

The Norwalk Partnership

Annual Meeting 2022 & In-Person Celebration



1. Networking

Please enjoy refreshments while you mingle! We ask that you meet at least 2 people:

- Connect with someone you haven't spoken to in a long time
- Connect with someone you don't know

2. About TNP

- State-designated community prevention coalition (aka Local Prevention Council)
 - [Our Mission and History | The Norwalk Partnership](#)
- Funded through federal grant held by Positive Directions & state and local grants held by Human Services Council
- Work based on survey findings & using 7 strategies for community prevention
 - <https://www.thenorwalkpartnership.org/prevention-science>

3. Year in Review (preliminary!)

INFORMATION

- Developed presentations to share our survey findings & recommendations
- Presented to BOE, TNP, Norwalk ACTS, Common Council, school counselors, health teachers
 - <https://www.thenorwalkpartnership.org/presentations>
 - <https://www.thenorwalkpartnership.org/survey-data>

3. Year in Review (preliminary!)

EDUCATION & SUPPORT

- Created presentations and recorded videos for parents
- Developed plans for Freshman Forum
- Created monthly bilingual parent newsletters
- Provided Silver Hill Hospital presentation
- Provided multiple QPR suicide prevention & opioids/Narcan trainings
- Provided professional development for MS & HS health teachers
- Launched “Norwalk Strong” teen clubs
- Provided monthly awareness tables at both high schools in conjunction with teens
- Organized NorWALK for Mental Health combined with Wellness Fair

3. Year in Review (preliminary!)

ALCOHOL

- Continued Liquor Stickers campaign
- Launched *Talk. They Hear You* campaign including running bilingual PSAs at the DMV
- Initiated St Patrick's Day social campaign
- Developed Teen Nights Out initiative and brought it to the YSB Advisory

3. Year in Review (preliminary!)

MARIJUANA

- Organized legislative forum & developed infobrief with recommendations
- Coordinated testimonies at Ordinance public hearing
- Provided resources to Health Dept, Ordinance Committee
- Connected with possible retailer
- Taught marijuana lessons as guest teacher at NHS
- Advocated for appropriate signage in the City and raised awareness of illegal billboard
- Created postcards

3. Year in Review (preliminary!)

VAPING

- Organized focus group with teens
- Shared data and recommendations
- Provided vaping awareness curriculum & materials to MS health teachers
- Provided bilingual PSA to run at Dept of Motor Vehicles

3. Year in Review (preliminary!)

OPIOIDS

- Participated in regional YouThinkYouKnowCT campaign, including 3-story digital ad at SoNo Collection mall
- Provided opioids education + Narcan trainings: City Hall, Rowayton Fire Dept, NCC, CGS, School Nurses, School Security Guards, NHS administration, CT Counseling Centers, SBHC staff, Norwalk Hospital Community Care Team

3. Year in Review (preliminary!)

OTHER

- Backpack drive
- National Night Out
- Teen Nights Out
- Upcoming new grant-funded activities
 - Positive Directions + YBI are launching clinician-run support groups for girls, clinician-run support groups for boys, and a SMART Teen group with support from HSC and The Hub
 - HSC is able to provide mental health supports to youth throughout the summer through the School-Based Health Centers

3. Looking Ahead

This Summer:

- Committee meetings
- Liquor Stickers for 4th of July
- Newsletter / campaign planning
- Update MOUs
- Planning for Fall
 - Freshman Forum
 - Next Youth Survey
 - Seeking volunteer Secretary !

4. Recognitions

- Leadership Team: AnaVivian Estrella, Ginger Katz, Jim Martinez, Tory Sullivan, Denique Weidema-Lewis
- Community Partner of the Year: Triangle Community Center
- Youth Supporter of the Year: Ed Milton, TeenTalk Counselor, Kids in Crisis
- Advocate of the Year: Diana Revolus
- Sector Rep of the Year: Katie Gallo
- Youth Leaders: Sof Ramos, Grace Galeano