These are only a few suggestions for Red Ribbon week and Opioid Awareness day activities while social distancing and for virtual classrooms. Be creative and search out other options. Work with your administration, community, and student leaders to develop a plan to fit your school environment.

**RESOURCES**

ADE: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Resources:

<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/communications/safety/red-ribbon-week>

Arkansas Drug Take Back Day (data and information):

[www.artakeback.org](http://www.artakeback.org/)

Chasing [the Dragon National](http://www.artakeback.org/) Campaign Webpage:

<https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/raising-awareness-of-opioid-addiction>

FBI Pittsburgh HOPE PSA Winners

<https://fbipghcaaa.org/page-18077>

**POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES**

Virtual Guest Speakers - Invite your local SRO, law enforcement, and other guest speakers via a digital platform to discuss drug abuse, addiction and the opioid epidemic. Below are contacts that may be able to help provide guest speakers for your school:

* [Local Peer Recovery Specialists](https://www.artakeback.org/wellness/recovery/) – Jimmy McGill jimmy.mcgill@dhs.arkansas.gov
* [DEA Little Rock Field Office](https://www.dea.gov/education-prevention/community-outreach) – ASAC Jarad Harper Jarad.O.Harper@dea.gov
* [FBI Little Rock Field Office](https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/littlerock/community-outreach) – COS Maria Hoskins mhoskins@fbi.gov
* [Little Rock Air Force Base](https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Government-Organization/Little-Rock-AFB-Red-Ribbon-111411890702073/) - Sharise D. Holland sharise.holland@us.af.mil

Encourage students to create awareness materials for use in the school and communities:

* Posters with facts about opioid misuse and its effects on families and friends
* Ten positive alternatives to substance use when depressed, in pain, lonely, in need
* Create their own PSA to encourage staying off drugs or getting help for an addiction
* Create a music video to encourage healthy coping skills and avoiding peer pressure
* Have Door Decoration contests (classrooms at school or bedrooms at home)

Students can present their own ideas of how to help others in the midst of this crisis. Talk with your class and let them come up with ways to promote awareness and show support of Red Ribbon week.