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Outline for community issues topic

Topic: Negative Drug Impact on Families

Introduction: Drug usage on this island has increased over the years. Excessive drug usage and distribution can bring dangers to family and children. A possibility for trauma and pain, however what can we do to prevent this issue from negatively changing to lives of those around us?

My community issue question: How does one cope with a loved one that is affected by drugs? How can we help and what do we do?

Introduction:

Attention grabber - Why drugs cause violence and damage to loved ones

1. They are coming in through mail stations and getting handled by workers who are in communication with senders/accomplices of drugs
2. Share personal experiences working as a police officer in the community and events with loved ones due to drugs.
3. Opportunity of money for some, negative impact for most. Saipan's drug crime rate has heightened over the years. Now, its more common to wake up and read newspaper stories on families that have been busted for transporting and distributing drugs. Families with young children have been incarcerated with no one watch over their kids. The accessibility of drugs is a gateway for younger generations to enter a wrong path. By proper security regulations and surveillance, maybe there is a chance to help this expanding issue.

4. The purpose of this is to spread awareness and educate others about the dangers of what drugs can bring.

References include:

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Personal experiences