

CADCA Presidential Primary Election Guide 2016

*Making Underage Drinking, Tobacco and Other Drug
Issues a Priority*



Background

“All politics is local.” Public policy is fundamentally decided at the polls. It is more important than ever for those concerned about drug and alcohol prevention, treatment and recovery to put these issues on the political agenda. The upcoming presidential primaries provide a wonderful opportunity to get our issue on their radar screens.

Presidential candidates must hear from constituents about the importance of solving drug and underage drinking issues through effective community-based prevention, treatment and recovery approaches. To help you in this process, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) has assembled an Election Guide specifically for the 2016 Presidential Primaries.

The CADCA Presidential Primary Election Guide gives you the tools you need to raise and address prevention, treatment, and recovery issues at campaign events around the country. The CADCA Presidential Primary Election Guide also provides a strategy to ensure that you communicate two centralized messages at election events across the country. The messages are:

**DEAL WITH DRUGS. THEY COST; THEY KILL.
DEAL WITH UNDERAGE DRINKING. IT COSTS; IT KILLS.**

The CADCA Guide includes the following information:

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*Subject to change, last updated (12/10/2015)

CADCA's hope is that coalitions around the country will use this Guide to let candidates know that they must:

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CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION

(We encourage you to visit candidate websites for further information such as town hall meetings near your location.)

2016 DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Hillary for America
PO Box 5256
New York, NY 10185-5256
Phone: 646-854-1432
Website: <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/>

Bernie Sanders

Bernie 2016
PO Box 905
Burlington, VT 05402
Phone: 802-862-1505
Website: <https://berniesanders.com/>

Martin O'Malley

1501 St. Paul Street
Ste 115
Baltimore, MD 21202
Phone: 443-552-3526
Website: <https://martinomalley.com/>

CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION

2008 REPUBLICAN (GOP) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Donald Trump

725 Fifth Avenue
New York City, NY 10022
Website: <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/>

Jeb Bush

Jeb 2016, Inc.
PO Box 440641
Miami, FL 33144
Website: <https://jeb2016.com/>

Ted Cruz

Cruz for President
P.O. Box 25376
Houston, TX 77265
Phone Number: 713-353-4330
Website: <https://www.tedcruz.org/>

John Kasich

Kasich for America
620 E Broad Street, Ste 2016
Columbus, OH 43215
Phone Number:
Website: <https://johnk Kasich.com/>

Rand Paul

P.O.Box 77681
Washington, D.C.20013
Website: <https://www.randpaul.com/>

Ben Carson

1800 Diagonal Rd.
Ste. 140
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
Website: <https://www.bencarson.com/>

Marco Rubio

Marco Rubio for President
PO Box 558701
Miami, FL 33255-8701
Website: <https://marcorubio.com/>

Carly Fiorina

1020 N Fairfax St.
Ste. 200
Alexandria, VA 22314
Website: <https://carlyforpresident.com/>

Chris Christie

P.O. Box 225
Colonia, NJ 07067
Phone Number:
Website: <https://www.chrischristie.com/>

2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND CAUCUS DATES IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Information taken from US Presidential Election News Website

Note: Dates subject to changes, some states are not included because they have not provided election date information.

STATE	Presidential Nominating Calendar	STATE	Presidential Nominating Calendar
Iowa	Feb. 1	Hawaii (D) caucus	March 26
New Hampshire	Feb. 9	Washington (D) caucus	March 26
Nevada	Feb. 20 (D)	Wisconsin	April 5
South Carolina	Feb. 20 (R)	New York	April 19
Nevada	Feb. 23 (R)	Connecticut	April 26
South Carolina	Feb. 27 (D)	Delaware	April 26
Alabama	March 1	Maryland	April 26
Alaska	March 1 (R)	Pennsylvania	April 26
Arkansas	March 1	Rhode Island	April 26
Colorado caucuses	March 1	Indiana	May 3
Georgia	March 1	Nebraska (R) primary	May 10
Massachusetts	March 1	West Virginia	May 10
Minnesota caucuses	March 1	Kentucky (D) primary	May 17
Oklahoma	March 1	Oregon	May 17
Tennessee	March 1	Puerto Rico (D)	June 5
Texas	March 1	California	June 7
Vermont	March 1	Montana	June 7
Virginia	March 1	New Jersey	June 7
Kansas caucus	March 5	New Mexico	June 7
Kentucky (R) caucus	March 5	South Dakota	June 7
Louisiana	March 5	District of Columbia	June 14
Nebraska (D) caucus	March 5	North Dakota	No firm dates
Hawaii (R) caucus	March 8	Maine	No firm dates
Idaho (R) caucus	March 8	Wyoming	No firm dates
Mississippi	March 8		
Michigan	March 8		
Puerto Rico (R)	March 13		
Florida	March 15		
Illinois	March 15		
Missouri	March 15		
North Carolina	March 15		
Ohio	March 15		
Arizona	March 22		
Utah	March 22		
Alaska (D) caucus	March 26		

How to Raise Illegal Drug and Underage Drinking Issues with the Candidates

Attend Campaign Events, Forums, and Town Meetings

Make sure that you have coalition members or volunteers at each event to ask questions to get the candidates on record. (Sample questions are on pages 9-10.) If your coalition publishes a newsletter, you may qualify for a press credential for campaign events. If this is the case, try to attend events and forums as part of the press corps.

