

Community of Practice Award

Peer Outreach is student group dedicated to promoting positive school climate through their work with substance abuse and violence prevention. They are an extremely active service organization, in promoting awareness throughout the year, to school and community on substance abuse and violence prevention messages.

Last year, this group was involved with welcoming new students, Red Ribbon Week, Great American Smoke Out, Teen Dating Violence Awareness, Suicide Awareness, National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Month, National Children of Substance Abusing Awareness Week, Alcohol Awareness Month, "Sticker Shock" (NH Liquor Commission's Buyer Beware Campaign) <http://www.sorock.org/stickershock.html>, Fatal Reality <http://vimeo.com/66683934>, and producing a PSA at the end of year called "Enjoy Life in a Natural State" <http://vimeo.com/68324760>.

In past years, Peer Outreach has been very active in helping spread the word about Sandown Police Department's Prescription Drug Drop Box <http://vimeo.com/21196068>, to get these harmful unused medication out of people's medicine cabinets and off the streets, to be disposed of properly.

We are still in the process of recruiting new members for this year, but we have an all-star cast of veteran's who are returning this year:

Aubrey, Hope 12
Demers, Catherine 11
Desjardins, Kelly 12
Dill, Nicole 12
Douphinette, Amanda 12
Douphinette, Kaitlin 10
Gaudet, Kayla 12
Hennessey, Corinne 11
Jones, Ashley 10
Jones, Casey 12
Jones, Kaitlyn 11
Lingar, Laura 12
Melanson, Emma 10
Metcalf, Abigail 10
Olkovikas, Arianna 10

Advisors: Tim Lena and Sherri Allen

Peer Outreach was nominated for the NH Community of Practice Excellence Award for Student Organization, by Ms. Ann Duckless, from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of NH. Ann has been very instrumental in the past in training our students in the NAMI Connect program for Suicide Prevention, many of these materials were used in their presentations last year in the Lunch/Study Presentations last year for Suicide Prevention. They will be receiving the Award at the Community of Practice Summit on November 19th, in Concord.