



# PARENTS

## Mission Statement *Matter*

**ParentsMatter** is a network of **connected** parents who are committed to partnering with school staff to be parents who are “in the know” about the facts regarding substance use and abuse, community intervention programs and student support programs and services at Neuqua Valley High School.

**ParentsMatter** is a network of **concerned** parents who are committed to being conversation starters with other parents about helping, assisting and working together in the “trade craft” of parenting and raising drug-free teens.

**ParentsMatter** is a network of **caring** parents who are committed to regularly challenging their child about social issues and choices regarding drugs and alcohol.

**Awareness + Education + Action = Prevention** ←

Specific objectives of **ParentsMatter** include:

- Inspiring and initiating conversations that lead to best-practice initiatives in education, communication, law enforcement and community-wide support to change the culture and environment of drug use in Naperville and the surrounding communities.
- Engaging the entire community (individual parents, neighborhoods, governmental agencies, faith communities, schools, athletic organizations, clubs, civic groups, etc.) in the effort to significantly reduce drug use.
- Increasing the “security of medicine cabinets” all throughout Naperville by educating parents about prescription drugs (RX) and working with medical professionals to reduce and control the amount of prescription drugs (RX) given to youth.
- Increasing the support and programming available for youth as they strive to be drug-free and pursue healthy lifestyles.

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