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- **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) WV:** WVSADD.org
- **Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America:** CADCA.org
- **Partnership for Drug Free Kids:** DrugFree.org
- **Narcotics Anonymous Meetings:** 1-818-773-9999 x771, NA.org
- **Center for Substance Abuse Prevention:** SAMHSA.gov/topics
- **Alcohol Anonymous Meetings:** 304-231-5867 or 1-800-333-5051
24 hour hotline, AAWV.org/site/meetings.htm
- **“WV Day of Hope”** on Facebook
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- **West Virginia Council of Churches:** WVCC.org/day-of-hope.html

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