

NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK EVENT SERIES KICK-OFF

SAMHSA's National Prevention Week kicked off a **new virtual series** to engage the prevention community year-round. SAMHSA created this new, ongoing series to showcase, elevate, and celebrate the important prevention ideas, events, news, and activities that impact communities across the country. Throughout the year, the series will focus on spotlighting prevention organizations and cultivating social innovation to address the real needs of our communities and young people. During the kick-off event on August 22, 2023, local and national organizations shared how prevention has affected their communities, why they became involved with National Prevention Week, upcoming plans for the start of the school year, trending topics in the prevention field, and more! Featured organizations include:



Change Collaborative of Manchester,
a coalition in Connecticut working towards building a vibrant, safe, and healthy community for their youth through substance use prevention.



Future Leaders of America,
a leadership development program working to create long-lasting systemic change by empowering and mobilizing youth leaders to advocate for themselves and their peers.



Live R.E.A.L. Foundation,
a nonprofit organization in Illinois increasing awareness and education about the dangers of substance misuse through trauma-informed resiliency skills.



Mothers Against Drunk Driving,
a nonprofit organization working to end drugged and drunk driving, prevent underage drinking, support the victims of violent impaired and drinking and driving crimes.



Pro Youth and Families,
a nonprofit organization in California partnering with schools, community organizations, and local governments to engage youth in opportunities that inspire hope and build healthier futures.



Students Against Destructive Decisions,
a student organization that empowers and mobilizes students and adult allies to engage in positive change through leadership and smart decision-making.



Victoria's Voice Foundation,
a nonprofit organization working to prevent drug overdose by advancing initiatives, amplifying education, and assuring critical resources.