



SAPC Quarterly Prevention Provider Meeting



Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

June 5, 2025



SAPC Finance Services Division Provider Updates

Daniel Deniz, SAPC Finance Services Division Chief



Finance Update: Billing Deadline



FY24-25 Deadline for Submission of Service Reimbursements

- SAPC issued billing deadline memo on April 17, 2025
- Providers list of billing deadlines
- Recommended actions to take now

Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Services	
Claims Submission Deadline	Expected Date of Reimbursement
July 1, 2025 – July 7, 2025	End of July 2025
July 7, 2025 – July 31, 2025	End of August 2025
Prevention	
Claims Submission Deadline	Expected Date of Reimbursement
July 1, 2025 – July 7, 2025	End of July 2025
RBH, Harm Reduction, Client Engagement and Navigation Services, and All Other Services and Contracts	
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Finance Update: Billing Deadline



Actions to Take Now

- Conduct internal audits to identify services/costs that have NOT been submitted for reimbursements.
- Review contract allocation and identify the amount of unused funds.
- Review Statement/Scope of Work to confirm allowable program activities.
- Work with staff to identify needed equipment(s) and other resources to support the program that may be billed against the contract to leverage funds.
- Work with vendor(s), contractor(s), and/or other organization(s) to secure needed invoices or supporting documentation to request reimbursements and submit by the deadline.

When Submitting Invoices

- Ensure that all costs are supported with proper supporting documentation, including but not limited to invoices, receipts, canceled checks, timesheets, and/or ledgers.
- Ensure all contractual information is accurate and for the services being reimbursed.
- Confirm all expenditures and services were incurred and conducted on or before June 30, 2025.
- Work with your respective SAPC program contact(s) to confirm allowability of expenditure.

BILLING SUPERSTARS!

1. Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc. (PEP)
2. Children's Hospital Los Angeles
3. National Council On Alcoholism & Drug Dependence Of The San Fernando Valley
4. Koreatown Youth And Community Center, Inc. (CCP)
5. Phoenix Houses Of Los Angeles, Inc. (CCP)
6. Special Service For Groups
7. Watts Healthcare Corporation
8. Behavioral Health Services, Inc. (Pep Spa4)
9. Institute For Public Strategies (CCP)
10. South Central Prevention Coalition
11. Institute For Public Strategies (PEP Spa4)
12. Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc. (PEP Spa1)
13. Pueblo Y Salud, Inc. (PEP Spa1)
14. Institute For Public Strategies (PEP Spa5)
15. Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc. (CCP)
16. Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc. (PEP Spa2)
17. Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc. (CCP)
18. Change Lanes Youth Support Services
19. Pueblo Y Salud, Inc. (PEP Spa2)
20. Social Model Recovery Systems, Inc.
21. Cambodian Association Of America
22. Avalon-carver Community Center
23. Community Coalition For Substance Abuse Prevention And Treatment (PEP)
24. Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc. (PEP)

Finance Services Division Update – Contact

Questions and/or More Information

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Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Contracts & Compliance Updates

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Substance Use Supportive Services (SUSS) Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ)

What is the SUSS RSFQ?

- Released by LA County Department of Public Health on March 21, 2025
- Establishes a pool of pre-qualified agencies
- Required to complete for future Work Orders
- Covers a wide range of substance use supportive services

**NEW
OPPORTUNITY**

Service Categories



Harm Reduction

Harm Reduction
Services



COMMUNITY
OUTREACH

Outreach &
Engagement



Housing &
Support Services



Prevention
Programs

Additional Categories

- Capacity Building & Training
- Evaluation Services
- Integrated Care & Network Adequacy
- SUD Workforce Education



APPLY NOW

- Required to be eligible for future funding
- Positions your agency for multiple opportunities
- No immediate commitment — just pre-qualification
- Master Agreements remain active for several years

»» **NEXT STEP** »»

1

Download the
RFSQ

2

Review required
documents

3

Submit your
application



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SAPC Prevention Updates

Rangell Oruga,
Unit Manager, Community &
Youth Engagement

- Work Plans for Fiscal Year 2025-26
- Final Reporting for Fiscal Year 2024-25
 - Year-end Progress Report
 - Tri-annual Coalition Report
 - Work Plan Evaluation Report
 - Evaluation findings for your EBP's and Local Innovative Program's
- Evaluation – **Focus on Outcomes**
- Learning Collaborative for Evaluators
- New Evidence Based Program for Education
 - 6 sessions, Based on Stanford REACH's Evidence Based Programs
 - Option in lieu of Life Skills Training

Prevention Services CYE - Updates



Prevention Services, Community and Youth Engagement - Timeline

Work Plan for FY2526	Deadline
Review and Revision between Specialist and Providers	Friday, June 13
Notification of Approval	Friday, June 27
Reports for FY2425	Due Date
Year-end Prevention Progress Report	Friday, July 11
Tri-annual Coalition Report (CCP's only)	Friday, July 18
Work Plan Evaluation Report	Thursday, July 31
Events	Start Date
Evaluation Learning Collaborative	End of July 2025 (Tentative)
Train Providers on New Evidence Based Program	August 2025 (Tentative)
Launch of New Evidence Based Program	September 2025 (Tentative)

SPA-Based Coalition Presentations





SPA 1'S

END OF YEAR RECAP



PARENTS
ANONYMOUS



SPA 1

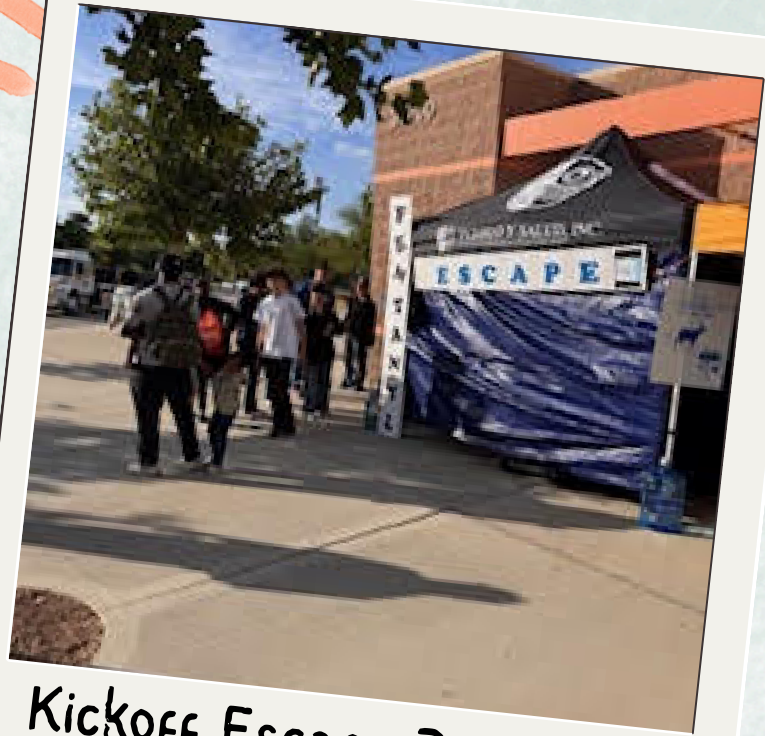


CHILD
& FAMILY
CENTER



PUEBLO Y SALUD, INC.
YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL JUSTICE AGENCY

NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK



Kickoff Escape Room by
PYS



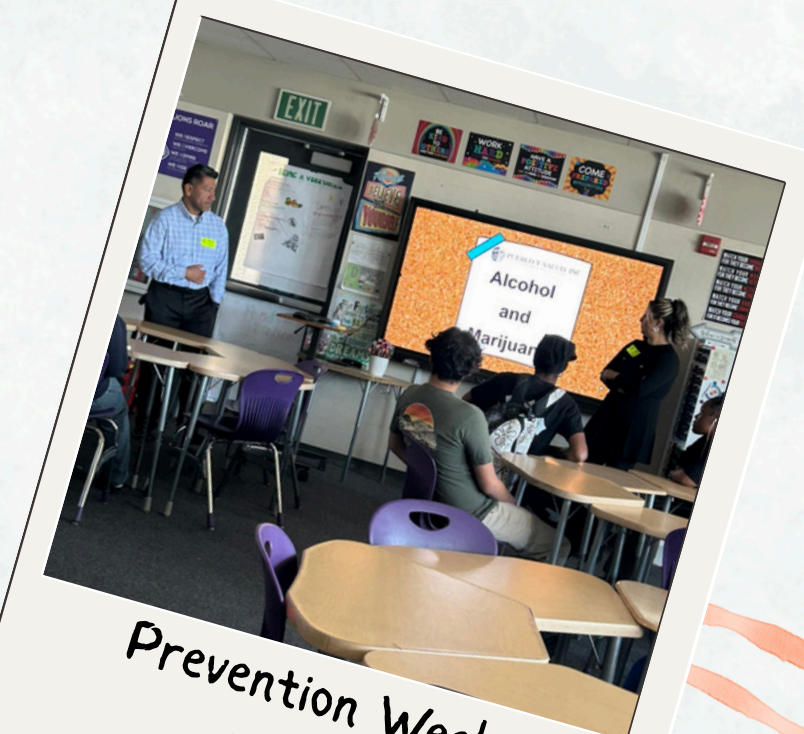
Prevention Week at
Eastside



Hosted National Prevention Week
Kickoff Event at Marie Kerr Park



Prevention Week at
Eastside



Prevention Week at
Eastside

OTHER MAJOR EVENTS

RED RIBBON WEEK



TOWN HALL



TEEN SUMMIT

METH EVENT

PROCESS MEASURES



Served 10+ different
schools around the
Antelope Valley

Participated in over
50 events
collectively

PROCESS MEASURES



Reached over 5000
students and
community members



WORK PLAN OUTCOMES

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Onboarded 12 pharmacies across Antelope Valley, Acton, and Rosamond. Distributed 500+ rack cards, 600 magnets, and collected 500+ pledge cards from 61 events.

