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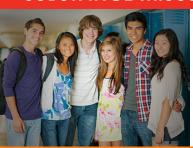
# **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**



The Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC), comprised of key community leaders, works collaboratively to address the following areas of responsibility:

- Establishing regional priorities to strengthen public health services
- Collecting, analyzing and disseminating data about the public health status of the region
- Developing and monitoring implementation of the region's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

### SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION



Substance Misuse Prevention has been a key priority since 2007. The Carroll County Coalition for Public Health (C3PH) maintains a Leadership Team to oversee these efforts. Key approaches include:

- Mobilizing key community sectors, building readiness and developing capacity to implement evidence-based prevention strategies across the region
- Preventing and reducing substance misuse among youth and young adults through the implementation of evidence-based strategies, including prescription drug take back initiatives, parenting education, youth leadership, policy change, and advocacy

### YOUNG ADULT STRATEGIES



C3PH partners with key community organizations, including the Central NH VNA and NAMI-NH, to implement prevention strategies that engage the young adult population. Key activities include:

- Providing evidence-informed services for young adults, ages 18-25, to positively impact healthy
  decisions around the use of substances and increase knowledge of the consequences of
  substance misuse
- Implementing SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) in a home-based setting
- Training young adults as leaders/peer trainers for the CONNECT program, focused on increasing knowledge and skills regarding suicide prevention, mental health, and substance use disorders

### CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS



C3PH provides leadership and support for the development of a comprehensive, robust, and accessible Continuum of Care for Substance Use Disorders in the Carroll County region. Key activities include:

- Engaging subject matter experts and stakeholders to identify regional assets and gaps
- Increasing awareness of and access to behavioral health and primary care services to ensure integration along the continuum
- Building capacity within the region to support seamless transitions across the continuum

## **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE**



C3PH provides leadership and coordination to improve the readiness of partners to mount an effective response to public health emergencies and threats. Key efforts include:

- Convening local emergency responders to plan for and respond to public health events, such as infectious disease outbreaks or acts of bioterrorism
- Developing and maintaining a qualified cadre of volunteers through the Citizen Corps
- Partnering with area schools to conduct "no-cost" influenza vaccination clinics for students

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