

Behavioral Health

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2.3.A	Provide ongoing education, assistance, and support to community members on secure education storage and disposal.	01/2019 - 12/2023	Opioid Task Force, CSB, FCHD	Opioid Task Force Funding \$243,020 07/2019 - 08/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established 24/7/365 drug disposal at all Fairfax County police stations. Implemented biannual prescription drug takeback days (average 2,000 pounds collected). Promoted educational materials on drug disposal and secure storage
2.3.B	Educate families on measures they can take to reduce minors' access to alcohol and other substances.	01/2019 - 12/2023	CSB Prevention Unit, Community Anti-drug Coalition, Fairfax Prevention Coalition	Opioid Task Force Funding \$100,000 07/2019-08/2020 Still exploring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established and continue to promote community-wide dissemination and messaging of the "Talk. They Hear You" campaign led by The Fairfax Prevention Coalition and the CSB.
2.3.C	Implement retail- based efforts to raise awareness of alcohol and tobacco laws and reduce use by minors.	01/2019 - 12/2023	CSB Prevention Unit, Community Anti-drug Coalition, FCHD	Opioid Task Force Funding \$100,000 07/2019 - 08/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborated with the Fairfax County Police Department to discuss implementation of compliance checks at establishments that sell tobacco products. CSB promotes CounterTools initiative and educates retailers/merchants to increase awareness of alcohol and tobacco laws and sales to minors. Signage is provided to retailers for posting regarding tobacco laws and sales to minors.

Status Legend:	✓ Action Performed	🔄 Action In-Progress	⊘ Action Not Started
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2.3.D 🔄	Explore policy opportunities to prevent vaping initiation.	07/2019 - 12/2023	FCHD	None identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted an outline of potential policy strategies to the Board of Supervisors. Established a committee to develop recommendations. Assisted Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), Office of Student Safety and Wellness in updating their campus tobacco policy to align with the Tobacco-Free Schools Law (§ 22.1-79.5) that went into effect in July 2019. Health Department and FCPS partnered with the Truth Initiative to promote the This is Quitting text-based quit line for teens.
2.3.E 🔄	Develop and promote resources for parent-to-parent conversations about substance use.	01/2020 - 12/2023	Underage Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Subcommittee, Fairfax Prevention Coalition, CSB	Still exploring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairfax Prevention Coalition began identifying potential resources. The Fairfax Prevention Coalition’s Tobacco and Marijuana Workgroup is developing a toolkit to assist parents, guardians, and concerned adults with strategies to prevent and address substance misuse.
2.3.F 🔄	Inform legislative efforts to expand local taxing authority and limit the availability of tobacco products.	09/2019 - 12/2023	FCHD	None identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted an outline of potential policy strategies to the Board of Supervisors. Established a committee to develop recommendations. FCHD monitors legislation pertaining to taxing and availability of tobacco products and provides information when applicable.