SMOKE SHOP PROJECT

- Visited 45+ smoke shops for environmental scans; submitted 15+ complaints and counting.

ALCOHOL DELIEVERY PROJECT

- Onboarded 9 liquor stores and supplied over 2,400 QR stickers to stores along side Window clings, countertop stickers

OUTCOMES FOR FY 25-26

As SPA we hope to

Grow CAPE Initiatives

Expand Community Action Prevention Education (CAPE) in the Antelope Valley as an alternative to school suspensions for substance-related issues

Enhance Parent & Youth Education

Offer more parent presentations and launch Functional Kids Elementary Workshops on topics like toxic talk, substance use prevention, and online safety

EXPAND PREVENTION PROGRAMS

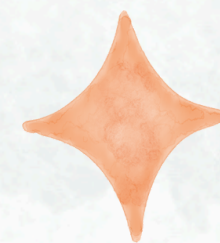
Increase Life Skills Training (LST) and host larger community events to strengthen youth resilience

REDUCE SUBSTANCE USE

Continue working toward lowering rates of substance use and possession among youth and the broader community.



THANK YOU



Communities in Action

Quarterly Prevention Provider

SPA 2



National Prevention Week



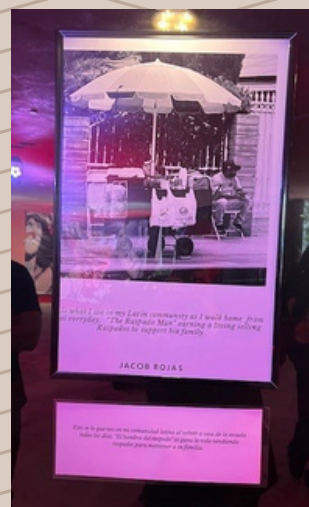
“Eyes on prevention”

This project aims to create a powerful photo gallery, focusing on the impact of substances (Cannabis, Opioids, Vaping) and alcohol abuse within their community. The gallery will feature photography taken by students from the community, capturing their perspective and message on the importance of youth view of substance and alcohol.



How many attendance

100 plus Community members, this included the youth that participated in the Gala, family members, teachers, and Phoenix House staff.



Sammy Gonzalez

“I chose this picture to showcase something that is commomly seen on the side of the streets and roads of my community. Alcohol and substance abuse is seen everywhere but more commonly seen in high poverty areas and ha a butterfly effect that can be fatal such as driving under the influence and crashing into an innocent pedestrian or being alone with your thoughts while intoxicated which can lead to self harm”.

Major Event in SPA 2



Mario Kart

Prevention Team conducted a substance presentation to a group of (120) students in the 12th-grade. The presentation, included the risks of alcohol poisoning, the impact of alcohol use on the brain, and effective prevention strategies while playing Mario Kart wearing drunk goggles.



4/20 Event

The Prevention team hosted a substance-free community event “Come Pot & Paint with Us,” where attendees received information on cannabis prevention—including Prop 64, vaping, & edibles—while participating in a healthy, alternative activity by painting.



Comedy Show

The Prevention team developed an alcohol-free mocktail recipe book, and they provided some tasty mocktails at the “Standing and Sobor” event.

Process Measure

Coalition meeting

11 Meetings

As part of our commitment to building a healthier, safer community, Phoenix House hosts regular coalition meetings in SPA 2 focused on substance use prevention and education. These meetings bring together community members, schools, parents, youth, local agencies, and partner organizations to collaborate on preventing drug misuse across all age groups.



Community Events

36 Events 7,720 Community members

At our outreach events like tabling, we engage the community through in person education on critical drug prevention topics. We provide resources and information on substances such as cannabis, alcohol and opioids like the lets make a difference initiative.



Process Measure

Drug Presentation

11 Presentations, 1,298 Students

Our presentations share facts about substance use and strategies to resist peer pressure. We provide education and raise awareness in order to promote healthy decision-making. Our presentations are tailored to each audience to ensure engagement.



Life Skills



14 Trainings, 120 Students

Our Life Skills Trainings are 14 weeks long and focus on middle school students. This program is an evidence based training that is designed to promote positive youth development and help resist drug, alcohol, and tobacco usage.

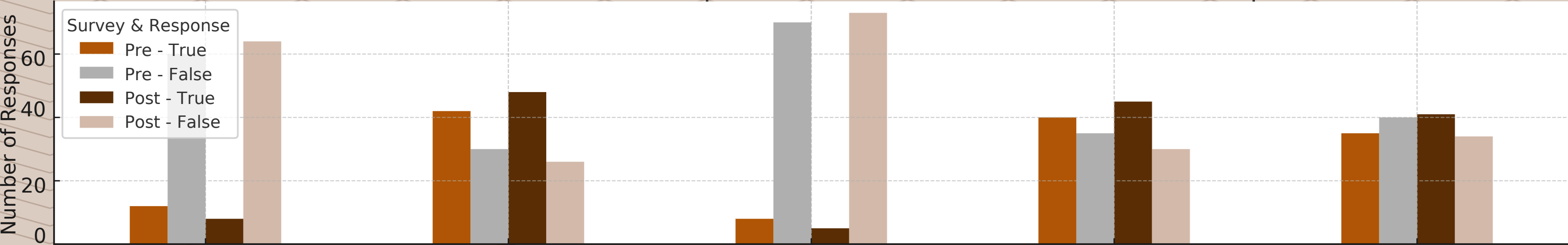
Program Learning Objectives: Personal self-management skills, General Social Skills, and Drug Resistance Skills.



Process Measure



2024-2025 Student Perceptions of Substance Use: Pre vs Post Responses



Most people my age use marijuana

Using marijuana causes your heart to beat faster

Methamphetamine and other hard drugs always make you feel good

Smoking reduces a persons endurance for physical activity

Alcohol is a depressant

Work Plan Outcomes Achieved

DEA Take Back

Reducing access as we offer a safe and convenient method for individuals to dispose of unused or expired prescription medications. This helps minimize the risk of these drugs being misused.

GRAND TOTAL:
290 LB

KIASER
October: 90 lb
April: 80lb

SAN FERNANDO
October: 50lb

GLENDALE
April: 70lbs

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"Together we can stop the opioid and prescription drug epidemic"

When it comes to preventing the potential harms associated with prescription drug misuse or abuse, we can all take:

3 STEPS

to keep our families and communities safe from the dangers of Rx medications.

STEP 1 SAFE STORAGE

KEEP RX MEDICATIONS SECURE AND OUT OF REACH.

✓ STORE MEDICATIONS IN SECURE LOCATIONS

- LOCK BOXES
- MEDICATION SAFES
- OTHER LOCKABLE SPACES

✗ AVOID THE FOLLOWING STORAGE LOCATIONS

- DRAWERS
- NIGHT STANDS
- KITCHEN CABINETS

Additional Tips

- MONITOR YOUR MEDICATIONS
- KEEP ALL MEDICATION OUT OF SIGHT

Home IS MOST OFTEN THE #1 source of access to Rx medications for teens!

STEP 2 NOT SHARING

NEVER SHARE RX MEDICATIONS!

NOT SHARING IS CARING

- ✗ DO NOT TAKE SOMEONE ELSE'S RX MEDICATIONS
- ✗ DO NOT GIVE AWAY UNUSED OR EXPIRED RX MEDICATIONS

Additional Tips

- SHARING RX MEDICATIONS CAN CAUSE ADVERSE EFFECTS
- SHARING RX MEDICATIONS IS AGAINST THE LAW

SHARING RX MEDICATIONS CAN LEAD TO

Misuse Abuse OR EVEN AN Overdose!

STEP 3 SAFE DISPOSAL

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ALL RX MEDICATIONS.

