



Photo

Story

ART

Poetry

Video

An exciting opportunity for Sussex County students grades K-3 to shine and tell the world, "What Makes You Happy?"

CONTEST DEADLINE NOV 9, 2026 BY 5PM

The Sussex County Coalition for Healthy & Safe Communities, a Center for Prevention & Counseling program, hosts its annual "What Makes You Happy?" Contest empowering students to voice what brings them joy! Maybe it's their favorite sport, their friends, art, music, their pet, or personal goals. Students are invited to create and submit either artwork, a story, poem, photo, or video highlighting their best message that tells their friends and classmates what makes them happy!

All contest winners will be recognized on The Center for Prevention and Counseling's website and social media account throughout the year!

- **A total of 40 selected pieces will receive an opportunity to be featured in the 2027 issue of the RISE Youth Magazine**
- **3 written essay/poems will be recorded and featured on iHeartMedia**
- **1 video will be featured on True Productions Digital Ads**

CONTEST GUIDELINES

- Written entries (stories or poems) must not exceed 100 words, and be neatly typed or printed on 8.5"x 11" paper.
- Poster entries, use 8.5" x 11" paper (portrait or landscape) white paper
- Submit unfolded photos and artwork in large envelopes with cardboard protecting each side to prevent bending. Complete the Contest Submission form and tape it to the back of your contest entry
- Entries must be based on the contest theme "What's Your Anti-Drug?"
- Video entries must be 1920 X 1080.JPG, .PNG, .MOV or .MP4 with no sound and maximum length of 30 seconds. Your video should be able to convey your "What's Your Anti-Drug?" message. The video can have text overlay (subtitles).
- Your artwork must come from your imagination – no copywritten characters, images, brands or celebrities may be used or inferred. (If you have seen it on TV, movies, video games, cartoons or from athletes or popstars, it cannot be used in your entry.)
- You may work with a partner or group but must include a contest submission form from each person

Contact Kaitlyn@centerforprevention.org or call 908-747-1178 with questions.
Submissions must be mailed to Center for Prevention & Counseling, 61 Spring St., Newton, NJ 07860
or emailed to Kaitlyn@centerforprevention.org.



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CONTEST ENTRY FORM

What makes you happy? _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Mailing Address: _____

Mailing Address Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

School Name: _____

Age and Grade: _____ Teacher Name: _____

I hereby give permission to the Center for Prevention & Counseling for my child's photo and this creative in being announced on radio stations 103.7 and 102.3 FM, posted to social media, displayed on the Center for Prevention & Counseling's social media, website, and newsletters, displayed at our Town Hall meeting, in RISE magazine, along with my child's name, age, grade and school.

I do hereby give my permission to the Center for Prevention and Counseling to use the photograph taken that my child is in for us in film/video or print, wherever, whenever and in whatever manner that shall deem appropriate, consistent with good taste which shall not be derogatory, degrading or detrimental to the participation in any way. I understand that we will not receive any compensation, either now or in the future for the above.

Parent's signature: _____

Parent's name (print): _____

Parent's email address: _____

Parent's Cell Phone #: _____

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