day brings together 4,000 prevention practitioners, scientists, leaders (federal, state, community, tribal), and consumers at the largest federal gathering dedicated to advancing the prevention of substance use and misuse. This annual event explores current, emerging, and innovative strategies, policies, programs, practices, and research.

The theme, "Telling the Prevention Story," underscores sharing the successes of prevention and inspiring action. The event includes the Prevention Action Center, an interactive learning hub featuring exhibits, tools, and resources.

This year Prevention Day will focus on the following: the power of the youth voice, family and community engagement strategies for prevention, behavioral health strategies for K-12 and higher education, youth leadership in prevention policy implementation, and national data on prevention's key take aways.

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FEBRUARY 2ND IS NATIONAL PREVENTION DAY

PREVENTION & EDUCATION

This committee is welcoming its new Committee Chair, Breeona Wilkes! Breeona is a Resident in Counseling. She has held the position of Substance Use Program Coordinator for the Center for Child & Family Services for 2 years. She has previously worked as a substance abuse counselor for incarcerated individuals in therapeutic communities. She is excited about being the new Committee Chair, so please join their next committee meeting on **February 5, 2026 at 9 am!**

POLICY & LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Interested in joining a Virginia State Board or Commission? Click [here](#) for a full list and then complete an application.

- Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice & Prevention
- Advisory Committee on Sexual & Domestic Violence
- Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Board
- Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council
- Commission on Youth
- Opioid Abatement Authority
- State Board of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services
- Virginia Addiction Recovery Council
- Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority
- Virginia Cannabis Control Authority Board of Directors
- Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth, Board of Trustees
- Virginia Lottery Board

YOUTH & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The HTDPC is looking for young adults **ages 18-25** to complete the **2026 Virginia Young Adult Survey (YAS)**. This survey is led by Virginia's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) in partnership with Omni Institute.

The survey is completely anonymous and asks questions about topics such as gambling, substance use, and mental health. After taking the **15 minute** survey participants may be eligible for a small gift upon completion. The survey runs from **February 3 - April 30**. Text **"Virginia"** to **844-484-7601** to get the survey link.

TRAUMA & RESILIENCY

The Trauma & Resiliency Committee will meet on **February 9, 2026 at 11am**. Please join [this meeting](#) to discuss ideas for how to acknowledge historical and ongoing trauma, and pathways to healing and resilience.

Check out the Family and Children's Trust Fund of Virginia ([F.A.C.T.](#)) – [Ad Hoc Grants!](#)

If you would like to volunteer for **Resilience Week** and be part of the planning committee, join this committee, or if you have any questions please contact Committee Chairs, [Lynette Diaz](#) or [Michelle Justiniano](#) for more information about this committee.



COMMUNITY CORNER

We are seeking volunteers for the next National Drug Take Back Day event on **April 25, 2026** between **10am – 2pm**, to help with HTDPC information **bag assembly (April 20 - 23)**, and day of event volunteers to hand out the bags.

If interested in volunteering or joining this effort please contact [Leigh Carroll-Stump](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Impact Award recipient, Jack Fitzpatrick! Thank you, Jack for dedicating your time and efforts to the HTDPC over the years.

We would like to thank our now immediate past HTDPC Chair, Jennifer Campbell-Raab for leading the HTDPC throughout 2025!

We would like to also thank Michelle Justiniano for her dedication to the Leadership Team from 2019 to 2025!



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Upcoming Meetings

Trauma & Resiliency Committee Meeting

February 9, 2026 | 11am - 12:30pm ([Join Here](#))

Prevention & Education Committee Meeting

February 17, 2026 | 9am - 10am ([Join Here](#))

Youth & Family Engagement Committee Meeting

February 19, 2026 | 10:30am - 12pm ([Join Here](#))

Leadership Team Meeting

February 23, 2026 | 9:30am - 11am ([Join Here](#))

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