SAFELY DISPOSE UNUSED & EXPIRED RX MEDICATIONS

- SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND SAFE DISPOSAL KIOSKS NEAR YOU
- PARTICIPATE IN DEA NATIONAL RX DRUG TAKE BACK DAYS IN APRIL & OCTOBER

Additional Tips

- CONTACT DISPOSAL LOCATIONS PRIOR TO VISIT
- REMOVE ALL LABELS
- DO NOT FLUSH RX MEDICATIONS
- DO NOT THROW RX MEDICATIONS IN TRASH

Scan me for more info

DISPOSING OF UNUSED OR EXPIRED RX MEDICATIONS WILL REDUCE THE RISK OF

Misuse Abuse



Phoenix House, SPA-2 Coalition
Communities In Action

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE HELPLINE

24/7 1.844.804.7500



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Smoke shop

Tackling Youth Exposure to Illicit Marijuana, Emerging Cannabinoids, and Hazardous Products Sold Near Schools and Other Youth-Centered Areas

- Complaint: 11
- Stash Bag: 690
- Visits: 27

Complaint Submission

- Department of Cannabis Control
- Department of Public Health-Environmental Health
- California Department of Public Health

Community collaboration

- continuing to report smoke shops selling illegal THC-containing hemp products to your local health department or through the CDPH complaint portal.
- Due to recent funding cuts under the current administration, Los Angeles County has been significantly impacted. Unfortunately, these cuts have also affected the DEA Association, resulting in a limited number of available DEA agents. As a result, in limiting hosting the National Prescription Drug Take Back

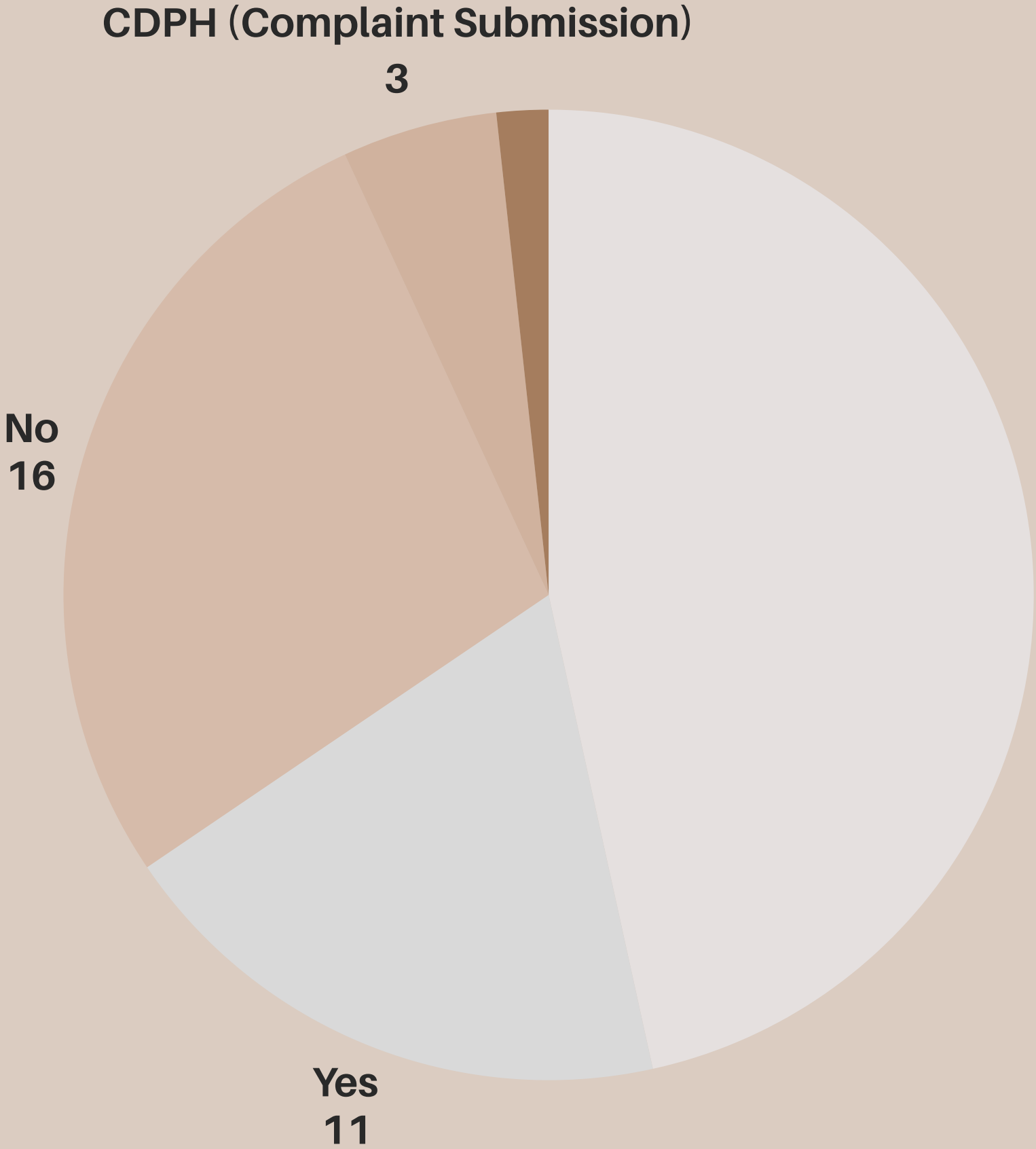
Smoke Shop Initiative

Q. In your opinion has your school been impacted by near by smoke shop?

4 Schools 2 (Yes) 1 (No) 1 (Unsure)

1 Principle
3 Counselors

(7/10/2024 - 9/26/2024)



Smoke Shop Visit
27

Smoke Shop Visit		Total: 27
Report	Yes	No
Complains	11 ✓	16 ✓
CPPH	3 ✓	4 ✓
LADPH-EH	0 ✓	2 ✓
LACDPH-EH & CDPH	1 ✓	1 ✓

Outcome FY2526



Let's create a roadmap to your success!

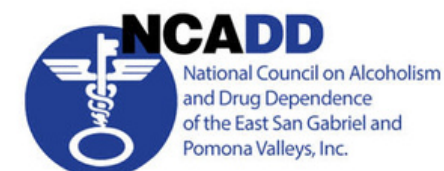
- LMD plans to work closely with our partnered Pharmacies to get more disposal boxes into the community. Inmar Solutions has been a more reliable source for the distribution of disposal boxes and has been easier to work with.
- Last year's Photo Gala was a success. We plan to continue to grow this event every year moving forward.
- Expanding our reach efforts in promoting the photo gala. to engage more youth participating in photo gala. Include the photo gala project into the life skill program, assuring more youth engagement and participation.
- Create a "Youth Advisory Toolkit" (how to guide) to give youth the ability to advocate for themselves. To provide a platform where they can engage on topics that are important to them. To give youth a voice within their community.

RAD

Rethinking Alcohol and Other Drugs

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National Prevention Week





National Prevention Week

Fentanyl Awareness & Community Resource Fair

- Served 287 Pomona residents

Fentanyl Awareness & Community Resource Fair

- AOD Prevention/Treatment Resources
- DEA In Plain Sight Demonstration
- Narcan/Fentanyl Test Strips distribution
- Hands on CPR training
- Dental Screenings
- Reentry Services
- Haircuts

“Narcan saved my life 5 times”

“I’ve never been at an event sober”

“Fentanyl is easy to get in Pomona”



