

Glossary of Commonly Used Acronyms

ATOD – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs

CADCA – Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, pronounced “CAD-cuh.” The organization that provides technical assistance, training, and support to substance use prevention coalitions.

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The federal agency overseeing research and services to protect the public health.

CSC – CT Strategic Planning Framework Coalition Initiative, a state grant to substance use prevention coalitions. Fairfield is currently funded for \$115,509 through the CSC grant. 2020-21 is our 6th and final year.

DEA - Drug Enforcement Agency

DFC – Drug-Free Communities: A federal grant program administered by CDC.

DMHAS – CT’s Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, pronounced “DEEM-us.” State agency for the prevention and treatment of mental health and substance use throughout Connecticut.

HIDTA – High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, pronounced “HIDE-uh.” A federal grant program to coordinate between law enforcement and public health to address drug trafficking in designated areas of the US, including along route 1 in Fairfield County.

The Hub - The RBHAO serving Southwestern CT. The Hub supports the LPCs and coordinates several regional groups that meet quarterly and are open to the public: Catchment Area Councils, Regional Suicide Advisory Board, Region 1 Gambling Awareness Team. Visit thehubct.org for a wide variety of resources.

JRB – Juvenile Review Board. A board of local professionals who offer first-time youth offenders a positive alternative to the criminal justice system.

LE – Law Enforcement

LPC – Local Prevention Council. A state-funded, municipally-based prevention council dedicated to alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) prevention. As the town’s LPC, Fairfield Cares receives an annual grant of \$7141.55 from DMHAS.

Fairfield CARES – The designated local prevention council for the town of Fairfield. CARES: Community, Awareness, Responsibility, Education, and Services.

FLHS – Fairfield Ludlowe High School

FPD – Fairfield Police Department

FPS – Fairfield Public Schools

FWHS – Fairfield Warde High School

Positive Directions, the Center for Prevention and Counseling – A Westport-based nonprofit providing mental health and substance use prevention and treatment in mid-Fairfield County. Fiduciary for Fairfield Cares’ CSC grant.

RBHAO - Regional Behavioral Health Action Organization, a state-funded regional resource providing grants administration, coordination of prevention, and advocacy and support for behavioral health treatment and integration.

SAMHSA – The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, pronounced “SAM-suh.” A branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services dedicated to behavioral health. Provides grants and research.

SOR – State Opioid Response, pronounced “soar.” Federal grant funding administered through DMHAS to communities to address the opioid crisis.

SPF – Strategic Prevention Framework, pronounced “spiff.” The public health model used in community-based substance use prevention work.

SRO – School Resource Officer, a police officer assigned to a school building(s) to support youth.

YSB – Youth Services Bureau. State-funded system of municipally-based bureaus to support youth.