Organize coalition members and other volunteers at each event with signs that say: **DEAL WITH DRUGS! THEY COST; THEY KILL** and **DEAL WITH UNDERAGE DRINKING! IT COSTS; IT KILLS**. Make sure to tell the sign holders to position themselves in front of any TV cameras or reporters. It will be very powerful if signs with these messages show up in the press in your community. We also suggest that all of the sign holders wear red. This will create a visual effect that ties the centralized message to a uniform color around the country.

Encourage local media to focus on the drug issue

Make your own news. Find out when candidates will be on talk radio shows and call in with questions pertaining to drug and alcohol issues (for sample questions see pages 9-10). Send letters to the candidates asking them to respond to locally tailored variations of the sample questions. See if your local daily newspaper will agree in advance to print the candidates' responses to your questions. If so, let the candidates know this, and they will very likely respond. If they respond, publicize the responses locally through your newsletter, letters to the editor, editorials, etc. If you get a commitment from one candidate, tell the other candidates "Candidate X is on board, where do you stand?" Publicize the answers.

Brief your local press corps (print, radio, TV, internet). Try to get them interested in raising questions about the candidates' positions on prevention, treatment and recovery issues. Schedule an editorial board meeting to discuss these issues. Writing an op-ed piece also will draw attention to drug and alcohol issues through publication in your local newspaper. For more information on writing an op-ed piece and for a sample, see pages 10-11.

Sample Questions to Get Candidates on Record

In order to get the candidates' positions regarding drug and alcohol prevention, treatment, and recovery on the record, CADCA has prepared the following questions to be asked at election events, town meetings, radio call-in shows, and candidate forums.

Prevention

1. Community coalitions have proven effective in reducing youth drug use and underage drinking in this community and in many others across the country. If elected, would you support increased funding for community coalitions through the Drug-Free Communities program? If so, how much of an increase would you support? If not, why not?
2. Have you developed a campaign platform to comprehensively address the prescription drug abuse and heroin use? If not, do you plan to develop one? Please elaborate.
3. If elected, would you allocate additional resources to stop prescription drug abuse, illegal drug use, and underage drinking before these behaviors ever start? Please elaborate on your reasoning.

Treatment

1. If elected, will you support increased funding to make drug and alcohol treatment services available to more individuals?
2. Do you support the availability of drug and alcohol treatment services for all who want them? Why or why not? Please elaborate.

Addiction Treatment Parity

1. Do you support addiction treatment parity, which ensures that Americans have access to life saving addiction treatment, by limiting any discriminatory barriers that are still currently in place?

Funding

1. Do you support increased funding for drug and alcohol prevention programs in all of our nation's schools and communities to address the problems of prescription drug abuse, illegal drug use and underage drinking? Why or why not? Please elaborate.
2. If elected, will community based programs for drug and alcohol prevention, treatment and recovery be high priorities for you? Will you support and be a champion for increased funding for these programs?

Alcohol and Underage Drinking

1. Do you accept political contributions from the alcohol industry?
2. Do you agree that underage drinking must be addressed through comprehensive approaches that include enforcement, education, prevention, and strategies to address norms regarding adult alcohol use and abuse?
3. Would you support increased federal funding to combat underage drinking?

E-Cigarettes

1. In 2014, for the first time, more teens reported using e-cigarettes over any other tobacco product on the market.¹ E-cigarette use has tripled from 2013 to 2014 among high school students.² Do you see this as a problem? What is your stance on e-cigarettes and what steps would you take to reduce youth use of these products?

“Medical” Marijuana

1. Where do you stand regarding the use of ballot initiatives and state legislation to circumvent federal law regarding marijuana use?

Legalization of Drugs

1. What is your position on the legalization and commercialization of marijuana?
2. What is your position on the legalization of other illegal drugs other than marijuana such as heroin, cocaine, methamphetamines, and synthetics?

Overdose Reversal

1. Do you support increased funding for and expansion of the use of naloxone, the overdose reversal drug?
2. Do you support Good Samaritan laws that provide legal immunity for individuals who call for 911 assistance when experiencing or observing an opiate-related overdose? Why or why not? Please elaborate.