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SPA-3 Highlights



Take Back Day



Recognition from local/state
elected officials



SUD Integrated Care
Conference



Process Measures



Impact

118 Outreach Events
43 Presentations
1187 Participants
3085 Youth Served



Smoke Shop Project
111 Smoke Shop Scans

Let's Make a Difference
15 pop-ups
8 Take Back Events

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Workplan Outcomes



Jefferson Middle School LST

Program Overview

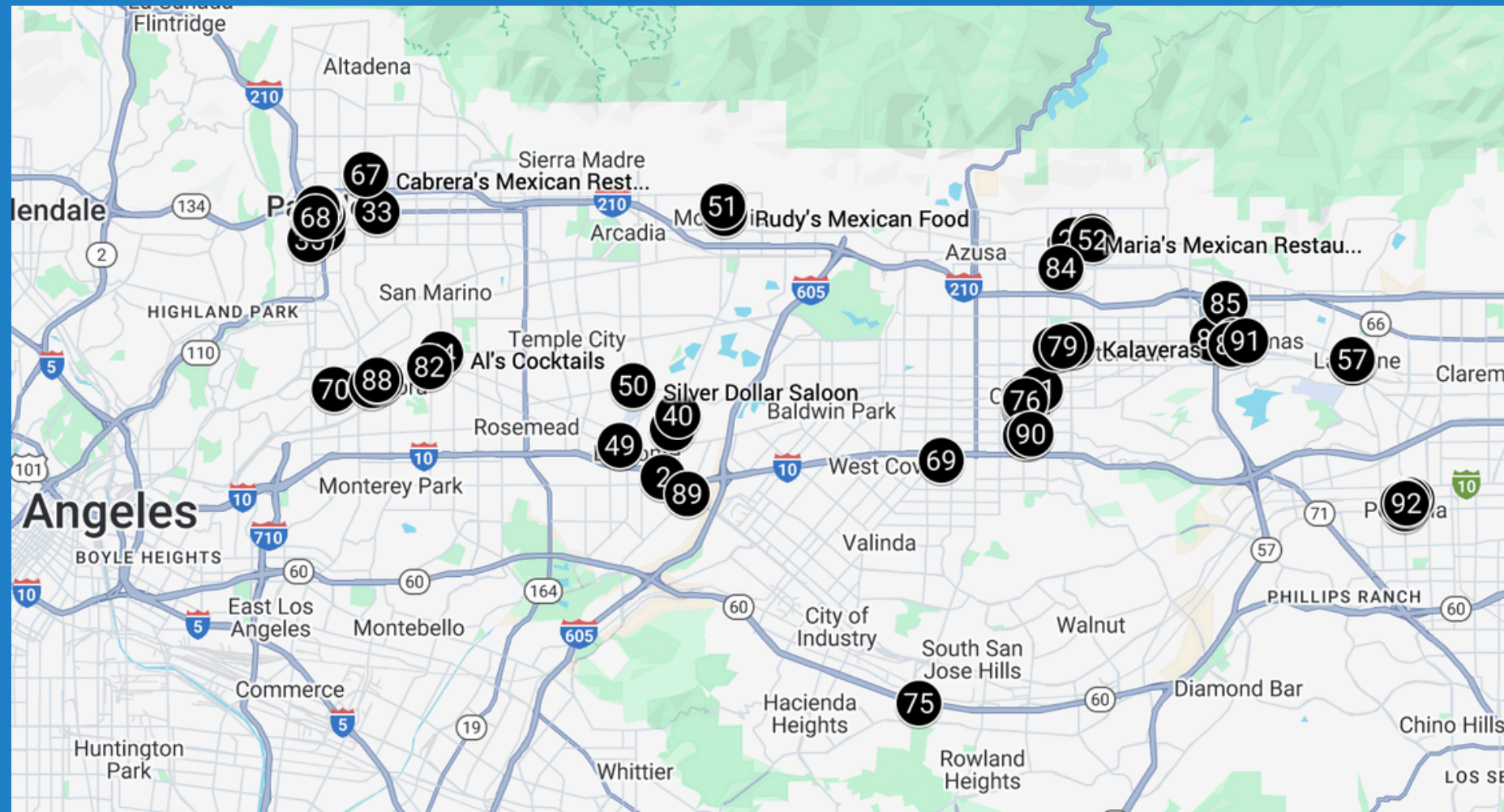
- Facilitated collectively between providers
- 12 individual classes
- 366 participants

Outcomes

- SAPC Pre/Post Evaluation
- Supplemental Post only Evaluation
 - Outcomes pending program completed in May



Workplan Outcomes



Alcohol Counter Marketing

Overview

- 13 cities in SPA-3
- 92 Participating Retailers
(17 more retailers than previous FY)
- Materials Distributed: 27,492
(14,513 distributed previous year)
- Retailer feedback survey (under review)





Workplan Outcomes

Advocacy/Policy Efforts

Pomona

- PEP Providers leading efforts to update Social Host Ordinance in Pomona
- Providers successfully stopped Conditional Use Permit (CUP-001787-2024) for additional off-sale retail site in Pomona

Unincorporated Altadena

- Worked with local leaders to close Holistic Evaluation Cannabis Dispensary located near Eliot Middle School



Rethinking Alcohol &
Other Drugs Coalition

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[Member Agencies](#)



day one



May 28, 2025

RE: Conditional Use Permit (CUP-001787-2024)

Dear Planning Commission Members,

The Rethinking Alcohol and Other Drugs (RAD) is a coalition of community-based agencies, stakeholders and residents working together to improve the health and safety of communities across the San Gabriel Valley by reducing alcohol, cannabis, and other drug related harms through education, youth empowerment, and policy development.

RAD respectfully submits this letter to urge the Pomona Planning Commission to reject the request for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 001787-2024 for an alcohol license.

Pomona is a rich and vibrant community. However, it currently faces significant challenges related to the oversaturation of alcohol outlets in many neighborhoods. This saturation has been well documented and continues to negatively impact public health, safety, and overall quality of life for our residents, particularly our youth.

RAD is committed to fostering a safer, healthier, and more supportive environment for all Pomona residents, we are deeply concerned about the potential consequences of granting an additional alcohol license. Increasing the number of establishments selling alcohol only serves to exacerbate existing issues such as increased rates of alcohol-related violence, traffic accidents, and public disturbances. It also undermines ongoing efforts to provide positive alternatives and opportunities for young people in our city.

While economic development and business growth are vital to Pomona's prosperity, these goals should not come at the expense of community well-being. It is crucial to carefully balance commercial interests with the health and safety of our residents. Adding another alcohol outlet to the city's already extensive list does not align with the vision of a thriving, healthy Pomona that we all desire.

Pomona deserves thoughtful, sustainable growth that prioritizes the needs of its people, especially our youth, who are the future of this community. We urge the Planning Commission to consider these concerns and deny the request for the Conditional Use Permit, thereby helping to protect the welfare of our neighborhoods.

Thank you very much for your time, attention, and thoughtful consideration of this important matter.

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Goals - FY2526

- **LST**

- Expand capacity of providers to meet current needs
- Develop tool to program participants over time

- **PIR**

- Develop model for delivering services as alternative
- Track personal AOD use among program participants
- Reduce risky behaviour among program participants

- **Alcohol Counter Marketing Project**

- Establish networks of responsible on-sale retailers

- **Fentanyl**

- Address root causes of fentanyl use in Pomona
- Increase knowledge about related fentanyl risks



COPALM: COALITION FOR PREVENTION AND AWARENESS IN LA METRO



This Coalition is funded by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.



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Rise Up Speak Out

Rise Up, Speak Out (RUSO) is an annual storytelling and art showcase for community members to express themselves creatively.

This year's RUSO theme was ***From Silence to Strength*** with pieces addressing the impact of substance use and celebrating resilience in the journey toward healing and recovery.

CoPALM has continued to host the RUSO event to highlight the importance of prevention through various art forms such as painting, poetry, performance, and more.

- Total Participants: 30
- Total youth and adult artist submissions: 23
- 84.6% of participants "Strongly agreed" that this event allowed them to learn more about resources and support to help with issues caused by substance use.
 - 13 participants filled out the survey at the end of the event



Theme: “Prevention Starts with Us”

- The event consisted of a panel discussion on substance use issues, along with ideas on how we can work together to enhance our prevention efforts, especially among youth. Providers hosted interactive activities to demonstrate the effects of alcohol, cannabis, and nitrous oxide, as well as provided a Narcan demonstration.
- Total Participants: 42

Survey administered at the end of the event: 23 Responses

- 87% of participants “Agreed” or “Strongly Agreed” that they were aware of the purpose and goals of NPW after attending the event
- 87% of participants “Agreed” or “Strongly Agreed” that families and community members play a key role in preventing youth substance use.
- 95.7% of participants stated that they are “likely” or “very likely” to follow up or stay connected with the prevention-related organization from this NPW event!



Other Major Events

CoPALM Providers:

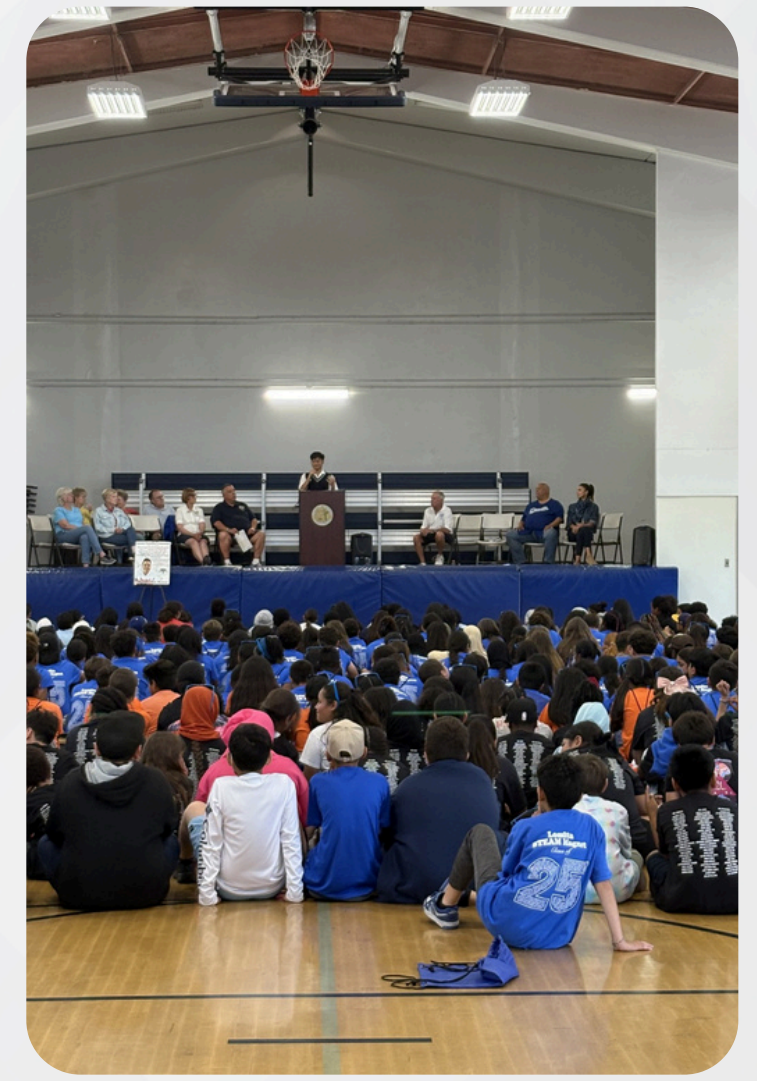
- **Institute for Public Strategies**
 - Slay the Night: Holiday Drag Bingo – 55 attendees
- **Behavioral Health Services**
 - Red Ribbon Week Assembly– about 150 students
 - Theme: Life is a Movie: Film Drug Free
- **Koreatown Youth & Community Center**
 - 4th Annual Unwind Your Mind Koreatown Youth Summit – 70 youth and 15 adults
- **The Wall las Memorias**
 - United for Solutions Conference – 417 attendees; Los Angeles
- **Social Model Recovery Systems**
 - Skid Row Movies in the Park – 40 attendees
 - Highlight: We also established a relationship with the office of Congressman Jimmy Gomez as an extension of our advocacy in Skid Row to build coalition capacity.
- **Korean American Family Services**
 - Prom Promotion/Campaign on raising awareness of alcohol and substance abuse during prom season through educational events and printing PSAs on tickets, ~60 attendees
- **Children's Hospital of Los Angeles**
 - Youth Summit – 169 attendees



