



Our Mission

The mission of the Falmouth Substance Abuse Commission (FSAC) is to prevent substance abuse among Falmouth’s citizens, provide information and education to the community and to promote the development and availability of a continuum of substance use services for all Falmouth residents.

In fiscal year 2018, The Commission supported seven initiatives to address substance use prevention in our community.

Initiative I (\$1,349.71)

Financial and organizing support for **“Addiction and the Adolescent Brain”**. A community forum held on April 8th in collaboration with Falmouth Public Schools and the Regional Substance Use Task Force



Initiative II (\$3,000)

The Commission continued their sponsorship of Together We Can to host the **2018 Celebrations After-Prom Party**. This drug and alcohol-free event is highly supported by the community and is routinely well attended by high school students.

Initiative III (\$200)

The Commission is a long-standing member of the **Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)**, an international organization that supports community anti-drug coalitions through evidence-based prevention programs, campaigns, resources and research.

Initiative IV (\$203.38)

Community Education - FSAC is sponsoring a parenting and substance use and prevention information rack, at the Gus Canty Recreation Center; keeping it stocked with the latest in prevention education materials for parents and caregivers.

Initiative V (\$1,500)

Financial support to Falmouth Police Chief Ed Dunne’s project, **“Hidden in Plain Sight”**. A mobile substance use prevention trailer which can travel to the Barnstable County Fair, the Falmouth Street Fair, school open houses, sports games, and the like. FSAC members committed to continued collaboration on this project in FY19.

Initiative VI (\$1,000)

WellStrong Scholarships – to cover membership fees for Falmouth residents accessing the recovery supports offered at WellStrong, Inc.

Initiative VII (\$750)

Financial support to AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod in their prevention, education and harm reduction efforts.

Commission members greatly appreciate the ongoing support of the Selectmen, the Finance Committee and Falmouth voters as we strive to reduce the substance use related problems in our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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