



TPAUD Coalition Meeting

May 17th 8:00am

Trumbull EMS

Attendees: Gillian Anderson, Nina Chanana, Lily Cores, Officer Scott Duva, Deirdre Ekholdt, Tim Hare, Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Sue Jacozzi, Sarah Keitt, Scot Kerr, Cat Lamy, Melissa McGarry, Dennis McLaughlin, Julia McNamee, Dr. Cornelia Morris, Kiersten Naumann, Victoria O'Neill, Melissa Roberto, Dave Rutigliano, Jessica Samuolis, Vicki Tesoro, Will Testani, Lara Walden

1. Introductions & Partner Updates:

- At the June coalition meeting, TPAUD will honor individuals who have shown a significant commitment to underage substance use prevention and/or mental health promotion in Trumbull. A link to submit nominations will be sent later this week.
- Dr. Morris thanked TPAUD for funding the SASSI Screening Tool and helping to develop and promote the Counseling Center's new Teen Pride Connection Support Group.
- TPAUD will be at the Trumbull EMS Open House this Saturday, May 20th from 10-2 and at the Farmer's Market on June 1st.
- Trumbull Congregational Church is planning a year-end celebration on the front lawn of the church on Sunday, June 4th, with games for kids, baked items for sale, 50/50 raffle, and a local band called "Once Removed." All attendees will receive a coupon for 20% off at Parker/Emma's that evening. Several local resource partners will table at the event, including TPAUD/YAY and My Friend Abby.
- My Friend Abby's Annual Appreciation Event will be held on June 7th at 6pm at the Lakewood-Trumbull YMCA Outdoor Center. If you would like to attend RSVP to Gillian at gillian@myfriendabby.org.
- TPAUD is bringing 7 students to the Governor's Prevention Partnership Youth Leadership Conference on June 23rd.
- The Hub is offering a virtual webinar on the Columbia Suicide Severity Index on Tuesday, May 23rd from 11am-12:30pm.

2. Partner Spotlight – Will Testani, Turnbridge Adolescent Programs: Turnbridge offers residential, extended and intensive outpatient programs for adolescents aged 14-17. To learn more visit Turnbridge.com or call 203-937-2309, ext. 1.

3. Prevention Activities

- Legislation Update: Both H.B. 6915 (AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS USE PREVENTION EFFORTS RELATED TO YOUTH) and H.B. 6699 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CANNABIS) passed the House and have been placed on the Senate Calendar.
- Opioid Settlements: Vicki Tesoro, TPAUD staff and Executive Committee members, and Town Council representatives will attend tomorrow's event at The Hub with Attorney General Tong on the opioid and JUUL settlements. This summer, TPAUD will continue to coordinate with town leaders and partners to discuss next steps.

- State Opioid Response Grant Activities: TPAUD's application for the 2023 SOR mini-grant requests funding to purchase medication lockboxes, the SASSI Online Substance Use Screening Tool for the Counseling Center, and a one-year membership to The Screenagers Project. Funds will also be used to continue support of You Think You Know CT and for registration for the Governor's Prevention Partnership 2023 Future Prevention Leaders Youth Conference. Activities will include: implementing substance abuse prevention and behavioral health promotion initiatives within the Trumbull community; utilizing the You Think You Know state campaign's messaging and images to develop and distribute customized local awareness messages to increase public awareness on opioid use disorder (OUD); distributing OUD information to parents; and hosting NARCAN and Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Gatekeeper Training.
- "Launching After HS" Information for families: Workgroup met last month; information and resources are being compiled and parent/student handout(s) are being drafted.
- Class of 2023 Social Host Postcards: will be sent to all families of THS Seniors.

4. Coalition Business

- Planning for 2023 Student Surveys: TPAUD is currently working with Nina to update the survey. Survey needs to be approved by the Curriculum Committee prior to BOE approval; TPAUD will ask to be on the agenda of the Curriculum Committee's first meeting of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Coalition Evaluation: An online evaluation survey will be sent to all Coalition Members. Thank you in advance for participating.
- Johnny's Ambassadors Marijuana Prevention Conference: Reminder that TPAUD can provide scholarships to any coalition members who wish to attend this two-day, virtual conference July 10-11. Contact Kiersten or Melissa if interested.
- Meeting Location: Meetings will continue at TEMS; Acting Chief Weber confirmed they are happy to host us. Pinewood Lake wanted \$210 per month to utilize the clubhouse.

Upcoming Events:

5/18 – AG Tong Session on Opioid Settlement Funds, 10am at Burroughs Community Center

5/20 – Trumbull EMS Open House, 10-2

6/1 – TPAUD at Trumbull's Farmers Market

6/2 – THS Senior Prom

6/4 – Trumbull Congregational Church Year-End Celebration & Concert

6/7 – My Friend Abby Annual Appreciation Event

6/13 – THS Graduation

6/23 – Governor's Prevention Partnership Youth Prevention Conference

7/10 – 7/11 – Johnny's Ambassadors Preventing Youth Marijuana Use Conference

2022-23 Meetings – June 7th (Breakfast will be provided)