



THE ALLIANCE CONNECTICUT

Save a Child!

Support Overdose Prevention

In 2004, ABWF organized the Alliance Connecticut (Alliance CT), a coalition with over 2,300 members work on public education and policy advocacy strategy that created important changes in Connecticut's drug and criminal justice policies emphasis on improving public safety through public health.

Drug Policies impinge on everyone in Connecticut from our children to our seniors. Resources are taken away from education, transportation, housing, treatment, prescription drug support to fund a public safety platform that ruins our communities and the lives of so many families. It's time to do something new! It time for a holistic strategy for Connecticut!

Did You Know?

- 147 of 168 Connecticut towns reported overdose deaths; highest occurrences in Litchfield, Windham and Middlesex counties (*survey done by Yale School of Public Health-YSPH*)
- 39% of overdose deaths involve prescription drugs i.e. hydrocodone, oxycodone and methadone-*YSPH*
- Prescription opiod deaths increased from 2.9% to 21.9% *YSPH*
- Naloxone (Narcan) is a prescription drug that can prevent overdose deaths
- 2003 Public Act 03-159 protects doctors from any liability who prescribe Naloxone to substance abuse patients

What Do We Want?

- ❖ Extend protection for Naloxone use to parents, caregivers, and non-patients
- ❖ Extend Naloxone prescription to non-addicted patients
- ❖ Protect individuals who call 911 for overdose deaths from prosecution if illegal drugs and/or paraphernalia are present
- ❖ To have Naloxone packaged similar to the Epi-pen for safe distribution
- ❖ To have Naloxone prescribe when opiod drugs are given as pain relievers
- ❖ Help grandparents, parents, family and friends sleep better at night by providing them with another tool

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