

5 Years of Prevention at Work



Who We Are – We believe prevention is a community-wide responsibility and we are committed to providing leadership, resources, education and programming for our young people and our community.

Our Mission – Inspire and empower our community to prevent substance misuse among youth by raising awareness, using evidence-based programs, advocating for policy change, and implementing environment strategies.

Our Vision – For Warren to will become a safe, healthy, substance-free, supportive community for our youth.

Community Outreach Programs

- Prevention Through Connection Newsletter
- Liquor and Tobacco Training for Retailers
- STOP Rhode Island (Alcohol Server Training)
- Boating Under the Influence Training
- Compliance Checks for Tobacco & Alcohol Retail Sales
- Take Back Drug Days – April & October
- Police Party Patrols
- Sticker Shock Programs
- In-School Presentations
- Partnership with Warren Churches Association
- Candlelight Vigil Celebrating International Overdose Day
- Hope & Cope – Monthly Recovery Mass at St. Mary of the Bay



Funding Our Efforts

August 2018 – Warren Prevention Coalition awarded federal Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program grant totaling \$625,000 for years one through five.

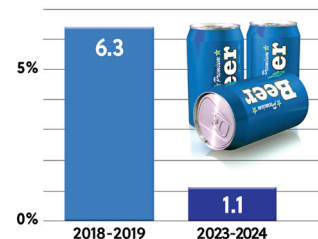
April 2020 – Received the federally-funded STOP Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking grant of \$200,000 for 4 years.

August 2023 – The Coalition was, once again, awarded the DFC grant of \$625,000 for years six through ten.

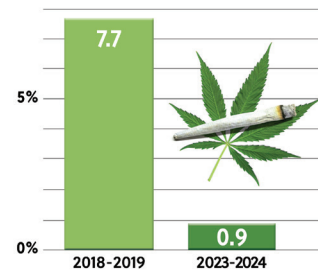
Funding for the Coalition's programs come from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC.)

Prevention Works Then & Now

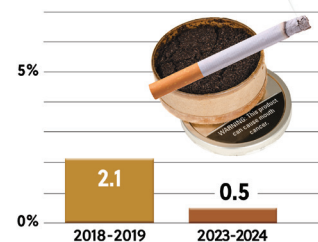
Past 30-Day Alcohol Use
Grades 7 – 10



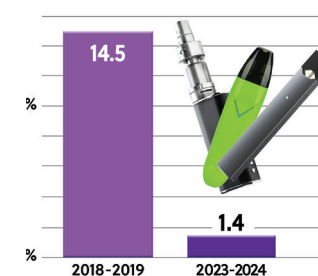
Past 30-Day Marijuana Use
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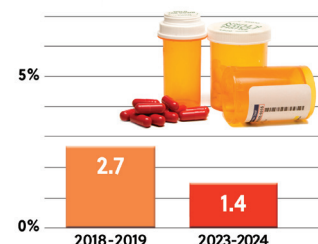
Past 30 Day Tobacco Use
Grades 7 – 10



Past 30 Day ENDS Use
Grades 7 – 10



Past 30 Day Rx Drug Use
Grades 7 – 10



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Community-Wide Outreach

Prevention Through Connection newsletter

Our newest newsletter tagline reads, "Promoting Health & Wellness through prevention in our community" and we do just that by providing information and resources to all members of our community on a wide variety of topics including educating our youth on the health risks of alcohol, vaping and other substance use to practicing good mental health techniques for all ages. The newsletter is available Spring, Summer, and Fall in print, on www.warrenprevention.com, and on Facebook and Instagram.

Community Stakeholders

Police Department

In collaboration with the Warren Police Department, compliance checks are conducted to monitor alcohol and tobacco product sales by local businesses in the community that hold a license. This allows the town of Warren to make sure businesses are following local and state laws to ensure public safety.

