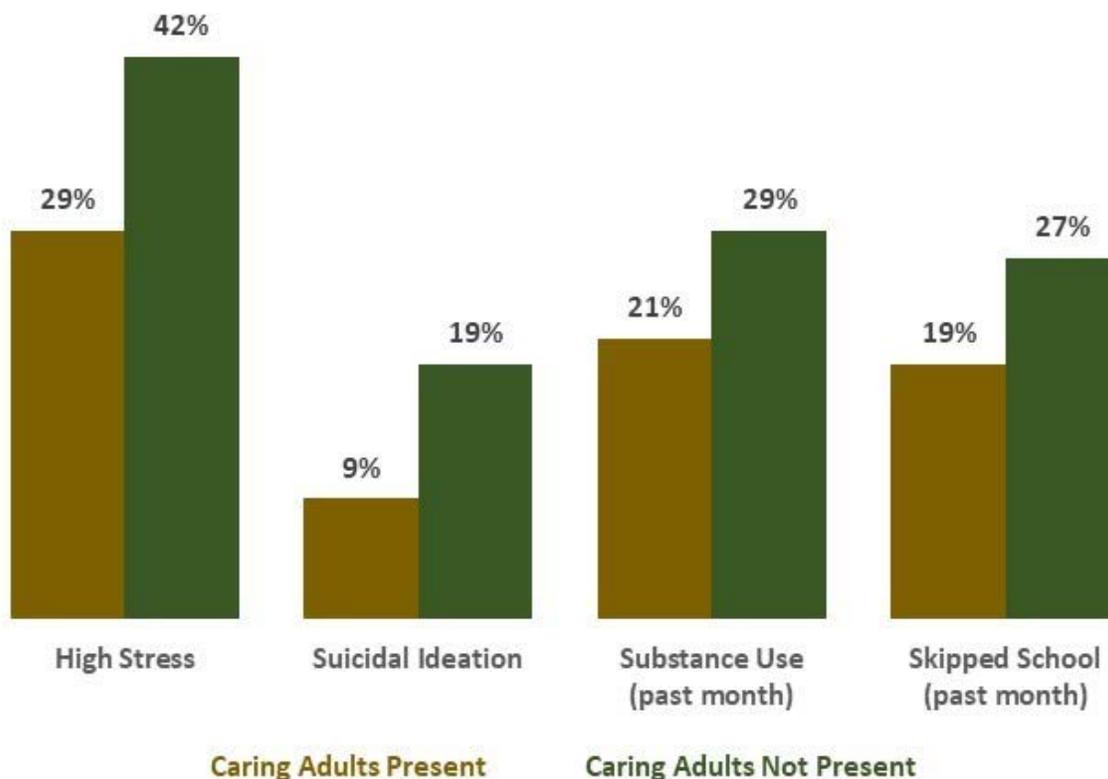


## Red Ribbon Week

Not only is Halloween approaching, but October is Substance Abuse Prevention Month, and Red Ribbon Week is October 23- October 31. Red Ribbon Week, sponsored by the DEA, is when young people pledge to live drug-free lives and show their commitment by wearing a red ribbon. Some of our very own elementary schools will be wearing red ribbons, to show their respect for Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, a Mexican-American DEA agent, who was murdered while working to expose drug traffickers.

Parents, you can help prevent substance use more than you know. The Fairfax County Youth Survey shows that students who say there are caring adults present in their lives are significantly less likely to engage in risky behaviors or report poor mental health conditions.



Now that Halloween is approaching, it's time to remind your students that drugs are often made to entice young people to use (e.g. marijuana edibles, colorful packaging, rainbow fentanyl). The younger a person begins to use drugs, the more difficult it is for them to abstain later in life (NIH).

Sources & Resources:

[DEA](#)

[DEA Fentanyl Gallery](#)

[Fairfax CSB Opioid Info](#)

[REVIVE Training for Opioid Overdoses](#)

[FCPS Substance Abuse Prevention Program](#)

[Fairfax County Youth Survey](#)

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