

Actions To Date

- Hingham's Coalition hosted a town-wide informational forum. Representatives from the MA Dept. of Public Health, the Plymouth County DA, South Shore Hospital and Learn to Cope were among our honored guests.
- "Hingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition" was formed. A mission statement and logo were established with assistance from HHS SADD students and graphics teacher Ryan Eschazier.
- The Blue Hills Community Health Network Alliance (CHNA20) awarded the coalition \$1500 and extended technical assistance.
- Hingham Police, in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office, is surveying and educating our local pharmacies in the "Prescription Monitoring System."
- A medication disposal kiosk is located in Hingham Police Headquarters to promote safe disposal of unused medication.
- Hingham Health Department is distributing educational information about substance abuse and available referral resources.
- Hingham Public Schools shared its most recent "Youth Risk Behavior Survey." The coalition has begun discussion about a Town wide survey as one way to assess our community's needs.

We Invite Your Participation

in supporting the coalition. Here are some ways to become involved.

- Add me to the mailing list so I can stay abreast of meetings and events
- Count me in as a representative of one or more of the 12 Sectors of Representation
- Include me as a regular member of the coalition.
- Call on me to help with special events and projects.

Name

Address

Email

Phone Number(s)

Topics in which I have a particular interest

- Drop off this form to the Town Clerk or Health Department Office at Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central Street.
- Contact Kathy Crowley, RN for questions:
(781) 741-1466 or
KCrowleyRN@Hingham-ma.gov

An Invitation to become a stakeholder in the Hingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition



**Add your voice to the
discussion and action
planning**

Mission

Our mission is to create and foster a strong and inclusive community that encourages a healthy lifestyle and supports informed and responsible choices about drug and alcohol use.

Our Coalition projects will include educational opportunities for both students and adults in the community, information about available resources for treatment and recovery and actions to support changes that are both mission and data-driven.

Our goal is to develop strategies that foster and promote changes in behavior and a lifestyle within a positive, trusting and non-judgmental environment.

**ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE
WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED
TO JOIN OUR EFFORTS.**

Background

On March 28, 2014 the MA Department of Public Health declared a public health emergency in MA with a call to action to address the growing opioid addiction epidemic. MDPH announced action steps to combat overdoses and increase treatment availability. Resources to prevent and treat addiction, stop overdoses, and support recovery from addiction have been made available by state funding. In response, the Town of Hingham formed the, "Hingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition" in October 2014.

The Hingham coalition is comprised of a broad spectrum of concerned stakeholders from across all sectors of the community, including student and adult residents, first responders and other Town employees, government groups and organizations and interested parties from other communities.

The Hingham Coalition meets monthly, typically at Town Hall at 5:00 pm. New members are encouraged to participate in a variety of ways, ranging from regular meeting attendance to supporting a particular project.

Visit Our Website

[www.hingham-ma.gov/Committees/
Substance_Abuse](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/Committees/Substance_Abuse)

12 "Sectors" of Representation

Effective coalitions have been found to be most successful in achieving a safer/healthier community and creating positive sustainable change if stakeholders reflect multiple sectors of the community.

The 12 sectors of an effective coalition include representation from:

- Youth
- Parents
- Law enforcement and emergency response
- Schools
- Businesses
- Media
- Youth-serving organizations
- Religious and fraternal organizations
- Civic and volunteer groups
- Healthcare professionals
- State, local, and other agencies with expertise in substance abuse
- Other organizations or individuals interested in substance abuse prevention and/or resources for recovery from addiction

**CAN YOU HELP US TO BROADEN
OUR MEMBERSHIP BASE?**