



TPAUD Coalition Meeting

May 15th, 2024 @ 8:00am

Hybrid (Trumbull EMS & Zoom)

Attendees (In-Person): Gillian Anderson, Colin Bassett, Lily Cores, Scott Duva, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Sarah Keitt, Scot Kerr, Melissa McGarry, Dennis McLaughlin, Julia McNamee, Cornelia Morris, Kiersten Naumann, Joanne Orenstein, Rob Pysz, Melissa Roberto, Dave Rutigliano, Jessica Samuolis, Will Testani, Stephanie Vaughn, Lara Walden
(Zoom): Ethan Cavaliere, Sam Cousins, Paul Downing, Sue Jacozzi

1. Introductions & Partner Updates

2. Community Survey Results – Nina Chanana: Full presentation available on our website (“What We Know” tab) and [here](#).

a. Key points included:

- i. Participants believe in prevention and feel it is a good community investment.
- ii. Mostly aware of TPAUD (3 out of 4 who took the survey) yet much less aware of initiatives (education programs, surveys, lock boxes, liquor stickers)
- iii. Adult familiarity with the Drop Box at PD is increasing.
- iv. Opportunity to provide community education on the Tobacco 21 law (30% unfamiliar; 24% somewhat).
- v. Most participants aware of 2-1-1, food pantry, Health Department; opportunity to promote 988, Counseling Center, Social Services, Crisis Text Line.
- vi. Participants most concerned with social media use and mental health among youth (families with rules around social media use is 72%)
- vii. Close to 1 in 3 adults feel underage alcohol use is normal part of growing up.
- viii. Youth report much higher levels of depression & anxiety in past year than their parents report their children are experiencing.

b. The coalition brainstormed ways to increase and diversify respondents. Suggestions included:

- i. QR code at BTS nights
- ii. Separate email blast from Superintendent's office
- iii. Include link with email to parents regarding student survey

3. Prevention Activities

- a. Screenagers Under the Influence follow-up: There was low turnout at showing on 5/6; we will explore option to offer virtually next time. Those who did attend were engaged and appreciative of the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists. Thank you to panelists Dennis McLaughlin, Rosa Conte and Bella Cabral.
- b. Drug Take Back Day results: 58 pounds of medications collected. Permanent medication at drop box is filled regularly, so there is less participation of semi-annual collection days.
- c. Mental Health Awareness Month: In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, TPAUD and YAY placed 361 pinwheels at Town Hall to represent the number of mental health/suicide calls from Trumbull to the CT Crisis Line in the past year. TPAUD will place 988 lawn signs on all town properties, fire houses and school buildings. Press release on town website or by clicking [here](#).
- d. “If They Had Known” film at St. Joe’s: If They Had Known tells the story of a young adult’s accidental death from mixing prescription drugs and alcohol. This week, the film was shown to all 12th grade students at St. Joe’s, followed by discussions facilitated by Deirdre Ekholdt and Melissa McGarry.

4. 2024 Legislation Update (State Representatives Dave Rutigliano and Sarah Keitt):
- a. H.B. 5150 was passed by both chambers and sent to the Governor to be signed into law. This bill regulates THC-infused seltzers, limiting THC content to 3 mg per package and requiring they be sold by licensed cannabis retailers and package stores only. It places a tax on THC-infused seltzers to establish a "consumer protection enforcement account", to be used by DCP to fund positions and related expenses to ensure compliance with cannabis and liquor control laws, and allows municipalities the ability to determine violations. It also bans certain cannabis promotions/coupons and allows municipalities to initiate compliance activities at the local level. Rep. Rutigliano was instrumental in the writing and passage of this law.
 - b. S.B. 199 also passed and was sent to the Governor to be signed into law, requiring the authorized owner of an applicant for electronic nicotine delivery system dealer registration to successfully complete an online prevention/education program.
 - c. S.B. 340 - which would have permitted municipalities to adopt an ordinance requiring a person applying for renewal of a tobacco dealer's license to inform the chief law enforcement official of the application, allowed the chief or designee to submit comments regarding the application, and required the Commissioner of Revenue Services to consider those comments prior to approving the application - did not pass out of committee.
 - d. H.B. 5236 – restricts gambling advertisement and promotions
 - e. Rep. Keitt is in discussions with Attorney General Tong regarding gambling elements in video games popular with youth. Next session, she would like to tackle youth cannabis and mental health, through either the Committee on Children or Public Health.

5. Coalition Business

- a. June meeting: In collaboration with the Health Department and EMS, we will be offering Narcan, AED and CPR training at the June coalition meeting at our June meeting. We will have a Grant-End Celebration in September.
- b. Conference attendance: TPAUD will fund the registration fee for any coalition member or school administrator interested in the Johnny's Ambassadors Virtual "Presenting THC Use in Teens" Conference on July 10th & 11th. You will have 30 days to watch the recording if you aren't available on those dates. Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming Dates:

- 5/18 Trumbull EMS Open House 10am-2pm
- 5/20 Narcan Training for Parks & Rec summer employees
- 5/20 Mary J Sherlach Counseling Center Ice Cream Social & Open House 5-7pm
- 5/28 Student Survey Data at THS Staff Meeting
- 6/2 Trumbull Congregational Church Community Concert 1-3pm
- 6/14 Governor's Prevention Partnership Youth Leadership Conference
- 7/10-7/11 Johnny's Ambassadors Cannabis Conference, online
- 7/13 Trumbull Kids Triathlon
- 8/1 Narcan Training at Trumbull Farmers' Market 4-7pm