

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE

It's a multi-pronged problem

It requires a multi-pronged approach

**NSAAC**

.....Striving towards.....

Increasing the nation's understanding of drug—

Related harm;

Building partnerships;

Linking with other strategies;

Preventing use and harm;

Providing access to treatment;

Providing education & training;

Research data & development;

....to address the substance abuse problem....



Working Together for a Drug Free



If you would like more information on cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana or any other drugs and substances, please contact:

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**National Substance Abuse  
Advisory Council**

# A DRUG FREE NATION



Be Smart Stop Drugs | Stop Child Abuse | Prevent HIV & AIDS



## WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The National Substance Abuse Advisory Council was established on 1 March, 1999 after the passing of the Substance Abuse Advisory Council Act of 1998.

This statutory body was established under the Ministry of Education to collaborate with government ministries and NGO's to address problems arising out of drugs and substance abuse in Fiji.

### VISION

A Drug Free Nation

### MISSION

To promote a drug free environment in our schools and other settings by establishing positive education approaches effective substance control programmes and appropriate institutional frameworks.

### AIM

To develop a comprehensive substance abuse prevention education and research effort in Fiji.

### Substances *include:*

Alcohol, marijuana, yagona (kava), tobacco inhalants, and other illicit drugs like cocaine, heroin, amphetamines, etc.

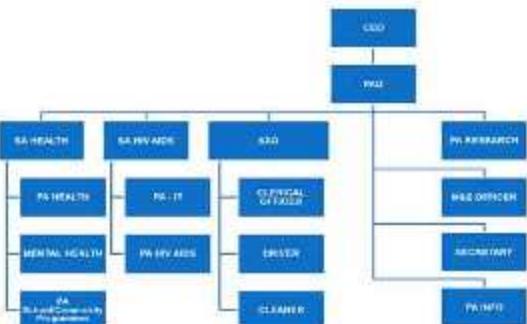
## NSAAC MEMBERSHIP & STRUCTURE



Permanent Secretary (or their representatives) of member organizations are members of the Council.

\*Members are drawn from USP, Department of Social Welfare, Department of Youth, St Giles Psychiatric Hospital, the Fiji Police Drugs Unit, CDU, Fiji School of Medicine, Ministry of Justice and the Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority.

## NSAAC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



## NSAAC ROLES

- To encourage, promote, sponsor and cooperate research into the use and abuse of substances in Fiji.
- Disseminate information relating to this problem.
- Encourage education programmes designed to discourage the abuse of substances.
- Promote the treatment and care of person's adversely affected by the abuse of substances.

## HOW WILL WE ACHIEVE OUR ROLES ?

- Promotion and conduct of research on drugs and substances.
- Production of drug information pamphlets, brochures and posters for general distribution.
- Development of drugs and substance abuse education and awareness programmes in schools, workplaces and communities.
- Training of Trainers like teachers, youth and community workers to enable them to deal with drug education in totality, to also include life-skills strategies and values education.
- Development of materials like videos, handbooks and manuals as resource for trainers.
- Provision of counseling services.