



# **FIVE STEPS TO START A DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA CHAPTER AT YOUR SCHOOL**

Our Country has been facing a drug epidemic for decades. This really hits home when it affects communities like yours, and it seems like this is everywhere. Our teens can change the future by making different decisions than the generations before them. You can empower them by providing the Drug Free Clubs of America Program in your school.

## **1. Connect with Drug Free Clubs of America**

Our Program Specialist, Dave Huggins, was just like you many years ago. Dave helped establish eight high school chapters in Ross County, Ohio that average 50% enrollment in DFCA. He will help you establish a plan for your school and community.

## **2. Evaluate Your Readiness and Resources**

Consider your current funding for insight into your budget and determine if there are already dedicated funds for substance use, prevention, and mental health programming. Fundraising and grant support from your community may be necessary to obtain the essential funds required to build a healthy, drug-free community. DFCA has readily available fundraising and marketing tools and professional guidance to support your school's journey.

## **3. Engage Stakeholders**

Our evidence-based prevention model is designed to include local businesses, law enforcement, civic groups, health care, parents, students, and the school working together in lockstep. Your Chamber of Commerce is a great resource to get many of these groups engaged and a community-wide meeting set up.

## 4. Identify Coordinator(s)

Every school with a DFCA Chapter needs a great leader! DFCA provides robust training and tools for a Club Coordinator to assemble their team and get started. The best Coordinators work at the school, are passionate about making a difference, and have great relationships with the students. **DFCA provides step-by-step plans, in-person training, online tools, and ongoing support to ensure a leader's success.**

## 5. Establish your Club

The next steps involve completing paperwork and selecting student ambassadors who can help you determine creative in-school rewards. Supporting students' ideas for rewards is powerful and will help them to recruit their peers! DFCA will help you find a Collector in your area who can administer the drug tests for you at no cost. Schools don't get the results of our tests, so this third-party group helps maintain student privacy.

**We know you have questions. If you want to do something truly effective to protect the future of your students from drug addiction, we'll help you establish a program that will be very special for years to come in your area.**

**Email Dave today at [daveh@drugfreeclubs.com](mailto:daveh@drugfreeclubs.com) or call 877-929-3322 to begin your personalized plan to open a DFCA chapter at your school.**

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