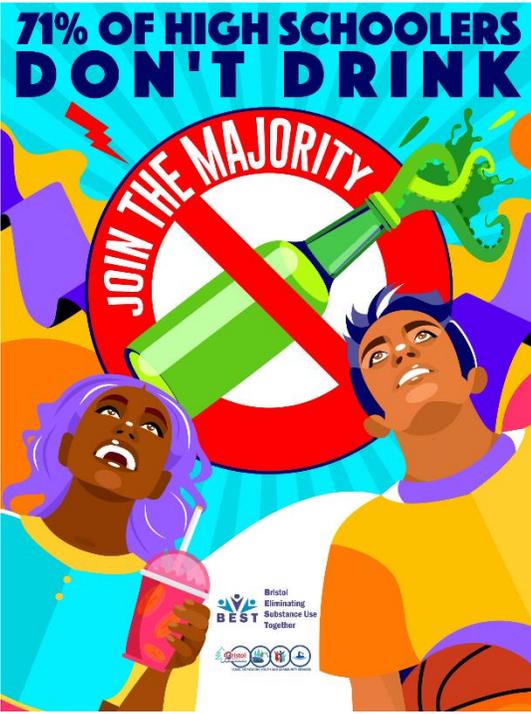




**Bristol  
Eliminating  
Substance Use  
Together**

Drug-Free Communities Project Coordinator Report  
Bristol Eliminating Substance Use Together (BEST) Coalition  
October 17, 2023

**PROJECTS**

PROJECT	UPDATE
<p data-bbox="110 541 414 571">Underage drinking poster</p> 	<p data-bbox="824 577 1458 640">This poster has been created and printed. It will go in Bristol Eastern, Central and Prep.</p>
<p data-bbox="110 1360 406 1390">Narcan training billboard</p> 	<p data-bbox="824 1360 1485 1423">The billboard went up on September 19<sup>th</sup> and will be up for 8 weeks.</p>

School vaping posters



(Current draft. This is NOT the final.)

Katie has gotten back to Mike with two drafts of the poster. Mike has given feedback and we are waiting to see the next version of the poster.

Vape Drop Boxes

The vape drop boxes for the high schools and middle schools are in. They are just awaiting approval from BOE.

**COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS**

**ORGANIZATION**

Bristol Eastern/Central High School



**DESCRIPTION OF COLLABORATION**

Mike has begun meeting with students at the high schools for the Life Skills program. BEST has been given a room at Central to meet with students. He meets with students in the library conference room at Eastern. Mike spends 4 days a week at the schools, 2 days each.

Mike has attended the Mental Health Club at Eastern and looks to collaborate with them. A coping conference at the high school has begun to be planned.



(Room designed at Bristol Central High School)

Chippens Middle School and Northeast Middle School	On October 16 <sup>th</sup> Mike and our intern, Jennie, began Tomorrow's Leader's Today (TLT) at Chippens and Northeast Middle School. The first session was for Red Ribbon Week, which promotes keeping kids drug-free.
West Bristol School	Mike has begun the Life Skills program with 8 <sup>th</sup> graders at West Bristol School.
Boys & Girls Club of Bristol	Mike will begin the SMART Moves program at Boys & Girls Club on October 23 <sup>rd</sup> .

**EVENTS ATTENDED SINCE SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Event Name	Date/Time	Location	Notes
<p>Harm Reduction Conference</p> 	<p>Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 9AM to 4PM</p>	<p>The Omni Hotel 155 Temple Street, New Haven, CT</p>	<p>Mike and BPRYCS' Youth Coordinators attended the day-long event.</p>
<p>Suicide &amp; Domestic Violence Walk-A-Thon</p>	<p>Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 10AM to 1PM</p>	<p>Mrs. Rockwell's Pavilion</p>	<p>Mike attended this event to give two Narcan trainings.</p>



238 Jacobs St,  
Bristol

About 20 people  
were trained.

**BEST Narcan Training**

Tuesday, October  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
5:30PM to 6:30PM

BPRYCS  
51 High Street,  
Bristol

Mike gave the  
monthly Narcan  
training. 10 people  
were in attendance.

**Mental Health Fair**



Saturday, October  
7<sup>th</sup>  
10AM to 1PM

Mrs. Rockwell's  
Pavilion  
238 Jacobs St,  
Bristol

BEST attended the  
event with about 15  
vendors.



Hispanic Heritage Celebration



Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>  
2PM to 6PM

Rockwell Park

The event was put on by our Business Sector Rep, Scott Rosado.

Wes Woodson Presentations for Bristol Central/Eastern High Schools



Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
All Day

Bristol Central High School  
480 Wolcott St,  
Bristol

Bristol Eastern High School  
632 King Street,  
Bristol

Juniors and seniors were in attendance.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Notes</b>
CT Council on Problem Gambling Conference	Wednesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup> 8:30AM to 4PM	Hartford Marriott 200 Columbus Blvd	A statewide event to learn more about problem gambling.
Unmasking Stigma: The Impact of Substance Use on Communities	Tuesday, October 24 <sup>th</sup> 8:30AM to 1:30PM	Southern Connecticut State University 345 Fitch St, New Haven	Four speakers will talk about stigma related to substance use. Coalition members are invited to attend free of charge.
Drug Take Back Day	Saturday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> 10AM to 1PM	Walgreens 25 Main Street, Bristol	Coalition members are encouraged to attend this event.
Halloween Spooktacular	Saturday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> 3PM to 10PM	BAIMS Field 70 Memorial Boulevard, Bristol	If you would like to table at this event please let Mike know.
ESPN QPR Trainings	Wednesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup> All Day	ESPN 935 Middle St, Bristol	Mike has been in contact with employees of ESPN and they have set up a date to do two suicide prevention trainings (QPR).
Narcan Training	Tuesday, November 7 <sup>th</sup> 5:30PM to 6:30PM	Dept of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services 51 High Street, Bristol	All coalition members should be trained in Narcan administration. Please let Mike know if you will be in attendance.