

Prevention efforts in Portsmouth over the last 3 years

- **2 complete Community Needs Assessments completed; surveying Portsmouth 7,8 9, 10, 11 and 12 graders with a federal Drug Free Communities approved student survey, focus groups of students, parents and key interviews with community members**
- **Built the capacity of the Portsmouth Prevention Coalition to more fully represent the community of Portsmouth and this is ongoing**
- **Presented the findings of these Assessments to the public through media exposure in local press, to the school administration, school committee, Town Council, Cox Cable Portsmouth This Week, Parent groups, posting on the Town web site, press interviews etc.**
- **Developed a cooperative relationship with the Newport Daily News and , Portsmouth Times, East Bay Classified publications, WADK and Cox cable**
- **Introduced the Life of an Athlete Program to Portsmouth through cooperation with Tiverton and the Portsmouth School Committee and advocated for its adoption**
- **Portsmouth School Committee brought John Underwood, the Director and founder of the LOA Program to PHS students, parents, coaches and community**
- **Portsmouth School Committee supported 6 faculty/coaches and 9 students to attend the LOA training at Lake Placid, NY this past summer**
- **Portsmouth Committed students group formed- leadership of peers**
- **Tiverton, Portsmouth and Little Compton faith communities engaged in prevention efforts**
- **Tiverton, Portsmouth, and Little Compton Class A alcohol vendors provided with free staff certification training on false ID and serving requirements in recognition of no sales to minors in the three communities**
- **Tiverton, Portsmouth and Little Compton bus drivers given prevention trend workshops and recognized for their role in providing protective services and policies when transporting students**
- **Established a working relationship with Tiverton , Little Compton , and Middletown Prevention Coalitions**
- **Portsmouth School Department adopted an updated chemical health policy molded after the N. Kingstown model policy**
- **Produced three Reaching Out newsletters for parents**
- **Wrote and submitted a federal Drug Free Communities grant supported by the Portsmouth School Committee**
- **Wrote and submitted a grant proposal to Bank Newport**
- **Received a \$500 SAMHSA Town Hall Meeting grant to host a Town Hall meeting on Underage Drinking that was videotaped by the Portsmouth Concerned Citizens and is posted**
- **Solicited donation of in-kind services from O'Toole & Parr Ad Agency and Flanders Consulting**

- Met with Gov. Chaffee and presented Portsmouth's issues to him personally as well as the BHDDH dept. and advocated for state wide funding increases
- Received a \$1000 legislative grant from Rep. Linda Finn to publish a community newsletter
- Received a \$5000 legislative grant from Rep Canario for increasing the coordinator hours
- Received a \$500 contribution towards the 2012-2013 Community Needs Assessment from Little Compton Prevention Coalition
- Advocated for and received a \$5000 increase from the Portsmouth Town Council to boost the annual Town support to \$15,000 a year

- Received a personal donation to PPC and a match by Wells Fargo Company of \$5200 that will begin in April of 2015 on quarterly installments
- Purchased a complete set of impaired vision goggles for the Portsmouth Police Dept. to use in trainings and presentations on drinking and driving \$1000
- Participated in the Portsmouth School Committee Prevention sub committee
- Supported the Student Assistance position at PHS at \$19,000 a year as well as providing collaborative support
- Student assistance at PHS has been involved with over 200 students in the past two years as well as at PMS and are critical to helping students have been identified with substance abuse issues to get the help they need
- Provided community support to individual parents and families for referral information
- Collaboration with Portsmouth Police Department on RX Drug Take back and associated prevention matters
- Helped organize and collaborate Project Purple Week in the Town of Portsmouth in 2014 and 2015
- Portsmouth Prevention Coalition joined Community Anti- Drug Coalitions of America
- Received in-kind donations from Carlone's Flowers
- Coordinator is a board member of the Ocean State Prevention Alliance
- Coordinator serves on the RISAPA Regionalization planning subcommittee
- Coordinator elected to Vice – Chair of state RISAPA Coordinators
- The PPC Coordinator position has been increased from 4 hours a week in 2012-to 10 hours and in 2014 increased to 20 hours a week
- PPC makes regular presentations to the Portsmouth School Administration, School Committee and Town Council and community groups
- PPC website updated
- Recruited new membership for the PPC to increase sector representation
- Facilitated a parents meeting for middle school parents at the request of St. Barnabas Church
- Facilitated and organized a parent meeting at Portsmouth Middle School
- Assisted Portsmouth Middle School with a substance abuse issue

- Participates regularly in planning and implementing prevention in the high school and when needed at the middle school
- Trainings made available to PPC members and encouraged to build capacity
- Full officers slate elected and current for the PPC
- All State mandated reporting obligations up dated and current
- Organized meeting with Greenleaf Compassion Center owners and security for Prevention Coordinators in Portsmouth, Tiverton, Little Compton and Middletown
- Met with the Van Buren Trust to discuss possible grant funding for a Newport County Prevention Collaborative venture
- Portsmouth represented at National Prevention Network Conference in Hartford, CT & CADCA National Leadership Conference and DFC Grant workshop in Washington, D.C.
- PPC represented at Tiverton and Little Compton Prevention Coalition meetings
- Presented and participated in Roger Williams University Underage Drinking Town Hall Meeting with RWU, Bristol, Warren and Portsmouth Police Depts., RI State Police, MADD and Bristol Warren Prevention Coalition
- Student Leadership Day at PHS for Portsmouth, Tiverton and Middletown student leaders 11/19/14 and financial support provided \$500
- Coaches Workshop 11/19/14
- Contributed a total of \$500 to Student Leadership Day costs
- Two citizens donated \$50 each to the Coalition to go towards the Student Leadership Day costs
- Wrote and submitted Federal DFC grant in 2014 and would request to do so in 2015
- Helped chaperone student movie night at PHS
- Coordinator participated in RISAPA regionalization planning group
- Coordinator served as an evaluator for the State of New Hampshire Prevention Experts Panel
- Advocated for a state wide RX drug disposal site for all RI municipal police departments with the BHDDH and with the RI US District Attorney's Office