

Lack of knowledge about the dangers related to recreational drugs can be fatal.

The GPF Foundation is dedicated to saving lives through awareness about these dangers and harm reduction strategies. Our educational initiative brings interactive peer-to-peer presentations to those in the 18-35-year-old age group most likely to use, and most likely to have peers who will encounter these drugs.

Below is a summary of results from the pre- and post-tests administered to program participants. These tests are designed to measure baseline knowledge before and knowledge gained after the presentation.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ADULTERANTS Only 14% of the people most likely to use MDMA (i.e. 18-35-year-olds) knew common adulterants or likelihood of getting adulterated drugs BEFORE participating in the GPF Foundation program. AFTER over 90% did.
- 2) **LONG TERM EFFECTS** Slightly more than half of this group knew about the long-term effects **BEFORE**. **AFTER** more than 90% were aware.
- 3) **SELF-HARM/SUICIDE ATTEMPTS BEFORE** only 20% of the group knew about increased likelihood of attempting suicide among adolescents using MDMA. **AFTER**, more than 90% were aware.
- 4) **ADVERSE SIDE EFFECTS** Only 27% knew how common adverse side effects were with MDMA use **BEFORE** program participation. **AFTER** more than 80% were aware.
- 5) **DEPRESSION & PSYCHOTIC BREAK** Only 50% were aware these are potential effects of MDMA usage **BEFORE**. **AFTER** 100% were aware.