Recovery

1. Over the past 30 years Congress has enacted a series of laws that prevent people in recovery with past criminal histories from obtaining many public benefits, often for many years after they paid their debt to society. Do you support the repeal of these discriminatory laws for people in long term recovery?

¹ <http://monitoringthefuture.org/pressreleases/14cigpr.pdf>

² <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2015/p0416-e-cigarette-use.html>

Sample Op-Ed

An op-ed, or column located opposite a newspaper's editorial section, is one of the best ways to disseminate your message through the media because you have complete control over content. The following are a few items to keep in mind in preparing your op-ed (**sample below**):

- Check the newspapers website for submission information. If not available online, contact the paper;
- Have one clear message or opinion to convey and stick to it;
- Tailor the message to your community;
- Make the piece self-contained by giving readers whatever background they need to get your point within the column;
- Provide strong evidence in support of your opinion, *i.e.* statistics, a story, research results, without being too technical or straying off-message;
- Include an authorship line that gives your name and brief description of what qualifies you as an expert on the subject discussed in the column; and
- If you get published, distribute a copy of the piece to your membership, use it in promotional packets for your coalition and share via social media channels.

Sample Op-Ed

Newsflash! Drug and alcohol problems are very real. Prescription drugs and heroin, in particular have fueled a massive increase in the amount of drug overdoses across the country. Drug overdoses have now passed car crashes as the leading cause of injury death in the country and drug abuse has plagued communities, strained families, increased crime and violence, all while decreasing working productivity and stealing the promising lives of youth in our country. In 2013 alone, over 22,000 individuals died of drug overdose as a result of prescription drug abuse.³ That is a scary statistic, but it gets worse. We know that prescription drug abuse has also led to heavier use of heroin; 4 out of 5 heroin users abused prescription drugs first before turning to heroin. Death from heroin overdose is also on the rise. In 2013, more than 8,200 individuals died from heroin overdose and the number has been steadily climbing.⁴ This epidemic is crippling our communities and we need to act now. CADCA members are on the front lines and have seen the devastation wreaked on our friends, families, and loved ones. This newsflash is for the benefit of every candidate for elected office. If you're campaigning in (name of your area), you need to make dealing with drug and alcohol problems through community-based prevention, treatment and recovery a priority.

In the city of (name of your city), we have drug and alcohol problems. Last year, (x) people died of drug overdoses in (name of your city). A bi-annual survey of middle and high school students in the area, conducted by the (your coalition/school), quantifies the problem among our youth. We know that abuse of prescription drugs and over the counter medicines are on the rise among youth. Over (x)% of (x) graders, (x)% of (x) graders and (x)% of (x) graders have abused these substances and the trend towards harder, more potent drugs like heroin and fentanyl is extremely troubling. We also know that (x)% of (x) graders have abused alcohol. This is a problem that affects everyone in (name of your city).

That's the bad news, but there is good news. The good news is that we have a proven strategy for dealing with drug and alcohol problems in (name of your city) and it is (insert the name of your coalition).

³ <http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/data/overdose.html>

⁴ <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/heroin/>

The (insert the name of your coalition) has been successful in reducing youth drug and alcohol use and abuse by implementing a coordinated approach that mobilizes our entire community in dealing with these issues. Our coalition is comprised of parents, teachers, law enforcement officials, business owners, the faith community, health providers, and other concerned citizens who are mobilizing to make our community safer and healthier. We are providing local solutions to the unique drug and alcohol problems faced by our community.

We expect our elected leaders to support smart strategies for dealing with drugs and alcohol. This means publicly supporting community anti-drug coalitions, such as the (name of your coalition), as well as drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services.

It is clear that the only way to effectively prevent and reduce drug use and underage drinking is to get our elected leaders and candidates for elected office to support smart, comprehensive community-based strategies for dealing with these persistent, costly and deadly issues.

The author (your name) is the director (your title) of the (your coalition or agency).

Appendix 1: Point of Contact for State Boards of Elections

Each state has some form of a Board of Election and CADCA has provided you with each state's point of contact. The point of contact and web page can give you information concerning the 2016 election process in your state. They can also point you to individuals in your city or county who can answer any questions you have concerning voter registration efforts. Information was gathered from the National Association of State Election Directors (NASS) located at http://www.nased.org/NASED%20Rosters/NASED_ROSTER_12_2_2015_MOST_CURRENT.pdf

State	Point of Contact for Elections	Web Site
Alabama	334-242-7210 Ed Packard	http://alabamavotes.gov/
Alaska	(907)-465-4611 Josephine Bahnke	http://www.elections.alaska.gov/
Arizona	602-542-4285 Eric Spencer	http://www.azsos.gov/elections
Arkansas	501-683-3733 Rob Hammons	http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx
California	(916)-653-5144 Jana Lean	http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections
Colorado	303-894-2200 Judd Choate	http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/main.html?menuheaders=5
Connecticut	860-509-6123 Peggy Reaves	http://www.ct.gov/sots/site/default.asp
Delaware	302-739-4277 Elaine Manlove	http://elections.delaware.gov/
District of Columbia	(202) 727-1911 Clif Tatum	http://www.dcboee.org/
Florida	(850) 245-6268 Maria Matthews	http://election.dos.state.fl.us/
Georgia	404-656-2871 Ann Hicks	http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/?section=elections
Hawaii	(808) 453-8683 Scott Nago	http://www.hawaii.gov/elections/

