



## POSTER CONTEST FOR ESSEX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**High School Students living or going to school in Essex County are invited to create a Poster depicting the strength of our Veterans. WIN A \$250. Gift Certificate**

Active-duty and retired members of the armed forces can also face substance use problems. More than one in 10 Veterans who seek care at the U.S. Veteran's Administration meet the criteria to be diagnosed with a substance use disorder (SUD) —slightly higher than the rate among the general population. The stress of training, deployment, returning home and other facets of military life and culture may account for some differences in substance use between military service members and civilians. Those with multiple deployments, combat exposure and combat-related injuries are at greatest risk of developing substance use problems. Zero-tolerance policies, confidentiality concerns and stigma remain barriers to identifying and treating substance use problems in military personnel. (NIDA drugabuse.gov)

**Poster Board Size 22 x 28 inches**

**Create a poster depicting any area of SUD and Veterans. Reasons Veterans have a slightly higher rate of being diagnosed with SUD, treatment modalities for Veterans, ideas on preventing Veteran from SUD or other area.**

**Posters must be dropped off to Essex Health and Wellness Recovery Center 111 Central Avenue, Newark or First Baptist Church 259 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> between 3pm and 5pm – or the posters can be picked up from your school's main office on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.**

**Winners will be announced at the Essex Health and Wellness Recovery Center's 4<sup>th</sup> Opioid Awareness Walk on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12noon at First Baptist Church 259 Bloomfield Ave Caldwell. For more info [rlhealthguide@gmail.com](mailto:rlhealthguide@gmail.com)**

**Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_**

**I will drop my poster to \_\_\_ Caldwell location \_\_\_ Newark location on 10/12/21**

**\_\_\_ Please pick my poster up at my High School on 10/13/21**

**\_\_\_ I would like to walk in the Opioid Awareness Walk T shirt size \_\_\_\_\_**

**ESSEX HEALTH AND WELLNESS RECOVERY CENTER**

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