



Coalition Catch-up

Welcome back to another edition of... Coalition Catch-up! Here, you will be able to read our latest Coalition news, stay up to date with all the fantastic opportunities we offer for the community and get caught up on what was discussed during our last meeting!

Upcoming Events:

- National Prevention Week- May 7th- May 14th 2023
- Trauma-Informed Communities 101- May 9th 12:30-2 (TAHD or Hybrid)
- May Coalition Meeting- May 10th 2023 at Noon
- Understanding Teen Dating Violence Webinar- May 25th from 2-3:30 (CT Clearinghouse)

4.19.2023

April Meeting Highlights:

For those of you who may not have made it to our April meeting, here is a summary of what we discussed!

Updates:

- *PCC Part B- We submitted our April quarterly report highlighting the work we have been doing in relation to our underage drinking grant!*
- *LPC- We have submitted our quarterly report for our LPC Grant, which is focused on vaping prevention!*

New Business:

- *We had an AMAZING presentation done by Haley Brown of CT Problem Gambling Services on the different types of gambling, the thin line that exists between gaming and gambling, risk factors for our youth, symptoms of problem gaming, local supports for treatment, and resources to learn more!*
- *We have officially received data from our Youth Voices Count Survey, this is super exciting news! We will be taking a deep dive into the data and will be creating graphics on social media highlighting numbers, and will be offering various presentations to the community to highlight concerning numbers, share improvements in numbers and get suggestions on how to better direct our work in the future!*

Please feel free to join us at our next meeting for some fun icebreakers and a productive conversation about how to promote wellness and substance use prevention in YOUR community.



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Current Projects

Here's a little overview of a FEW of our MANY current projects. This section will contain updates, project summaries, and initiatives we are completing



Drug Takeback Day

On Saturday April 22nd, we partnered with Burlington and Harwinton Resident Troopers, the Burlington Bristol Health District and the Litchfield County Opiate Task force to collect unused medications for disposal! Harwinton collected 11.6 pounds and Burlington collected 18.5 Pounds!

SOR Mini-Grant

We have received the application for our yearly State Opioid Response Mini-Grant offered through our Regional Behavioral Health and Action Organization, Amplify. This application is competitive and only 14 awards will be given out of 48 towns in Hartford County. Through this grant we are able to continue offering opioid prevention education in the community!

Project Graduation

The coalition continues to support Region 10's Project Graduation efforts for 3 continuous years! Project Graduation is a safe alternative to post graduation parties! It is a fun, safe, substance free environment that is monitored by adults! We support them through a monetary donation and we create branded swag to give to the kids!

Youth Coalition Update

The Youth Coalition had a very productive April Meeting! We finalized a design to paint the LSM rock later this spring, and got all submissions for the Mental Health PSA! We hope to have the PSA all done by mid-May! We also talked about some other possible projects for us to do over the summer and next school year. We discussed youth coalition swag ideas and possible movies to show at a mental health assembly next year! Finally members were reminded of the scholarship opportunity for seniors and the youth focus group that will happen later this month!

