**Prevention Awareness Calendar**

**July:**

**August:**

* International Youth Day (Aug. 12)
* National Nonprofit Day (Aug. 17)

**September:**

* **National Recovery Month**- Established by the National substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to promote the benefits of prevention, treatment and recovery for mental and substance use disorders, celebrate recovery and promote the message that recovery is possible.
* National Suicide Prevention Week (Sept. 10-16)
* World Suicide Prevention Day (Sept. 10)
* World Heart Day (Sept. 29)

**October:**

* **National Substance Abuse Prevention Month-** Recognized in NYS as a month to raise awareness of the dangers and risks associated with alcohol and other drug use. Education and prevention activities provide information to counteract “normalization of AOD use and to correct erroneous perceptions of the risk of harm of AOD use held by adolescents.
* Healthy Lung Month
* National Bullying Prevention Month
* Mental Illness Awareness Week (Oct. 1-7)
* National Health Education Week (Oct. 16-20)
* Lights on Afterschool (Oct. 26)
* October 23-31st, 2023- [**Red Ribbon Week**](https://www.redribbon.org/)- (usually the last week in October) established to honor “Kiki Camarena, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Agent who was kidnapped and murdered in 1985. Developed from a grass roots campaign against the illegal use of ATOD.
* October 28, 2023- [**National Drug Takeback Day**](https://www.dea.gov/takebackday)

**November:**

* Lung Cancer Awareness Month
* World Kindness Day (Nov. 13)
* [**Great American Smokeout**](https://www.cancer.org/cancer/risk-prevention/tobacco/great-american-smokeout.html?sitearea=COM) (Nov. 16)- (Third Thursday in November)- established in 1977 by the American Cancer Society, A variety of tobacco education and prevention activities are planned, In schools, the major focus of the day is to encourage students who are using tobacco to give it up for the day and for students who do not use tobacco to pledge not to start.

**December:**

* National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

**January:**

* National Drug Facts Week- is a national health observance for teens to promote local events that use NIDA science to shatter the myths about drugs. National Drug Facts Week was launched in 2010 by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of health.

**February:**

* American Heart Month
* National Cancer Prevention Month
* Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
* **National Marijuana Awareness Month-** Established in 1988 by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention to raise awareness about the native consequences of marijuana use.

**March:**

* [**National Poison Prevention Week**](https://nationaltoday.com/poison-prevention-week/) (March 17-23)
* [**National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week**](https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/parents-educators/national-drug-alcohol-facts-week/learn-about-ndafw) (March 18-22)
* [**Take Down Tobacco/Kick Butts Day**](https://www.takedowntobacco.org/)(March 20)

**April:**

* Alcohol Awareness Month
* National Minority Health Month
* Oral Cancer Awareness Month
* Stress Awareness Month
* [**Take Down Tobacco- National Day of Action**](https://nationaltoday.com/take-down-tobacco-national-day-of-action/)- April 1,2024-Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action is a day of anti-smoking activism. The day is organized by The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and it was originally called Kick Butts Day, which was first held in 1996. On this day, Teachers, Youth leaders, Prevention Specialists and others come together to organize events that raise awareness of the smoking rates in their communities, and encourage kids to stay tobacco free and to change legislations.
* [**National Public Health Week**](https://www.nphw.org/about-nphw#:~:text=Future%20National%20Public%20Health%20Week%20dates%3A%20April,1-7%2C%202024%20April%207-13%2C%202025%20April%206-12%2C%202026)(April 1-7)
* [**National Drug Takeback Day**](https://www.dea.gov/takebackday)(April 20th, 2024)

**May:**

* Mental Health Month
* [**National Prevention Week**](https://www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week)- (May 12-18, 20244)National Prevention Week is a national public education platform showcasing the work of communities and organizations across the country dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of substance misuse prevention and positive mental health**.**
* [**Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week**](https://namimissouri.org/get-involved/youth/childrens-mental-health-week/)(May 5-11)
* World No Tobacco Day (May 31)

**June:**

* Pride month