



SO MUCH TO SAY!

June Newsletter

Celebrating Pride Month!



*SAY San Diego celebrates pride and progress! This month, and every day, we provide inclusive, welcoming, safe places and relationships. We believe in equity, opportunity, and well-being for all. This said, we stand with our lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual+ (LGBTQIA+) co-workers, program participants, and neighbors, locally and across the nation, who simply wish to be free, safe, and loved, and we stand against current actions to censor truth, deny rights, and cause harm.

We wish to honor and respect all the many beautiful ways that staff members and program participants identify themselves. We are always open to ideas for actions that lift us up and expand representation. Please share.

Thank you all who strive every day to make San Diego County a great place for children, youth, families and community members!"

- Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CEO

Join The Collective at their upcoming Pride event!

The Collective, a coalition of San Diego LGBTQIA+ youth and young adults (ages 17-26), work to prevent tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs from impacting the LGBTQ+ community, through education, outreach, and advocacy, they educate and influence public policy to create a healthier San Diego.

Pride Within

Theme: What Does it Mean to Feel Empowered as a BIPOC Queer Person this Month?

June 30 **Dojo Cafe** 4350 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego **5-9pm**

ACTIVITIES: Clothing Swap, Interactive Art, Makeover Area, DJ Dance Area, Photobooth & more!

Free

There will be Food provided!

A collab between 

This is a Sober Curious & a Nicotine Free Space

[The Collective](#)

Father's Day with Dads Corps

In celebration of Father's Day, we were thrilled to see Aaron Wess, A facilitator of Dads Corps, and Derrick Torrence, one of our esteemed alumni, featured on FOX 5 San Diego morning news. They had the opportunity to share their personal experiences with the Dads Corps program and the remarkable impact it has had on their lives.

The segment highlighted the profound significance of Dads Corps in empowering fathers and providing them with valuable support. Aaron Wess, with his expertise and dedication, has been instrumental in facilitating this transformative program. Derrick Torrence, an inspiring example of the program's success, shared how Dads Corps has positively shaped his personal journey as a father.



[Learn More About Dad's Corps](#)

One Pill Can Kill



William Perno, our senior prevention specialist, delivered a compelling speech at a fentanyl forum in La Jolla, drawing a crowd of approximately 140 attendees, including dozens of teenagers.

San Diego County has been witnessing a distressing increase in fentanyl-related overdose deaths over the past few years. The numbers escalated from 92 in 2018 to 151 in 2019 and further spiked to 462 in 2020. Shockingly, the figures reached an alarming 814 in 2021, based on the latest available data.

During the forum, Perno emphasized the gravity of the situation by stating, "One pill can kill." He further highlighted that a concerning six out of ten pills found on the streets contain more than 2 milligrams of fentanyl.

We strongly encourage you to read the complete article and share it with your network to raise awareness about this critical issue.

['One Pill Can Kill' Article](#)

A Great Place to Work



SAY San Diego has been consistently selected as a Top Workplace Award winner, qualifying SAY as one of the best places to work in San Diego, based on employee surveys. We're currently hiring!

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Annual Report



To see more examples of SAY San Diego's values in action, take a look back at the incredible work we have achieved during 2022.

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