Process Measures

CoPALM – SPA 4:

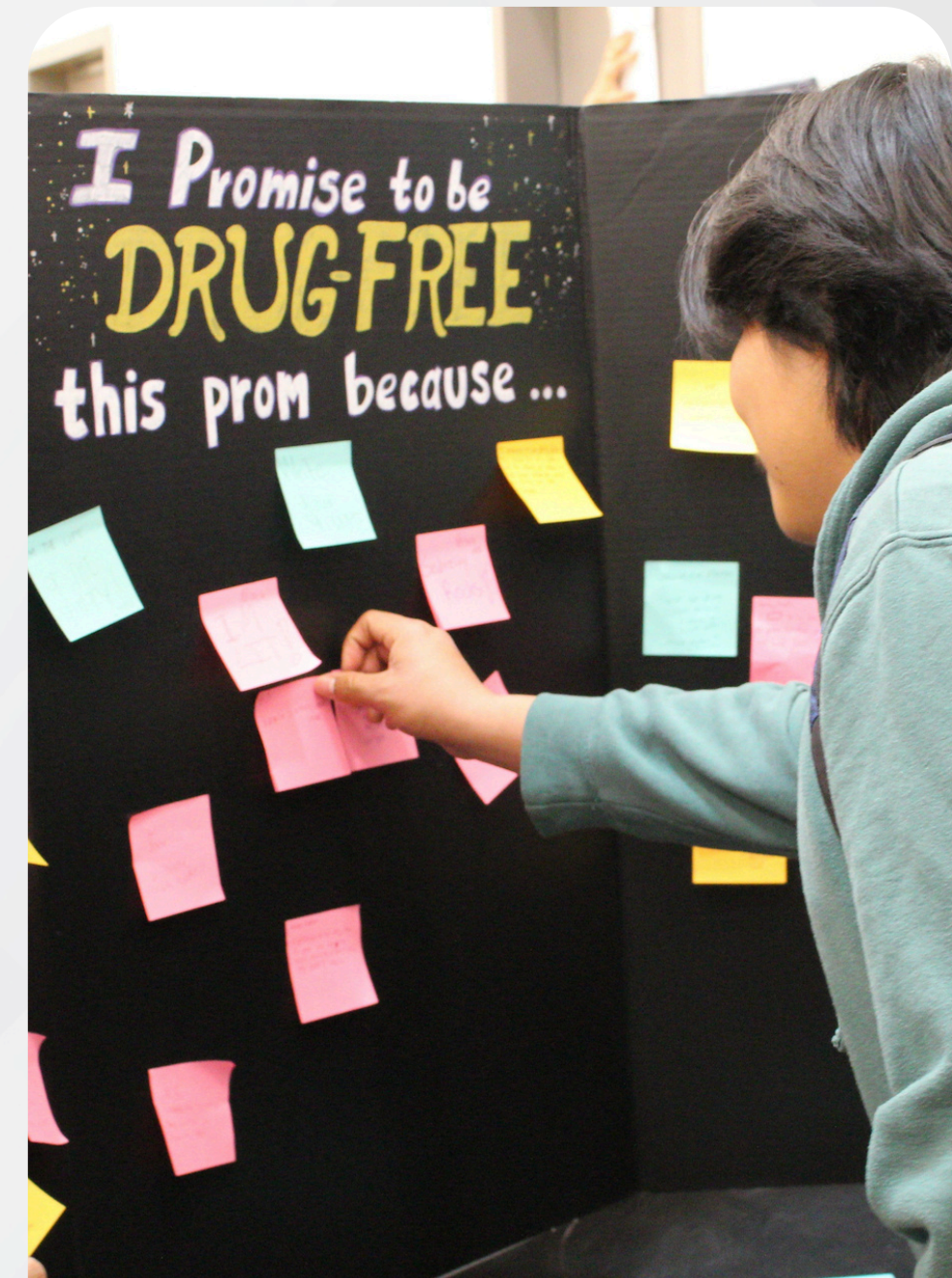
- **Outreach events:** 88
- **Presentations:** 155
- **People/Youth reached (engagement):** 9,045
- **Collective Impact Project:**
 - Smoke Shop Visits: 88
 - Alcohol Vendors Visits: 38
 - Let's Make a Difference (outreach & pop-ups): 42



Process Measures

CoPALM – SPA 4:

- **Life Skills Served:**
 - 332 Students
 - 4 schools



Work Plan Outcomes Achieved

CoPALM Providers:

- **Institute for Public Strategies**

- Ten coalition meetings were facilitated, and five task force meetings were facilitated

- **Behavioral Health Services**

- Disseminated over 1000 AOD prevention materials at over 5 tabling events this year (also handing materials out at school presentations and demonstrations)

- **Koreatown Youth & Community Center**

- Actively engaged partners in collective impact projects and led a CoPALM listening session where community members could share their insights. Provided a platform to educate community members through various outreach opportunities and led efforts to make public comments on relevant cannabis and hemp policies.

- **The Wall las Memorias**

- Completed one session of life skills with at-risk adults, completing second cohort of at-risk youth. These evidence-based practices have allowed us to spread the word of the curriculum and have two sets of cohorts planned for next fiscal year.



Work Plan Outcomes Achieved

CoPALM Providers:

- **Social Model Recovery Systems**

- We achieved 1 LA City environmental/systems/policy change by implementing a zoning policy (IX1) for the Downtown LA Community Plan, adopted in December 2024 and implemented in January 2025 which includes alcohol restrictions. New off sale alcohol permits are prohibited, and the Restaurant Beverage Program (which fast tracks alcohol permit requests) is also prohibited from most of the IX1 zone.

- **Korean American Family Services**

- KFAM has participated in CoPALM for a 3rd year, now also serving as co-chair of the education committee. KFAM has also increased activity to assist with RAM and ADP initiatives as well.

- **Children's Hospital of Los Angeles**

- 30 youth completed Safety First curriculum at John Marshall High School.



Outcomes for FY 25–26

- SPA-4 aims to further engage decision makers and stakeholders in order to create changes in the built environment that limit the accessibility of substances and promote prevention strategies. This includes:
 - Mobilize community members
 - Provide recommendations for policies based on evidence-based practices and environmental scans
 - Engage frequently with regulatory agencies
- Expand our reach to engage more participants through active interagency collaboration



Thank you!



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2025



SPA5 FISCAL YEAR RECAP



CELEBRATING OUR WINS, REFLECTING ON CHALLENGES,
AND GEARING UP FOR AN EVEN BRIGHTER YEAR!

