

## The Hub

## Behavioral Health Action Organization for Southwestern Connecticut

**The Hub** is the state-designated Regional Behavioral Health Action Organization (RBHAO) serving Southwestern Connecticut—the 14 communities from Greenwich to Stratford. Our role is to serve as a strategic partner and resource for the region, supporting and coordinating initiatives related to **mental health, suicide, substance misuse, and problem gambling**, and liaising between the region and the state.

- We conduct regional needs assessments to develop epidemiological profiles and priority recommendations for behavioral health prevention, treatment, and recovery.
- We support Local Prevention Councils helping our towns prevent substance misuse and promote mental health through technical assistance, coordination, and mini grants, including the State Opioid Response grants.
- We organize Catchment Area Councils bringing behavioral health consumers and providers together to identify service needs and make recommendations about treatment and recovery.
- We convene the Southwest CT Suicide Advisory Board to develop regional strategies and capacity to address suicide from prevention through postvention.
- We support the Region 1 Gambling Awareness Team to provide education about problem gambling and gaming.
- We serve as strategic community partners advising and providing resources to stakeholder groups such as the Community Health Improvement Projects and Opening Doors Fairfield County, and representing our region on many state-level advisory boards.
- We lead and support advocacy efforts educating elected officials and other leaders.
- We help address the opioid epidemic providing community trainings, Naloxone, and awareness campaigns.
- We outreach and support organizations who want to be a Recovery Friendly Workplace helping employers shift to a policy environment that emphasizes help, hope, and the economic potential of healthy employees even as they recover from substance misuse. Contact us for your organization's certification.

The Hub is a division of the Regional Youth-Adult Social Action Partnership (RYASAP), whose mission is to serve as a catalyst for community change.

Please visit our website, <u>www.TheHubCT.org</u>, for resource guides, lists of free peer supports, online screenings, awareness videos and downloadable resources on a wide range of topics, a searchable calendar of events and trainings, and more information.