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ADVOCACY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Partners and fellow Advocates

This month, the team is happy to announce the start of a new collaboration with the Singapore Prison Service to publish in our monthly newsletters a story, letter or poem from a family member of a drug abuser. To kickstart this initiative, we bring you a poem titled “Mak Will Not Give Up on You”.

In this edition of the newsletter, read about the situation in Oregon where lawmakers are calling for a state of emergency due to their worsening drug crisis brought on by the decriminalisation of drugs.

Also, read about our new school outreach programme with Kiss92FM radio deejays to help students acquire life–skills and build resilience against drug abuse.

Email us at cnb_community_partnership@cnb.gov.sg if you have any feedback or questions on our programmes and activities!

ADVOCACY/ COMMUNITY ROADSHOWS

Learn about the harms of drugs and pick up practical tips on drug prevention at our community roadshows. See you at these locations:

Event	Venue	Date/Time
E-Sports Fiesta	Jurong Green Community Club 6 Jurong West Ave 1 Singapore 649520	Sat, 23 Dec 2023 9am–5pm
Delta League Grand Finals	Our Tampines Hub 1 Tampines Walk Singapore 528523	Sat, 23 Dec 2023 2pm–9pm



Interested in sharing the drug prevention message? Email us at CNB_Community_Partnership@cnb.gov.sg if you are keen to help out at any of our roadshows and events!



PDE/"SAY SOMETHING, SAY NO!" – CNB X KISS92FM RADIO ROADSHOW AT SCHOOLS



Last month, in a special tie-up with CNB, Kiss92FM Radio DJs headed down to Fuhua Secondary School and CHIJ Toa Payoh to conduct an outreach programme aimed at building youth confidence in public speaking and resilience against drugs. Students got to learn about public speaking and acquired skills to present themselves effectively, reading out drug-related news headlines crafted by themselves on stage.



Teams with the winning script were given the rare opportunity to head into the studio at Kiss92FM Radio Station to record their own voiceover script. **Tune in to Kiss92FM to hear the recordings which will be broadcasted on air from 24 Nov to 15 Dec.**



ADVOCACY/ BOTHAIPORULAI ETHIRTHU NIRPOM (BEN) CAMPAIGN – SPREADING FESTIVE CHEERS AND RAISING AWARENESS ON DRUG PREVENTION



This Deepavali, CNB is happy to be able to partner with SINDA again to spread festive cheers while raising the community’s awareness on drug prevention. In collaboration with SINDA under the BEN Campaign, beneficiaries of SINDA’s “Project GIVE” initiative this year received a specially designed BEN Campaign festive message card as part of the festive gift bag handed out by SINDA. CNB officers were also present at the “Project GIVE” Heartlands’ series of roadshows, to engage the community and impart practical information on drug prevention.



“Waiting For You”, an initiative by the Singapore Prison Service, comprises 22 narratives written from the perspective of drug abusers’ families. Readers can see the destructive nature of drugs on family of abusers through these narratives, which brings out the saliency and gravity of the family’s struggles. At the same time, the stories seek to inspire and instill hope in the inmates, and to motivate them to stay on the path of recovery. In this edition, we share with you a story of a mother who refuses to give up on her son through a poem titled “Mak Will Not Give Up On You”

Mak Will Not Give Up On You

We are not sure why and how it all started
Prisons was where you spent all of 15 years, this much we knew
We kept trying to speak with you
But you made it so hard when you just would not listen
We will keep trying because Mak will not give up on you.

Age is catching up and I am getting older
I feel I cannot hold on for much longer
All your father’s hard work has taken a toll on his health
We need you to come home to take over
Mak believes in you and will not give up on you.

I miss the times when we watched television together
Seeing and feeling your presence just made me ponder
What can I do to make these moments last?
Oftentimes, I just do not have a clue.
My heart aches when I think of all your broken promises,
With the sea of tears you have shed, you filled me with assurance
Because of my perseverance, Mak will still not give up on you.

Festive periods are the worst,
I cannot find my son to hug and kiss
From my lips I utter, “Dear God, the only One who can save him is You”,
But I believe my son will return to restore the bliss,
So always know this, Mak will not give up on you.

I gave you money for your necessities
Even as I suspected you were still abusing
Some may consider me a mother who was enabling
But I consoled myself because your promises always felt so empowering
And I believe your promises will eventually come true; Mak will not give up on you.

I will not be here forever
Before I close my eyes, I hope to see you change for the better
As long as I am alive, I wish to have us spend more time together
At times you will hear that others have lost faith in you
For in their minds, they are asking “what’s new?” when they talk about you
But the truth remains that Mak will not give up on you.





Oregon state senators have called for a state of emergency due to a worsening drug crisis. According to a report by the Washington Examiner, one senator was quoted as saying “The decriminalisation of drug possession, the lack of incarceration and forced treatment has caused a dramatic increase in drug use and addiction, increased homelessness, open drug use in our communities and increases in overall property and other crimes.”

“Measure 110” was passed by Oregon voters in 2020, which reduces penalties from a felony or misdemeanour to a \$100 maximum fine and eliminating all criminal charges for the possession of small amounts of drugs. The ballot measure passed with 58% of the votes and allocated a share of marijuana revenue for drug addiction recovery programmes across the state. However this measure has resulted in several unintended consequences.

The Washington Examiner cited a testimony from the Public Health Director at the Oregon Health Authority, Rachael Banks, which states that all drug overdoses rose by 61% and fentanyl overdoses rose nearly 600% since the implementation of Measure 110. Fentanyl has now surpassed methamphetamine as the most frequent drug involved in overdose deaths.

Consequences of Measure 110

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Oregon

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Scan QR code to read full story

<https://go.gov.sg/oregonmeasure110>

HELP US SPREAD THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE



The **Anti-Drug Abuse Advocacy Network (A3 Network)** is a volunteer scheme jointly administered by the NCADA and CNB. The A3 Network, which is under the umbrella of the Home Team Volunteer Network comprises various groups of people who identify with, support and promote the anti-drug cause.

Help us grow the A3 Network by telling your friends about us and the volunteering opportunities with CNB. Scan the QR codes for more information about the different schemes, or drop us an email at cnb_community_partnership@cnb.gov.sg



Scan here to find out about the A3 Network and different advocates schemes



Anti-Drug Advocate Programme for youths aged 17 - 25 years old

Scan below to find out about the **Virtual Heritage Gallery** that you can access at your convenience. Access PDE resources from our **PDE Handbook online**:



Scan here for the virtual heritage gallery



Scan here for the PDE Handbook

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If you come across drugs, or what you suspect to be drugs, you should call CNB hotline at **1800-325-6666**

For more information, please visit the CNB website at www.cnb.gov.sg

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