MEET THE TEAM



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MICHAEL JUNG



PROGRAM MANAGER - PEP5 SPA5
GABRIEL HILL



PREVENTION SPECIALIST - SPA5
RYAN FACTORA



MEDIA ADVOCACY SPECIALIST
TREVOR GREGORY



REGIONAL DIRECTOR - IPS
KENDALL WATANABE

NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK 2025

24

TOTAL
ATTENDEES

20

MATERIALS
DISSEMINATED

31

NARCAN
BOXES GIVEN

UNPACKING THE STIGMA

Santa Monica College May 15th, 2025

- NPW event featured a documentary screening titled 'Unpacking the Stigma: Prevention & Drug Use', alongside a guided discussion & Narcan training
- Attendees shared challenges and ideas, highlighting student voices.
- The event sparked a new partnership with SMC Wellness & Wellbeing Center



CCP TOWN HALL COMMUNITY EVENT

97

TOTAL
ATTENDEES

120

MATERIALS
DISSEMINATED

108

NARCAN
BOXES GIVEN

FENTANYL AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY ACTION FORUM

*Culver City Parks and Rec Center
April 29th, 2025*

- CCP SPA5 hosted the Fentanyl Awareness & Community Action Forum in West LA
- Featured speakers: Councilmember Yasmine-Imani McMorris & Dr. Hurley (SAPC)
- Group activity: Community brainstorm on prevention policy strategies
- Youth-led Naloxone demo by VLA coalition leaders



CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS



LMD POP-UP AT SANTA MONICA PLAZA PHARMACY



THC AND HEMP-DERIVED PRODUCTS FOR SALE AT NIRVANA SMOKES & VAPE



PHOTO OF RADP STICKER AT MINI MART GROCERY STORE IN SANTA MONICA



PRESENTATION FOR PTSA AT SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE (LMD)

- 15 LMD Pop-Up events
- 7 Pharmacy visits

RAM - SMOKE SHOP PROJECT

- 18 Smoke Shop Visits
- 13 non-compliant submissions

ALCOHOL DELIVERY PROJECT

- 8 retailers visited
- 3 current alcohol retailer partners

PREVENTION WORKSHOPS

- 15 workshops
- 5 fentanyl awareness workshops for parents/adults
- 10 LST workshops for youth/students

WORKPLAN OUTCOMES



LST TRAINING AT CULVER CITY
TEEN MENTAL HEALTH EXPO



PHOTO OF IPS STAFF PRESENTING THE
STUDENT FORM TO YOUTH IN SPA 5



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CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT



PRESENTATION FOR LOS
ANGELES OUTPATIENT CENTER

BOTVIN LST

- 10 LST sessions
- At least 25 students per session

AB 2711 EXECUTION

- WIP drafted an anonymous student support form and is looking to distribute it to school districts through a formal agreement

SB 10 AND AB 1975 EXECUTION

- The CCP team is currently drafting a Substance Prevention Policy Action Plan that we hope to present to a city council in SPA 5

FENTANYL WORKSHOPS

- 98% of total attendees increased their knowledge of prevention resources available to them

OUTCOMES FOR FY 25-26

1-3

FORMAL
AGREEMENTS

200

INDIVIDUALS
REACHED

1-2

ADVOCACY
TRAININGS

- The central thrust around CCP's next fiscal year revolves around the **Substance Prevention Policy Action Plan**
- The Substance Prevention Policy Action Plan primary aim is to expand access to **prevention resources and education** in schools, community settings, and digitally
- We hope to bring it to decisionmakers in the SPA 5 area, particularly **city councils**, to implement evidence-based interventions to reduce to raise awareness about the dangers of fentanyl opioids, and prescription drugs





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THANK YOU!



QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS?

QUARTERLY
PREVENTION
MEETING

PRESENTED BY



THE SLAM
COALITION



National Prevention Week

Youth Summit '25

ON MAY 14, 2025, THE SLAM COALITION SUCCESSFULLY HOSTED THE YOUTH SUMMIT, A POWERFUL EVENT DESIGNED BY YOUTH, FOR YOUTH, TO UPLIFT AND ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES FACED BY TEENS IN SOUTH LA AROUND SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION. THE SUMMIT BROUGHT TOGETHER STUDENTS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND ADVOCATES FOR AN ENGAGING AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. YOUTH PARTICIPANTS LED THE PLANNING EFFORTS, SELECTING THE THEME, PANELISTS, AND WORKSHOPS THAT REFLECTED THEIR INTERESTS AND CONCERNS.

THE EVENT FEATURED AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PANEL AND WORKSHOP, A HANDS-ON COOKING CLASS LED BY A YOUTH CATERER, AND A PREVENTION ACTIVATION SPACE WHERE ATTENDEES ENGAGED WITH INTERACTIVE TOOLS SUCH AS SIMULATION GOGGLES TO UNDERSTAND THE COGNITIVE EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA ON TEEN BRAIN DEVELOPMENT. THE SUMMIT SERVED AS A VIBRANT CELEBRATION OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND A CALL TO ACTION FOR CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS ACROSS SPA 6.

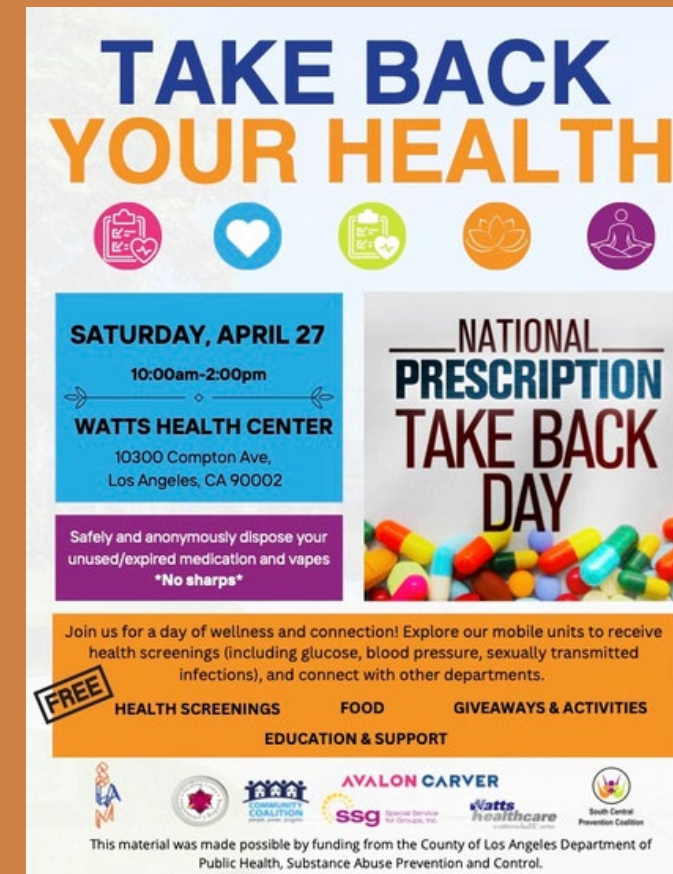


EVENTS & PROGRAMING

COLLEGE FAIR



TAKE BACK YOUR HEALTH FAIR



PROCESS MEASURES



Presentations :

In partnership with schools across Service Planning Area (SPA) 6, **Avalon Carver and Peoples Coordinated Services** conducted a total of **22 fentanyl prevention presentations aimed at educating youth on the dangers of fentanyl, prescription drug misuse, and marijuana**. These presentations were part of a broader prevention strategy to equip students with life-saving information, promote critical thinking, and reduce the risk of substance use among young people.

By collaborating directly with school partners, this initiative ensured consistent access to small, engaged groups of students—fostering meaningful discussion and ongoing education. These efforts reflect a shared commitment to youth wellness, harm reduction, and proactive community-based prevention throughout SPA 6.

Collective / Special Projects :

In alignment with **Governor Newsom's Executive Order banning the sale and distribution of illegal Delta-8** and other unregulated cannabis products, our coalition has actively contributed to the regional effort by supporting the Smoke Shop Project across Service Planning Area (SPA) 6. Through a collaborative approach involving community partners and youth engagement, **we conducted compliance scans at 20 local smoke shops to identify businesses potentially distributing illicit or harmful products**.

As a result of this coordinated effort, three shops were formally reported for further investigation due to suspected violations. This work represents our commitment to protecting youth and community health, reducing access to unregulated substances, and supporting the broader goals of enforcement and education outlined in the state's executive directive. Our continued presence in the field underscores the importance of grassroots surveillance and cross-sector partnerships in advancing public safety and prevention efforts across SPA 6.



