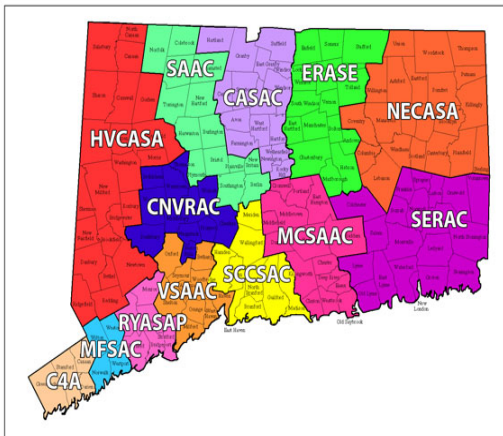


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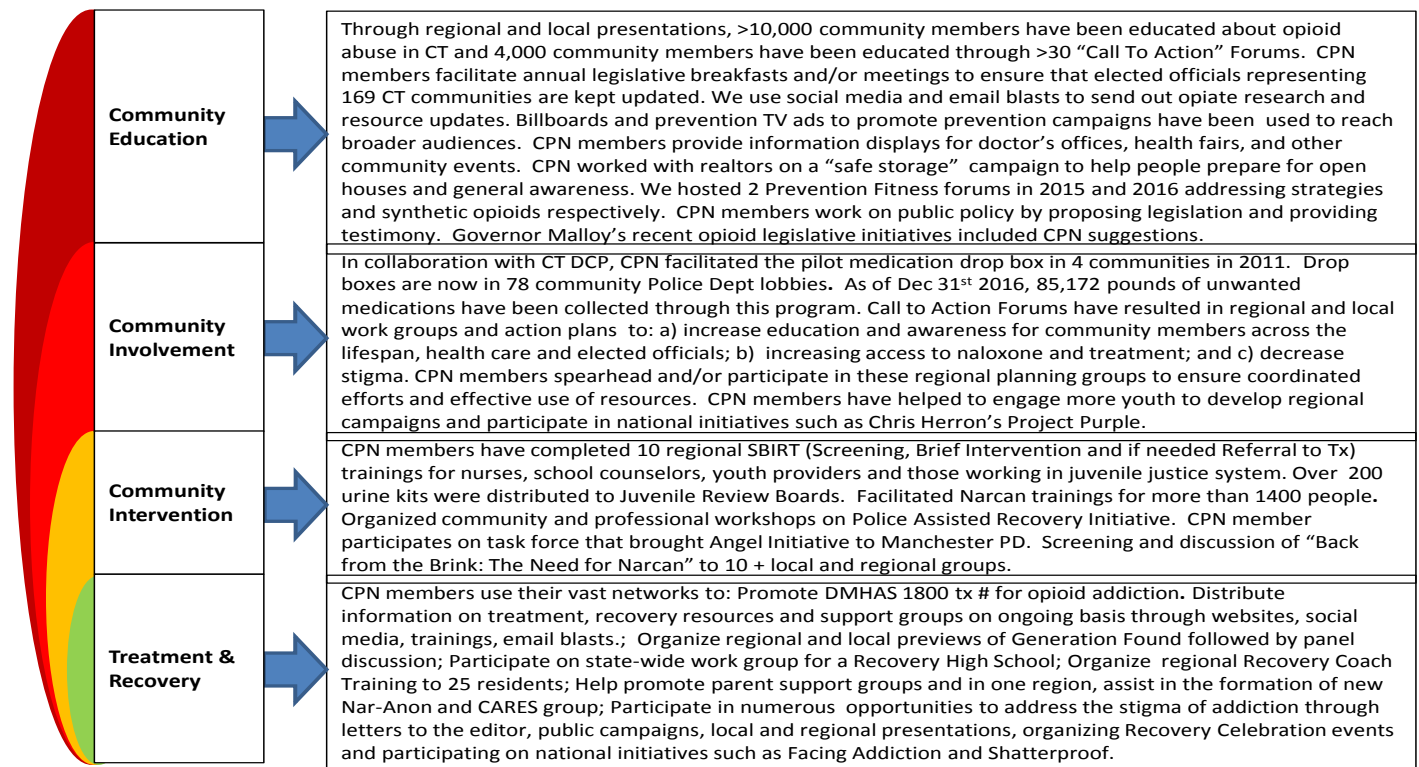
CPN Partners: 13 Regional Action Councils

Communities 4 Action (C4A)• Mid-Fairfield Substance Abuse Council (MFSAC)• Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership (RYASAP)• Alliance for Prevention and Wellness (APW; formerly VSAAC)• South Central CT Substance Abuse Council(SCCSAC)•Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action Council (MCSAAC)• North East Communities Against Substance Abuse(NECASA)• Southeastern Regional Action Council (SERAC)•East of the River Action for Substance Abuse Elimination(ERASE)• Capital Area Substance Abuse Council (CASAC)• Substance Abuse Action Council (SAAC)• Central Naugatuck Valley Regional Action Council (CNVRAC)• Housatonic Valley Coalition Against Substance Abuse (HVCASA)

How Did CPN Decide to Work on Opiate Issues?

CPN members use the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) to determine priority areas of focus. Since 2010, members noted that their local and regional data indicated unprecedented misuse and abuse of opioids. This in turn exacted a huge toll in terms of dependence, addiction, overdose and death. Since that time, CPN members have worked collectively to introduce and support state- and local-level efforts across the continuum of care (prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery) and across the lifespan. These efforts included meeting the DMHAS Commissioner request to host Regional *Call to Action* forums. As a result of the forums, sub-regional and/or local groups were formed and action plans were developed to address the opioid crisis.

How is CPN Making Positive Changes on Opiate Issues?



CPN continues to focus their efforts in these areas while also working to identify gaps and advocate for resources to address this public health crisis.