**7.10 Encourage Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Spaces**

**Sub-Action 1**

***Town of Fairfield***

The Town of Fairfield maintains the Fairfield Cares Community Coalition in order to address the problem of alcohol abuse, particularly among youth and young adults. The coalition’s mission is to educate and advocate for ways in which we as a community might foster an effective, responsible and compassionate approach to the abuse of alcohol and other substances. Information on this coalition is made publically available through the towns website via [Government](https://www.fairfieldct.org/government) > [Advisory Committees, Coalitions, Task Forces](https://www.fairfieldct.org/content/10736/12858/) > [Fairfield Cares Community Coalition](https://www.fairfieldct.org/fairfieldcares). They also host public meetings every third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am at the Bigelow Center for Senior Activities (100 Mona Terrace, Fairfield) to generate discussions around these issues. The coalition is the primary source for disseminating information on health effects of tobacco usage and the coast of tobacco usage in Fairfield.

The Fairfield Cares Coalition has also taken action to address vaping in the community. While not a traditional form of smoking, it is still considered by the federal government to be a form of tobacco consumption. They posted a video series on their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FairfieldCares/videos/1996638227275975/>) to openly discuss vaping facts, statistics and ways to discourage the use of vaping. They also provided links to national and state website which offer more holistic statistics on vaping as compared to town data. Such weblink includes the CT Clearinghouse - <https://www.ctclearinghouse.org/topics/electronic-cigarettes/>, the NIDA Teens - <https://teens.drugabuse.gov/drug-facts/tobacco-nicotine-e-cigarette> and the Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/index.htm>