PROCESS MEASURES



Botvins Life Skills:

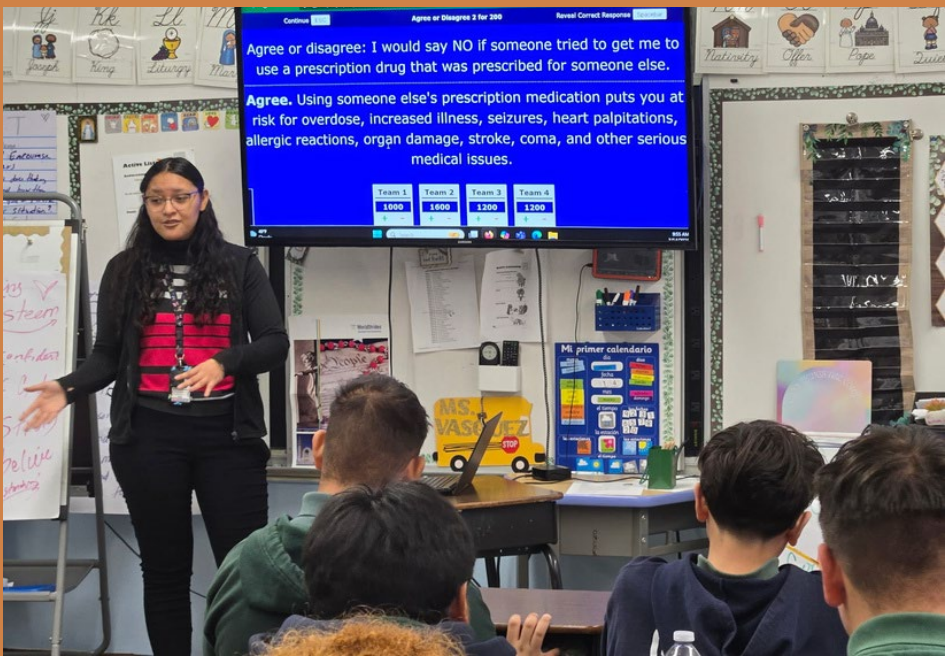
The SLAM Coalition successfully implemented four Life Skills Training (LST) programs, reaching a total of **245 students across SPA 6**. These programs were hosted in collaboration with Avalon Carver, SCPC, Watts Health, and Community Coalition and utilized the SLAM prevention curriculum focused on building youth resilience, decision-making skills, and resistance to substance use.



Youth Engaged: 356 + from all youth Programming service (LST, Presentations, Youth Centered Programming)

Outreach :

During the 2024–2025 fiscal year, the SLAM Coalition conducted outreach at **73 community events**, integrating our special project initiatives with public engagement strategies to expand awareness and education across SPA 6. Through strategic tabling efforts, SLAM distributed culturally relevant educational materials focused on substance use prevention, youth wellness, and public health advocacy.



WORK PLAN OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

Youth and Community Programing

Youth Summit Data

Youth Summit: Overall, 77% of respondents shared that they enjoyed the event. **When asked if they felt heard or represented, 85% responded yes.** Hearing directly from South LA youth is critical, as they are often left out of conversations that directly affect their wellbeing and future. The summit created space for their voices to shape the programming, including hands-on experiences that reflect real community needs. For example, **the Cooking Class—attended by 54% of participants**—was especially impactful given that many youth live in areas surrounded by fast food chains and face limited access to fresh groceries. Offering a cooking experience not only promoted health-conscious decision-making but also gave youth a sense of self-sufficiency. Similarly, **the Entrepreneurship Class (62%) and Panel (100%)** exposed youth to skills and stories that could spark economic empowerment. Learning about entrepreneurship at a young age helps youth envision alternative paths, build confidence, and gain tools to create opportunities for themselves and their communities. **Importantly, 85% of respondents said they learned something new, and 100% expressed that they would attend again—demonstrating a strong desire for more youth-led, culturally relevant programming.**

Lifeskills Summary

Life Skills Pre & Post Survey: The Life Skills program in SPA 6 has effectively increased youth awareness around substance use. While many participants already understood the local distribution and availability of substances like alcohol, marijuana, meth, and fentanyl, **initial surveys showed gaps in their knowledge of how these substances impact the developing teen body and mind. Post-survey results revealed significant growth in their understanding of personal health risks, as well as increased awareness of overdose safety tools like Narcan.** Youth also voiced growing concern about the rising health risks of vaping, highlighting a shift toward advocacy and the need for continued, youth-centered prevention education.

Prevention Network

Prevention Network: The Prevention Network continues to strengthen collaboration across **SPA 6, engaging a total of 79 community agencies, with 53 agencies consistently participating since the beginning of the program year.** **Community Coalition has hosted 8 successful Prevention Network sessions,** creating a reliable space for connection, coordination, and capacity building among partners.

These sessions have also provided a direct opportunity for agencies to build partnerships with the SLAM Coalition, including invitations to host events and participate in tabling efforts. This approach has helped expand the audience reached and increase access to prevention services, while reinforcing the Network's role as a hub for shared resources, strategy alignment, and sustained community impact.

WORK PLAN OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

Policy and Organizational practices

Smoke Shop Project

Smoke Shop Project: The SLAM Coalition has been actively engaged in the Smoke Shop Project, aligning our efforts with Governor Gavin Newsom's **180-day Executive Order** aimed at cracking down on the sale and distribution of illegal products, including Delta-8 and items with childlike packaging that target minors. In support of this initiative, our coalition has **collectively visited 19 smoke shops** within SPA 6 to assess compliance and raise awareness. As a result of these visits, we identified and reported **8 shops found to be carrying prohibited products**. Our work reflects a proactive, community-based approach to protecting youth from harmful substances and ensuring retailers are held accountable.

Green SchoolYard Project

Green Schoolyard Project: The Green Schoolyard Project, in partnership with Trust for Public Land, **is committed to transforming underutilized public school spaces into vibrant green areas for communities that lack access to nature**. This initiative reimagines schoolyards as safe, educational, and health-promoting environments for both students and surrounding neighborhoods. In collaboration with LADWP, **we are currently working with three schools —Barack Obama Academy, Raymond Elementary, and 107th Street Elementary—**under a four-year contract. **107th Street Elementary has progressed into the third stage, having received approval for conceptual plans and is preparing to break ground. Barack Obama Academy and Raymond Elementary are now entering the second stage, which focuses on community engagement.** At this phase, we are hosting meetings to highlight the impact of green spaces on childhood development and well-being, while also conducting exciting architecture-focused classes where students design their dream playgrounds and vote on the final plans, empowering youth to shape the future of their own learning environments.

WORKPLAN OUTCOMES

- OUTCOME By June 2026, 75% of youth in attendance will show gains in: access to valuable resources, knowledge/skills/practical wisdom, and intent to engage in positive youth action.
- OUTCOME By June 2026, at least 70% of PN providers will report strengthened peer network/relationships gains in peer learning, and positive intent to engage in collective impact efforts.

SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

FY 24-25



SPA 7

Quarterly Provider Presentation

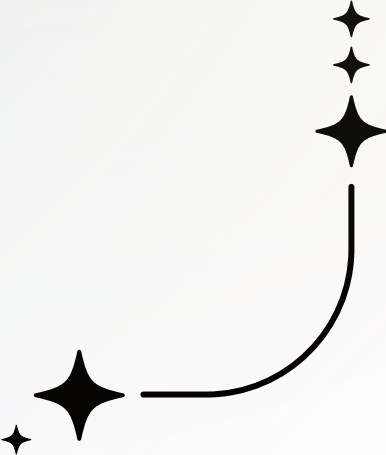


OUR TEAM

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The Walls Las Memorias Project

Helpline Youth Counseling Inc. –
Community Collaboration Program
Prevention Education Program



NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK RECAP



SECA NPW/Mental Health Resource Fair May 14, 2025 – Whittier

- 137+ attendees | 40+ participating agencies
- Focus: Substance use prevention & mental wellness
- Featured: Fatal Vision goggles (alcohol, marijuana)
- Tabling: Methamphetamine/Alcohol/Marijuana/LMD
- DJ, food, drinks, raffles, art activities
- Surveys for both community members and vendors
- Prevention materials/resources
- Key partners: HYC PEP/CCP, The Wall Las Memorias, LACOE, IPS



NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK RECAP

Hillview Middle School Prevention Event May 12, 2025

- Reached approx. 650 students
- Prevention trivia on marijuana, alcohol, and Rx pills
- Hands-on stations:
- Beanboozled (Rx safety/fentanyl awareness)
- Alcohol & marijuana goggles
- Coping strategy poster wall

Virtual NPW Presentation with LACOE & RAM Education May 14, 2025

- Topic: Delta-8 THC & illicit cannabinoids
- 23 participants
- Increased school-based awareness of emerging substances
- Strengthened SUD prevention through virtual engagement



NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK

A CELEBRATION OF POSSIBILITY

Prevention Starts with Us

Join us for a virtual presentation by Los Angeles County's Rethinking Access to Marijuana (RAM) Workgroup during National Prevention Week. We will be discussing hemp-derived delta-8 THC, current community impacts and related risks.