Idaho	208-334-2852 Betsie Kimbrough	http://www.idsos.state.id.us/elect/eleindex.htm
Illinois	(217) 782-4141 Steve Sandvoss	http://www.elections.state.il.us/
Indiana	317-232-3939 Brad King	http://www.state.in.us/sos/elections/
Iowa	(515) 242-5071 Carol Olson	http://www.sos.state.ia.us/
Kansas	785-296-4561 Bryan Caskey	http://www.sos.ks.gov/
Kentucky	502-573-7100 Maryellen Allen	http://elect.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Louisiana	225-922-0900 Angie Rogers	http://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/Pages/default.aspx
Maine	207-624-7736 Julie Flynn	http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/
Maryland	410-269-2840 Linda Lamone	http://www.elections.state.md.us/
Massachusetts	(617) 727-2828 Michelle Tassinari	http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm
Michigan	517-373-2540 Christopher M. Thomas	http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633---,00.html
Minnesota	(651) 556-0612 Gary Poser	http://www.sos.state.mn.us/
Mississippi	(601) 359-5137 Kim Turner	http://www.sos.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Missouri	(573) 751-2301 Julie Allen	http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/
Montana	406-444-5376 Lisa Kimmet	http://www.sos.state.mt.us
Nebraska	402-471-3229 Neal Erickson	http://www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/

Nevada	775-684-5793 Wayne Thorley	http://sos.state.nv.us/nvelection/
New Hampshire	603-271-8238 Anthony Stevens	http://www.sos.nh.gov/
New Jersey	609-292-3760 Robert Giles	http://www.state.nj.us/lps/elections/electionshome.html
New Mexico	(505)-827-3600 Kari Fresquez	http://www.sos.state.nm.us
New York	518-474-8100 Todd Valentine	http://www.elections.state.ny.us
North Carolina	(919) 715-2334 Kim Westbrook Strach	http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/
North Dakota	701-328-3660 Jim Silrum	http://www.nd.gov/sos/
Ohio	614-466-5515 Matt Damschroder	http://www.sos.state.oh.us/
Oklahoma	(405) 522-6615 Paul Zirix	http://www.state.ok.us/%7EElections/
Oregon	503-986-1518 Jim Williams	http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/
Pennsylvania	717-787-5280 Jonathan Marks	http://www.dos.state.pa.us
Rhode Island	(401).222.2340 Rob Rock	http://www.elections.state.ri.us/
South Carolina	803-734-9060 Marci B. Andino	http://www.state.sc.us/scsec/
South Dakota	605-773-5003 Kea Warne	http://www.sdsos.gov/
Tennessee	615-741-7956 Mark Goines	http://www.state.tn.us/sos/election/index.htm
Texas	512-463-5650 Keith Ingram	http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml
Utah	801-538-1041 Mark Thomas	http://www.elections.utah.gov

Vermont	802-828-2363 Will Senning	http://www.vermont-elections.org/soshome.htm
Virginia	804-864-8903 Edgardo Cortes	http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/
Washington	360-725-5771 Lori Augino	http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/
West Virginia	304-558-6000 Layna Valentine Brown	http://www.wvsos.com
Wisconsin	(608) 261-8683 Kevin J. Kennedy	http://elections.state.wi.us/
Wyoming	307-777-3573 Vacant	http://soswy.state.wy.us/election/election.htm
American Samoa	1-684-699-3570 Soliai FuiMaono	http://www.americansamoelectionoffice.org/
Guam	671-477-9791 Maria I.D. Pangelinan	http://gec.guam.net/regproc.html
Puerto Rico	787-777-8675 Angel A. González Román	http://www.ceepur.org/
U.S. Virgin Islands	340-773-1021 Caroline Fawkes	http://www.gov.vi/

Appendix 2:

Follow-Up Form

Once you get a candidate on record, either for or against community based addiction prevention, education and/or treatment, please use this form to report that information to CADCA.

CADCA staff will also be available to help you develop follow-up strategies and questions to further refine the positions of the candidates.

Your name and phone number _____

Name of your coalition/organization _____

Event you attended _____

State the event was held in _____

Date of the event _____

Name of the candidate(s) you were able to get on record

Specific positions that the candidate(s) took _____

Please fax this back to Chris Naso at (703) 706-0560 or email to cnaso@cadca.org.