



TPAUD Coalition Meeting

October 18th 8:00am

Trumbull EMS

Attendees: Nina Chanana, Scott Duva, Tim Hare, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Sue Jacozzi, Sarah Keitt, Cat Lamy, Melissa McGarry, Dennis McLaughlin, Cornelia Morris, Jordyn Nappi, Kiersten Naumann, Joanne Orenstein, Melissa Roberto, Dave Rutigliano, Jessica Samuolis, Julia Saunders, Stephanie Vaughn, Lara Walden

1. Introductions & Partner Updates:

- On Saturday, Oct. 21st Trumbull's EDIT Task Force is hosting a CommUnity discussion at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church from 11-2 on diversity issues in Trumbull.

2. 2023 Student and Community Surveys:

- Student Surveys were approved by the Curriculum Committee on Sept. 29th and the full Board of Education on Oct. 10th. They will be administered on November 15th at THS and in December at both middle schools. Some questions have been refined (mental health and resource questions, and classification questions, including 504, IEP, ESL status). The survey will be administered electronically. A Spanish option will be available.
- Parent/Community Surveys will be sent out at the same time as Student Surveys, and provide an opportunity to assess awareness of town programs and services.

3. Prevention Activities

- 9th Grade Forum: scheduled for Nov. 8th from 7-8:30pm. Prevention messaging will emphasize positive social norming. Opportunities are available for adults and students to volunteer, table, help with content development, etc. – please reach out to Melissa or Kiersten for info. Light dinner for volunteers graciously provided by Vaughn Dentistry.
- MS Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 23rd – 27th): This year's theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free." Activities and messaging at Trumbull middle schools will emphasize positive social norming and skill building. TPAUD will deliver "Be Kind to Your Mind" bracelets, resource stickers, and large cardboard selfie picture frame props to middle schools today. YAY students recorded two videos – one to introduce Red Ribbon Week, and the other to encourage middle schoolers to "Know Your Why". Videos are being edited by Lara Walden at TCTV, and will be sent to middle schools to show to students next week.
- DARE Keepin' It Real: Sue Iwanicki approached TPAUD to explore options to replace DARE. in the elementary schools – opportunity to edit and re-send the "Positive Choices, Healthy Kids" videos. TCTV has capacity to support this after election season.
- Collaboration with PTAs: Melissa attended the PTAC meeting yesterday to present on the Tashua Family Wellness Night and encourage collaboration between TPAUD and the elementary PTAs. Middlebrook and Booth Hill PTAs expressed interest in developing a Wellness Game Night at their schools. Daniels Farm would like to offer a program on cell phone safety.
- MS Parent Outreach & Education: Due to the discontinuation of several programs for MS families post-Covid, there have been reduced opportunities for TPAUD to engage with MS parents. The coalition brainstormed several ideas to reconnect with/educate/recruit parents of younger children, including:
 - i. Inviting MS principals to TPAUD meeting(s),

- ii. Creating recruitment materials for parents, PTA, etc. (flier for social media pages & newsletters, conversation starters by age, etc.),
 - iii. Inviting PTA leadership to 9th Grade Forum,
 - iv. Tabling/presenting at 6th Grade Orientations in August,
 - v. Offering TPAUD virtual open office hours to engage with parents,
 - vi. Offering “Pop-Up Prevention” at YMCA, InSports, etc.
4. Access & Enforcement
- High THC Hemp and Synthetic THC law changes eff 10/1: As of October 1st, no products containing .03% THC or more can be sold anywhere outside of licensed cannabis establishments (note there are NO licensed cannabis businesses in Trumbull). If you find these products in any Trumbull business, please report to TPAUD or Trumbull Police.
 - TPD Patrols: Trumbull Police will be resuming Party Patrols and ramping up tailgating patrols at football games.
5. Coalition Sustainability
- Opioid settlement Funds: CT’s Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee has opened a Public Input Form for Opioid Remediation Funding Recommendations
 - Community networking

Upcoming Dates:

10/20 – My Friend Abby Share Your Light event, 7pm at Two Roads

10/22 – YAY Meeting, 5:30

10/23-10/27 – Red Ribbon Week at HMS, MMS

10/23 – Drop-in Narcan Training at Trumbull Library, 6-7:30pm

10/26-10/27 – Dylan’s Wings of Change Training at THS

10/28 – Drug Take Back Day 10-2 at EMS

11/2 – QPR Training for St. Joe’s Counseling Staff

11/7 – TPAUD at THS Staff Meeting

11/8 – THS 9th Grade Forum

11/15 – TPAUD Student Surveys at THS

1/10 – Tashua Elementary Family Wellness Game Night

2023-24 Meeting Dates – November 15th, December 20th, January 17th, February 28th, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June TBD