May 14, 2025
11 a.m. - noon
Virtual Presentation

[Register Here](#)

Session Facilitators:
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MAJOR EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

National Drug Take Back Day Downey PD April 26, 2025

- A total of 176.95 pounds of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs were collected
- SECA distributed over 100 prevention goodie bags containing educational materials, medication disposal location magnets, pill boxes, and a community feedback survey



Red Ribbon Week Fedde Academy 5K Hawaiian Gardens October 25, 2025

- Attendance: 100+
- Hosted interactive tabling with free prevention goodies, including Jenga, cornhole, and Fatal Vision goggles.
- Partnered with the Hawaiian Gardens Community Action for Peace Coalition and Office of Violence Prevention to promote youth safety and substance

Cinco de Mayo – May 4, 2025 Fe y Esperanza Church South Gate

- Provided a safe, inclusive space for prevention education
- Focused on substance use stigma and cultural awareness
- Attendance: 75



MAJOR EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Frosty Fest – Dec 5, 2024

Helpline Youth Counseling (HYC), Whittier

- Awareness event for National Impaired Driving Prevention Month
- Tabling Focused on alcohol, marijuana, LMD and DUI risks
- Attendance: 268

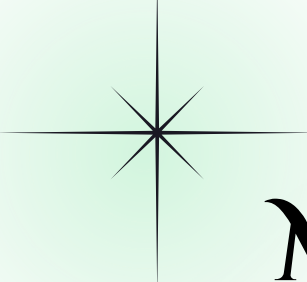


SECA Youth Summit – Sep 27, 2024


Helpline Youth Counseling (HYC), Whittier

- Approx. 75 attendees
- DEA Agent Opening Speaker
- 3 workshops
- Closing Speaker
- Activities, raffles, goodie bags, food





PROCESS MEASURES – OUTREACH & PRESENTATIONS



Botvin Life Skills Training (LST):

137 youth serviced across SPA 7

Sites Served:

Pico Rivera Teen Center

Los Padrinos

La Serna High School

California High School

Whittier High School

Pioneer High School

Santa Fe High School

Frontier High School

Granada Middle School

Total Outreach Events:

104

Total Presentations/Workshops:

195 presentations facilitated

Total Participants Reached:

15,506+ individuals engaged



Collectice Impact Projects:

SSP

59 Smoke Shop Visits

29 submitted complaints

LMD

11 partner pharmacies

RADP

7 partner retailers

FY 2024–2025 WORK PLAN OUTCOMES

Policy/Legislation Influenced:

- **Emergency Ban on Illicit Hemp Products – Extended**
 - Coalition supported enforcement action targeting youth-attractive, hemp-derived products
- **Bill Review & Legislative Feedback – AB 2711 (Ramos)**
 - Provided input via LACOE's Governmental Relations Office
 - Feedback addressed how discipline plans related to alcohol, tobacco, and drug use affect students,/families,/school admin
- **Cannabis Business Rezoning Public Comment – Department of Consumer and Business Affair**
 - LA County Office of Cannabis Management
 - Called for THC potency caps and youth-focused safeguards like marketing limits and school buffer zones.
 - Urged investment in public education, health tracking, and compliance checks.
 - Stressed the need to address the illicit market

Organizational Practice Changes:

- **Naloxone Distribution System – SB114**
 - LACOE now facilitates direct Naloxone requests through a centralized warehouse system
 - Ensures school district compliance with Education Code regarding opioid antagonists
- **School District Suspension Alternative Programs**
 - provide prevention resources and tools as needed to students, families and school administrators



LOOKING AHEAD: FY 2025–2026 GOALS

01

YOUTH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Strengthen relationships with coalition partners and increase 12 sector engagement and participation in SUD efforts
- Increase LifeSkills sessions across SPA
- Engage diverse communities groups
- Reach new cities not served in FY 24–25
- Enhance Voices In Prevention Program to increase youth participation in youth led prevention

02

PARENT & SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:

- Increase parent-focused workshops
- Strengthen school staff collaboration
- Launch Parent Academy for justice-involved families
- Increase parent participation in coalition SUD prevention efforts

03

ADVOCACY & OUTREACH:

- Boost social media visibility and interaction
- Increase coalition engagement in policy efforts related to SUD legislation (4am Bar Bill, alcohol, cannabis)
- Host quarterly prevention dialogue series
- Collaborate with PEPs on new prevention strategies
- Increase coalition participation in city council meetings



THANK YOU

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Program Highlights FY 24 -25

SPA 8





National Prevention Week



Strong Families Create Safe Communities Town Hall



Madrona Mental Health Fair

Collective Impact Projects



Project Sticker Shock

- 52 Stores Engaged



Alcohol Delivery Project RADP

- 25 Stores Engaged
- 8 Committed



Smoke Shop Project SSP

- 55 Stores Engaged
- 20 Complaints Submitted



Let's Make A Difference LMD

- 9 Pharmacies Engaged
- 6 Committed



Engagements

Presentations

14

English, ⁵Shmer,
& Spanish

Life Skills Training (LST)

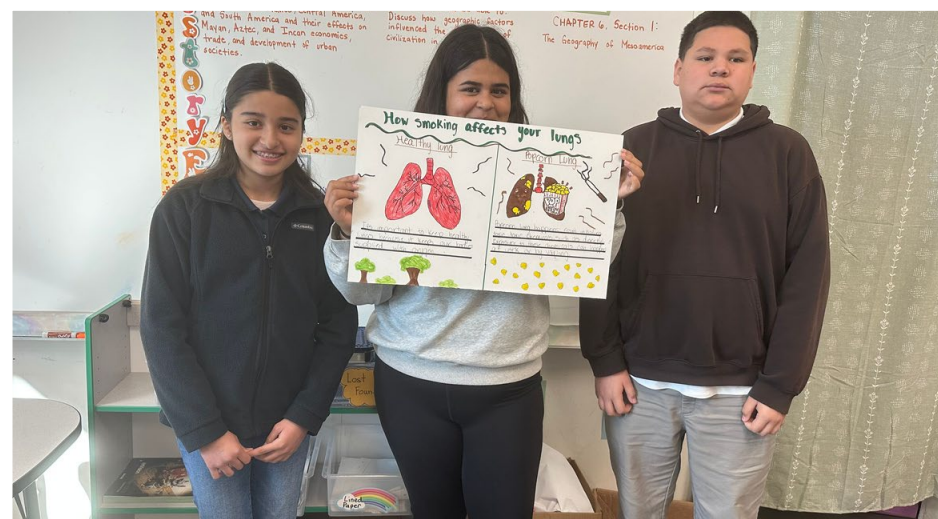
Cabrillo High School
5 Students
Lincoln Elementary School
60 Students
Oak Street K -8 School
168 Students
Wilson High School & Boys
and Girls Club
71 Students

Outreach Events

238

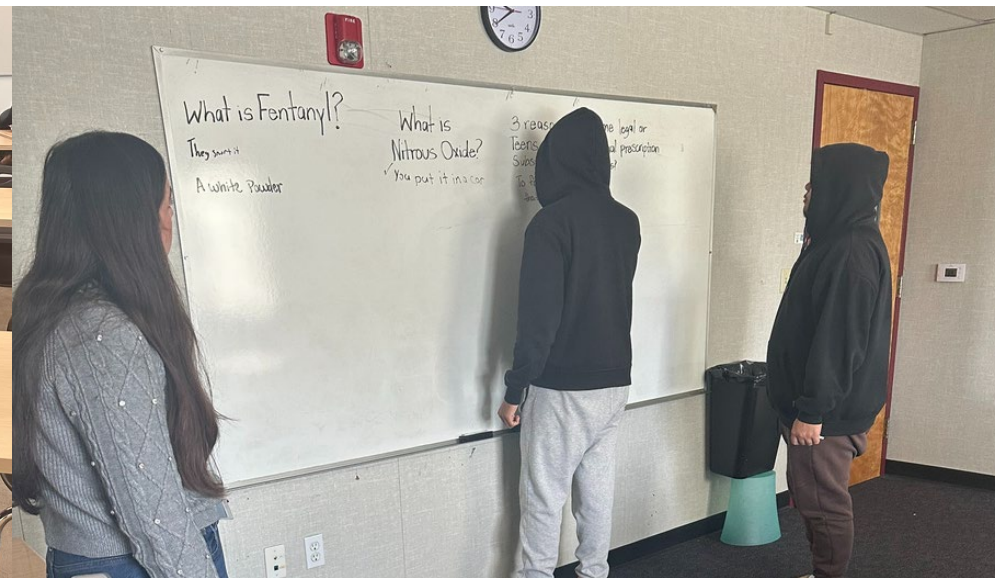
People Reached

31,819





Outcomes



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High Schools

Implementation of Prevention Series

We developed this series to support students identified as being at risk for substance use disorder. Through interactive and engaging sessions, the program educates participants on the risks and consequences of substance use while encouraging open dialogue and informed decision making. Students who complete the series and require additional support are referred to youth outpatient services. To date, we have referred 6 students for SUD treatment services.

Alcohol Workgroup

AADAP staff are founding members of this workgroup, dedicated to developing policies that reduce youth access and availability of alcohol. We are currently examining alcohol sales within designated entertainment zones.

The future of our SUD Prevention Work




- Implement alcohol policies aimed at reducing youth access and availability. Preventing illegal sales, particularly in entertainment zones where underage exposure is more likely.
- Review and amend local tobacco ordinances to include prohibiting the sale of illicit hemp products, ensuring a safer retail environment for our youth.
- Strengthen partnerships through Collective Impact projects by engaging with retail outlets, pharmacies, and community members to promote consistent prevention strategies and healthy norms.
- Establish a youth advocacy group to empower students as leaders and change makers, encouraging them to use their voices to promote substance-free lifestyles and drive positive change on their campuses and communities.

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