

Arlington Public Schools
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PRESS RELEASE

To:	Media	From:	Andrea Conley
Re:	"Out of the Shadows" Community Event	Date:	March 23, 2014

The Arlington Drug Awareness Coalition is sponsoring a community-wide drug and alcohol awareness event, "Out of the Shadows," on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Byrnes Performing Arts Center. We encourage all community members, parents and youth to attend this important event. Childcare will be provided by the National Honor Society for younger children.

The presentation will open with personal stories about youth from Arlington who have struggled with addiction, followed with information about what drugs are being abused in this area, what addiction looks like and how we can fight back while supporting those who are struggling. Presenters will include school administrators, knowledgeable law enforcement, health care representatives and recovery specialists.

An information fair will also be held before and after the presentation, where families will have an opportunity to see what positive youth activities are available in our community, as well as treatment, recovery and support options for those at risk. Arlington Police will be available for the Prescription Drug Take Back Program, providing a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs.

The Arlington Drug Awareness Coalition is a committed alliance of parents, educators, city organizations, businesses and community members that are working together to bring change to the rising drug problem in Arlington through education and awareness. To learn more about this group, visit <https://www.facebook.com/arlingtonaware> or contact Andrea Conley, Public Information Coordinator, at 360.618.6217.

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