

# Give Me A Reason



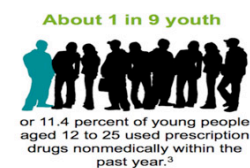
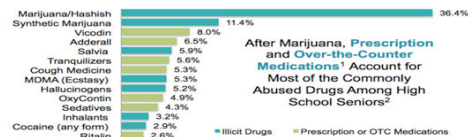
The **Give Me A Reason** drug prevention initiative is a **voluntary** drug testing program of the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and Operation UNITE, designed as a way for our youth to avoid peer pressure and give them a reason to say “no” to drug use. When confronted with drugs, this initiative provides youth an opportunity to say:

**“I can’t use drugs, my parents drug test me!”**

**Give Me A Reason** will provide **free** saliva-based drug testing kits to parents or caregivers. The non-invasive test is then given within the privacy of your home with results in approximately 10 minutes.

## Why should I drug test?

Drug testing is a logical and simple way to hold children accountable to family rules concerning use or misuse of drugs – illegal, prescription or over-the-counter. **The goal of this program is to help your child make positive life choices when faced with peer pressure.** Young people are especially vulnerable to drug misuse – a time when the brain and body are still developing. Studies show that the earlier a teen begins using drugs, the more likely he or she will develop a substance abuse problem or addiction. Teens who stay away from drugs in high school are less likely to develop a substance abuse problem later in life.



## Parental concerns

Parents worry that participation in a drug testing program will destroy the trust they have with their children. However, **Parents have a responsibility to guide and protect their children.** Parents who drug test their children are taking a firm stand against drug use and providing their child a reason to say “No.”

## Confidentiality

**No personal data will be collected.** All tests are administered confidentially within your family unit. Each kit contains a self-addressed, stamped envelope and form asking if your test results were positive or negative – and, if positive, for which drugs. An on-line form is also available.

## What type of test is used?

The SalivaScan™ testing method involves taking a non-invasive swab of the mouth and comparing the results on a color bar included with the kit. The kits tests for a variety of drugs including: Amphetamines (Adderall, Meth, Ecstasy), Benzodiazepines (Xanax, Valium, Roofies), Cocaine, Marijuana, Methadone, Methamphetamine, Opiates (Codeine, Heroin, Morphine, Oxycodone, Hydrocodone), Phencyclidine (PCP) and Barbiturates (Tranquilizers).

## What if the test is positive?

If a positive test result occurs, parents/caregivers should contact their family doctor, Family Resource & Youth Service Center, area hospital, health department or other professional to determine the next course of action to take. A detailed listing of resources for participating counties, as well as statewide, is available at [www.operationunite.org](http://www.operationunite.org).

## Where can I obtain a kit?

To view a listing of locations where the free *SalivaScan* drug testing kits are available visit [www.operationunite.org](http://www.operationunite.org) and follow the link on the home page.

**NOTICE:** A “negative” or “invalid” SalivaScan test result shall not negate any positive drug test administered at your child’s school.