

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

PRESENTED BY
FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE

WHAT IS HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT (HIPS)?

HIPS is a community awareness program designed to enlighten parents through a unique learning experience encompassing insights into trends and indicators of potentially risky behavior.

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT is an engaging presentation offering parents the opportunity to interact with police officers and various props. These props, either circulated or part of an exhibit resembling a teenager's bedroom, comprise over 100 items that could potentially indicate dangerous or risky behaviors.

Supplementing the props is a PowerPoint presentation and discussion covering topics such as alcohol, vaping, drugs, mental health, sexting, and other relevant subjects.

HIPS covers the following behaviors:

- Alcohol Use
- Marijuana
- Vaping
- Prescription Drugs
- Over the Counter Drugs
- Illicit Drugs
- Hidden Compartments
- Trending Clothing
- Mental Health
- Sexual Behaviors
- Other Risky Behaviors
- And More



WHAT DO YOU DO?
WHERE DO YOU GET

HELP?



A Community Awareness
Program for Parents presented by
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THE ILLUSION

There are two options for the presentation:

THE BEDROOM - Groups with a maximum of 25 participants.

The bedroom of a typical teenager may present a carefully crafted illusion. Unraveling this illusion requires an understanding of the elements used to create it. We replicate a typical teenager's bedroom entirely and participants are encouraged to explore the room and identify items or objects that might signify "risky behavior."

SHOW AND TELL – Groups exceeding 25 participants.

Over 50 props will be arranged for participants to observe, touch, and explore. They will also be circulated during the presentation.

EDUCATION

A PowerPoint presentation will offer details about every prop brought by the instructors. The instructors will explain and describe how each prop could potentially function as a tool in risky behavior. The program will undergo regular updates to reflect current trends and behaviors.

The program is exclusively available for adult audiences. Participation is restricted to adults, and young individuals are not allowed in the sessions. Its purpose is to inform parents about recent trends and guide them in helping their children access appropriate assistance if any risky behavior is identified.

This informative program is suitable for presentation in schools, places of worship, parent groups, or any setting where it can benefit parents and, ultimately, contribute to the well-being of our youth. The Fairfax County Police Department's Crime Prevention & Outreach Unit presents this program free of charge.

GET INVOLVED

HOW TO HOST AN EVENT

CONTACT MPO Meg Hawkins at (FCPDHIPS@fairfaxcounty.gov) to schedule a date for the program. Once the date is confirmed, she will furnish you with a registration link and a promotional summary.

PUBLICIZE and promote the event using various methods of dissemination.

PREPARE for the Program:

- Book a spacious room that can accommodate the anticipated number of participants, equipped with individual chairs (not cafeteria tables with attached stools).
- Ensure there is an audio-visual connection to either a projector and screen or a sizable TV with HDMI capabilities for our PowerPoint presentation. Also, have a wireless microphone prepared for our use.
- If we are arranging the bedroom, we will need an area approximately 18 feet wide and 10 feet deep. We require a one-hour window for setup beforehand.
- For a Show and Tell session, we will need three tables, each measuring 6 feet in length. We require half an hour for setup.

NEED MORE INFO?

Please contact

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You can also call 703-814-8045

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/Chief/CrimeandSafety>