DEA National Take Back Drug Day

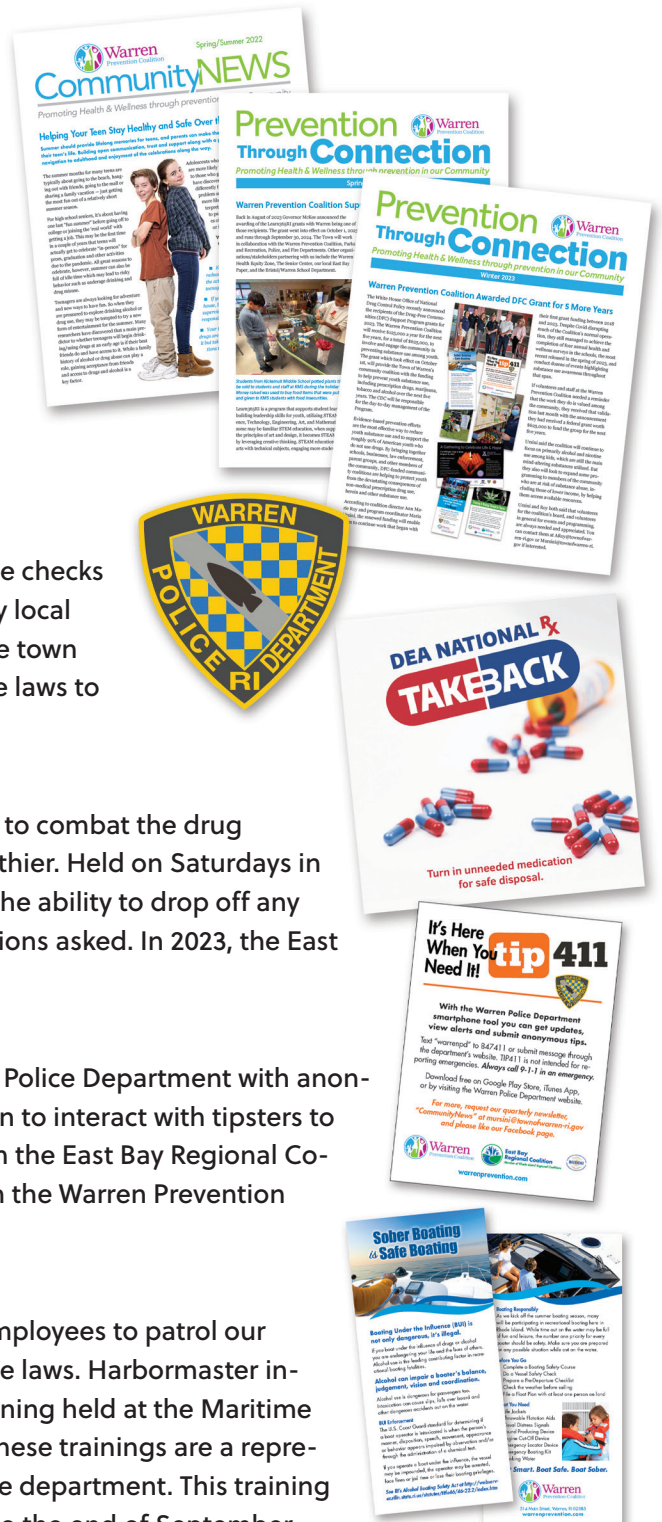
This program was developed by the Drug Enforcement Agency to combat the drug overdose epidemic and to help communities be safer and healthier. Held on Saturdays in April and October each year that allows community members the ability to drop off any unwanted or unused medications at a local drop box, no questions asked. In 2023, the East Bay Region alone collected 21% of the total in Rhode Island.

tip411 Line

This app gives the community the ability to contact the Warren Police Department with anonymous tips by text giving the department a two-way connection to interact with tipsters to gather more information. Funding for this program comes from the East Bay Regional Coalition through a Partnership for Success (PFS) grant along with the Warren Prevention Coalition.

BUI (Boating Under the Influence) Program

The Warren Police Department works with the Harbormaster employees to patrol our water ways making sure individuals are following local and state laws. Harbormaster invites the East Bay harbormaster and employees to attend a training held at the Maritime in Bristol. Thanks to Bristol for providing the space. Present at these trainings are a representative from RI DEM, East Bay Recovery Center, and the police department. This training focuses on BUI during the boating season that runs from May to the end of September.





School Department

The administration and school committee allows the Coalition to administer the Health & Wellness Survey and focus groups on a yearly basis and the State RISS (Rhode Island Student Survey) every 2 years. These surveys/focus groups help us secure funding with the federal government. We provide presentations on prevention, alcohol, nicotine, bullying, mental health awareness and helping our youth make good, healthy decisions.

Presenters included Cathy Andreozzi from the Tori Lynn Foundation (www.TorilynnFoundation.org), Rebecca White from Youth Driven (www.youthdriven.org), Rhode Island Student Assistance Services with our SAC (Student Assistance Counselors) at Kickemuit Middle School and Mt. Hope High School, David Neil from the United States Attorney Office/District of Rhode Island with a presentation on vaping and providing an overview of Rhode Island's opioid epidemic and it's impact on the national public health.



Faith Community

The Coalition has worked with Father Joe Upton of St. Mary of the Bay and his staff on our annual International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31 with a candlelight vigil. From hosting this candlelight vigil to a monthly recovery mass with a Hope & Cope group meeting after mass. Fr. Joe continues to be a great support to our Coalition and community.



Warren Parks & Recreation

During Covid, the Parks & Recreation Department was key for our Coalition to work with youth during summer camp. Coalition staff, volunteers, and our SRO (School Resource Officer) held educational presentations for ages five through fourteen. Topics covered mental health, isolation, alcohol, nicotine, and bullying. The Coalition also participates in several community events throughout the year.



East Bay Recovery Center

The Coalition has been working with the East Bay Recovery Center since it opened in July of 2019. The Coalition and the community received great support from the Center during the Covid pandemic. Town employees had Narcan and mental health training. The center also partners with us on the Candlelight Vigil on August 31 and many community events.





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Local Community Partners

Local Businesses

Local businesses do their part to help in our prevention efforts by better understanding our local ordinance and state laws around alcohol and tobacco products through compliance checks conducted by the Warren PD.

Warren Health Equity Zone

The Warren HEZ is a collaborative created to reduce and eliminate health disparities and barriers to wellness. The Rhode Island Department of Health provides seed funding for the Warren HEZ which is supported by East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP) as its backbone agency. The HEZ is a resident-led effort helping the Coalition with activities and support for what the community needs.



East Bay Media Group

Communications with the Warren community is greatly aided by our relationship with the East Bay Media Group who helps us get the word out about our events and special announcements throughout the year.



WPRI Channel 12

WPRI Channel 12 is another of our media partners has covered our annual candlelight vigil on International Overdose Awareness Day for the past few years. The vigil is an important community event to remember those who have lost their lives, but also to support those struggling with addiction.



East Bay Regional Coalition

The Warren Prevention Coalition is a member of the East Bay Regional Coalition who has supported our municipality with the Partners for Success (PFS) grant and many other programs and activities throughout the last several years.



East Bay Regional Coalition
Member of Rhode Island Regional Coalitions

Looking Ahead

The Warren Prevention Coalition and its community partners will continue working to provide prevention strategies and resources supporting a healthy and safe Warren.



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