



Drug Demand Reduction Quarterly Newsletter

Drug Demand Reduction Program

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DDR has an open door policy. Call or stop by anytime!

Upcoming Events

1 Oct Chili Cook Off
Downtown Altus Square

12 Oct- Red Ribbon Week Proclamation Signing - Altus Mayor's Office

15 Oct- Firecracker Fun Run with Altus AFB FD

21 Oct- Red Ribbon Week Kick Off BBQ Family Event - Balfour Beatty Community Center

25 Oct--Red Ribbon Story Time at Altus Library, 1830

27 Oct- Red Ribbon Story Time Altus Library, 1030

24-28 Oct-Red Ribbon Week School Presentations

29 Oct- Fall Festival Community Safety Event - Altus Community Center, Falcon Rd.

30 Oct- "Spooky Town"

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FAREWELL TO KATIE ADKINS!

Katie Adkins has served as the Drug Testing Program Administrative Manager since January of 2010. Katie was in charge of drug awareness and prevention efforts both on and off base.

Katie worked closely with the base library, CDC, youth center, local schools, and Jackson County Community Health Action Team, Jackson County Tobacco Education Committee, First United Methodist Church Youth Groups, and many more local organizations.

She has accepted a position at Western Oklahoma State College as the Academic Coordinator of the Upward Bound Program.



Katie Adkins (Left) and AIC Michelle Decker (Right) facilitating a puppet show at Wilson Head Start earlier this year.





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Celebrate Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is the nation’s oldest and largest drug prevention program, reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year.

By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena.

Special Agent Kiki Camarena:

Special Agent Camarena was an 11-year veteran of the DEA assigned to the Guadalajara, Mexico, office where he was on the trail of the country’s biggest marijuana and cocaine traffickers. In 1985, he was extremely close to unlocking a multi-billion dollar drug pipeline.

On February 7, 1985, he was kidnapped, brutally tortured, and murdered by Mexican drug traffickers. His tragic death opened the eyes of many Americans to the dangers of drugs and the international scope of the drug trade.

Local Red Ribbon Celebrations

The Drug Demand Reduction Program (DDR) is currently distributing Red Ribbons to all Jackson County Public Schools. DDR collaborates with the Jackson County Community Health Action Team, Altus PD, and Altus AFB Security Forces to provide drug awareness presentations to local 3rd-6th graders during Red Ribbon Week (23-31 October). Students in grades pre-k to 2nd grade will be visited by McGruff the Crime Dog.



DDR and SFS facilitated inhalant and poison prevention education for the local boy scouts troop during the summer.



**HAVE UNUSED,
UNWANTED, OR
EXPIRED
MEDICATIONS?????**

**The City of Altus now has
a secure medication drop
box located at the Sher-
riff’s Office!**

**You may drop off over-
the-counter or prescrip-
tion**

medications at:

600 S. Main

Altus, OK 73521

National Survey Shows a Rise in Illicit Drug Use from 2008 to 2010. The National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows that 22.6 million Americans age 12 or older (8.9 percent of the population) were current illicit drug users. The rate of use in 2010 was similar to the rate in 2009 (8.7 %) but remained above the 2008 rate (8%).

Another disturbing trend is the continuing rise of current illicit drug use among young adults age 18 to 25 from 19.6% in 2008 to 21.2% in 2009 and 21.5% in 2010. This increase was also driven in large part by a rise in the rate of current marijuana use among this population.

These statistics represent real lives that are at risk from the harmful and sometimes devastating effects of illicit drug use. This Nation cannot afford to risk losing more individuals, families, and communities to illicit drugs or from other types of substance abuse-instead, we must do everything we can to effectively promote prevention, treatment, and recovery programs across our country.

The annual NSDUH survey, released by SAMHSA is a scientifically conducted annual survey of approximately 67,500 people throughout the country, age 12 and older. Because of its statistical power, NSDUH is the Nation’s premier source of statistical information on the scope and nature of many behavioral health issues.

View the complete survey finding:
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