

NEWSLETTER

HISTORIC TRIANGLE DRUG PREVENTION COALITION



RESILIENCE WEEK REFLECTIONS

We would like to thank the Resilience Week Planning Team for an awesome week of programming for this year's Resilience Week. Our facilitators; Rev. Jan Brown, Prell Gross, Breeona Wilkes, and Chanda Epps in conjunction with Here for the Girls, Inc. did an excellent job hosting our free workshops.

All Together Williamsburg is officially the new steward of the Resilience Rock Garden! Next year the Trauma & Resiliency Committee will oversee the Resilience Week planning. As we move forward please feel free to share HTDPC events with your staff and colleagues to ensure that we have maximum participation.

DON'T FORGET:

Complete the
2025 Coalition
Readiness and
Effectiveness
Assessment Survey!

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MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome our new friend, Mr. Jared Hogston from the Opioid Response Network in Abingdon, VA!
We are happy to have you!

PREVENTION & HARM REDUCTION

A Comprehensive Harm Reduction program is now open at the Peninsula Health District in Newport News! Open on Mondays & Thursdays from 9a-3p. The program offers compassionate, no-judgment support for people navigating substance use. On site, they provide syringe exchange services, harm reduction kits (with hygiene and wound care supplies), and harm reduction counseling and assessment. A plan to expand the program at the Hampton Health District this year is also in the works.

POLICY & LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

An initial Health and Human Services budget shows that the department plans to cut funds for naloxone initiatives in an effort to cut spending. The \$56 million First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FRCARA) has put naloxone in the hands of police, firefighters, and EMTs. This grant is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, or SAMHSA. Federal funding plays a crucial role because naloxone is easily accessed in some parts of the country, but difficult to get in others.



Truth Serum Workshop

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

If you would like to chair this committee or simply join, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Coordinator, Joi Tramuel. If you know any youth and/or parents that may be interested in joining the HTDPC or the Youth Subcommittee please let us know!



TRAUMA & RESILIENCY

A multi-city streaming campaign was delivered for a rehab center in Tennessee that has a location in 3 different cities. A commercial message that offered free health screenings. 13NewsNow was able to determine website responses influenced by the commercial in each city. 13NewsNow has launched a new local campaign focusing on Mental Health. To maximize investment and impact, all streaming and [13NewsNow.com](https://www.13newsnow.com) videos will be delivered directly to viewers.

HTDPC ON THE WEB

Our new website is scheduled to go live at the end of May! We will continue to provide resources and data about trauma and substance use via our new platform.



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Which Committee Are You Joining?

Our Youth Engagement, Trauma & Resiliency, Prevention and Harm Reduction, and Policy/Legislative Advocacy committees are looking for members! You can switch committees or be a member of multiple committees! Reach out to Joi Tramuel, HTDPC Coordinator, via email at jtramuel@colonialbh.org and let her know which committee you'd be interested in joining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A big thank you to Becky Boxx and Leigh Carroll-Stump for volunteering to co-chair this committee! The name may have changed, but outreach is still the focus. If you would like to join this committee please reach out to our Coordinator! Remember, you don't have to be a member of this committee to do outreach.
- If you would like the HTDPC to promote or participate in your community event, please reach out to our coordinator at least 2-3 weeks in advance. This way we can reach out to HTDPC members to find out who may be interested in participating and schedule ourselves accordingly. Thank you!

Drug Take Back Day Results

Poquoson: 185 lbs

Williamsburg: 625 lbs & 7 Sharps Containers

York County: 12 bags

Total: 810 lbs + 12 bags & 7 Sharps Containers

That is a total increase of 283 lbs + 10 bags from Oct.!

Upcoming Events

Hidden in Plain Sight

May 17, 2025 | 12-4p

Williamsburg Regional Library

515 Scotland St.

Williamsburg, VA 23185

Full Coalition Meeting

May 19, 2025 | 11:30a-1p

Yorktown Library

8500 George Wash. Mem. Hwy.

Yorktown, VA 23692

Leadership Team Meeting

June 23, 2025 | 9-11a (Virtual)

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