



The 3 Priority Substances that were identified as priorities to address within the Franklin-Hill Community, are:

1. **Alcohol**
2. **Marijuana**
3. **Prescription Drugs**

November 13th Discussion "Parking Lot" Items:

We had a truly wonderful discussion at the end of our forum. Many discussion items were placed in the "parking lot" as items to discuss further as we move into the next step(s) in this process. Here is your "Parking Lot" list:

- Regulation at pharmacies on opiates? (Maine has policy on this)
- Requirements for securing medications?
- Seniors mixing prescriptions- Medication Safety
- Culture as an influence
- Best prescribing practices- physicians
- Root causes of substance use
- Medical Marijuana Dispensary
- Mixed messages on use of alcohol
- Keep our kids busy -why don't we focus on this?

What is a Coalition?

"A **voluntary, strategic** alliance...to enhance [our ability] to achieve a **common purpose** by **sharing** risks, responsibilities, resources and rewards."

-Himmelman

Source: Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's (CADCA) National Coalition Institute (www.cadca.org)

Why are we a Coalition?

- The way coalitions are organized, provides necessary tools for implementing a comprehensive strategic plan.
- Well-functioning coalitions engage residents, law enforcement, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, youth and other key groups to work together to address community concerns.
- Community mobilization (bringing all resources together to achieve sustainable development) is central to creating population-level change.
- Coalitions are well-positioned to ensure sustained action on complex problems, including advocacy and policy change.

Source: CADCA's National Coalition Institute



More about our Community Coalition:

The Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force is a coalition of individuals and organizations coming together from all sectors of the community to address a common goal: a healthy environment for the drug and alcohol free development of our youth and families. We serve the communities of Franklin and Hill, NH.

Our Vision: Our vision for Franklin and Hill is a healthy, vibrant and substance abuse free community that supports the positive development of our youth to become strong, engaged and healthy adults.

Our Mission: To mobilize citizen involvement and multi-sector collaboration to foster a healthy community environment with norms, policies and practices that work together to promote the positive and drug/alcohol free development of all Franklin and Hill youth and families.

The Drug Task Force receives fiscal management and staff support through the City of Franklin, NH and began in 2009 as an initiative of Mayor Ken Merrifield.

In 2010, the Drug Task Force was awarded a federal **Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant**, which provides funding to help community coalitions focus on two main goals:

GOAL 1: To establish and strengthen collaboration to support efforts to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth through:

- Coalition-Building
- Community-wide Prevention Planning

GOAL 2: To reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing risk & protective factors in the Franklin-Hill community including:

- Parental Monitoring
- Enforcement
- Community Norms
- Access to Substances

A multi-sector approach has allowed us to meet goals by bringing together invested stakeholders.

Community partners include: LRGHealthcare, The City of Franklin, SAU 18, Franklin Police Department, Franklin Fire Department, Franklin Parks and Recreation, NH State Elks Association, Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health, New Futures, Caring Community Network of the Twin Rivers (CCNTR), Choose Franklin, Healthy Homes Committee, Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Coalition, Franklin Opera House, Odell Park Centennial Project, Paul Smith School Parent Advisory Committee, Phoenix House Franklin Center, Merrimack County Juvenile Diversion, Merrimack County Sheriff's Office, FHS Chem Free Committee, and more!

Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force Current Community Strategies include:

Enhancing Skills

Training provided for Franklin Youth Initiative (FYI) members by the Dover Youth to Youth Coalition

Coalition members attend Life of an Athlete training for Community Champions

Providing Support

Co-sponsor of Franklin Area Walking Guide promoting healthy behavior and increasing awareness of drug free city park ordinances

Providing volunteers and resources to support Chem Free After Prom Event

Reducing Access

Installation of local RX Drug Take Back Box at the Franklin Police Department

Participating in local Drug Take Back Days promoting safe disposal

Changing Consequences

Increased police patrols in the downtown areas and at parks and trails

Aided in fundraising for the purchase of a police K-9 for Franklin Police Department- a direct deterrent

Changing Physical Design

Collaborated with City of Franklin to increase signage and visibility of drug and alcohol free park signage

FYI Students participated in a "sticker shock" campaign gaining awareness for underage drinking laws and consequences

Modify or Change Policy

Franklin was the first city in NH to adopt a local ordinance banning the sale of the drugs K2 and Spice and has served as a model for other NH communities

FYI students have actively participated in advocating at the state level against the decriminalization of marijuana, and were successful in helping kill a state decriminalization bill (HB 1526) in 2012.

Local healthcare provider working diligently at the state level to bring forth the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program enabling NH to better track RX Drug Use and Abuse

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