

NENDATF/AWARE

Seven Strategies Accomplished – 2025

1. Providing Information

Status: ACCOMPLISHED (Strongly)

Consistently provided factual, evidence-based information about opioids, overdose prevention, and substance misuse through:

- School-based presentations on **opioids, vaping, and overdose risks**
- Narcan/Naloxone trainings for parents, youth, educators, law enforcement, churches, and community members
- Public presentations (Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Coffee with a Cop)
- Educational materials distributed at community events (Movie in the Park, Color Dash, Pridefest, Recovery Month events)
- Podcasts, PSAs, and social media campaigns addressing opioid risks, fentanyl, alcohol, tobacco, and co-occurring mental health disorders

2. Enhancing Skills

Status: ACCOMPLISHED (Strongly)

We built practical, lifesaving and prevention skills by:

- Training hundreds of individuals to **recognize and respond to opioid overdoses**
- Teaching **Narcan administration** and overdose response procedures
- Conducting youth skill-building through **1LIFE Youth Coalition**, Wellness Week, RAP Week, and peer education
- Preparing youth as **ambassadors and peer educators**, including Hispanic youth leaders
- Providing parents with tools to recognize substance use warning signs (*Hidden in Plain Sight*, parenting workshops)

3. Providing Support

Status: ACCOMPLISHED

We provided emotional, social, and recovery-oriented support through:

- Launching and sustaining **Alateen**, a weekly support group for teens affected by substance use in their families
- Hosting candlelight vigils and recovery events for families affected by overdose
- Creating safe spaces for discussion on mental health, grief, and recovery
- Partnering with Sunrise Detox to strengthen **referral pathways for opioid and substance use treatment**
- Reducing stigma through storytelling (e.g., *More Than What Happened* PSA)
- NARCAN on DEMAND-Training in people's homes.

4. Enhancing Access / Reducing Barriers

Status: ACCOMPLISHED

We reduced barriers to prevention and overdose response by:

- Distributing **Narcan kits** widely across the community
- Offering trainings in **accessible locations** (schools, churches, coffee shops, parks)
- Providing bilingual and culturally responsive outreach
- Connecting community members to detox and treatment resources
- Hosting medication take-back events to prevent opioid diversion

5. Changing Consequences

Status: ACCOMPLISHED (Moderate–Strong)

We influenced consequences related to substance use by:

- Partnering with vape shops to enforce **age-compliance commitments**
- Advocating for zoning and licensing changes to reduce youth access to harmful substances
- Increasing awareness that opioid misuse and underage sales have community

consequences

- Supporting law enforcement partnerships that reinforce responsible business practices
- Encouraging accountability through retailer pledges and ongoing check-ins

6. Changing Physical Design

Status: ACCOMPLISHED

We addressed environmental risk factors by:

- Conducting an **environmental scan** at Crab Meadow Beach
- Addressing unsafe gathering areas associated with youth drinking and drug use
- Advocating for beautification and access changes to reduce high-risk behavior
- Improving public spaces to promote safety, visibility, and positive community use

7. Modifying Policies

Status: ACCOMPLISHED (Moderate)

We engaged in policy-level change by:

- Advocating at **Town of Huntington Board Meetings** for vape shop zoning and licensing changes
- Supporting regulatory enforcement around underage sales
- Partnering with law enforcement on diversion prevention and medication disposal
- Initiating school-district conversations to institutionalize evidence-based opioid and mental health training for 2026

Summary

- ✓ The coalition **implemented all seven CADCA strategies** in 2025.
- ✓ Strategies most strongly demonstrated: **Providing Information, Enhancing Skills, Enhancing Access, Providing Support**
- ✓ Environmental and policy strategies were also meaningfully addressed through **retail compliance, physical design changes, and advocacy efforts**.