

# UPDATES

*Placer-Nevada Rx Drug Safety Coalition*



## COALITION SUCCESS

In 2015, California received funding for the Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Initiative, which supports opioid safety coalitions. A [recent report](#) evaluated the impact of opioid safety coalitions on communities and found that **"the presence of an opioid coalition lowered fatal opioid overdoses by 21% between 2015 and 2018."** Another notable find from the article is that the "presence of a local opioid safety coalition was associated with a small but statistically significant decrease in overall opioid prescribing."

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the health of our community in this way and we thank our coalition's supporters and partners. The work of creating safer and healthier communities is often challenging, and we invite you to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate this progress.

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## COMMUNITY UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Stay in the loop by checking out the following public health and safety resources for our community:

- Professional and general volunteers are needed for the Placer Veterans Stand Down event on May 2nd-5th. Learn more [here!](#)
- A new flyer is available to distribute information about where to find naloxone in the Placer-Nevada region. Check out the flyer [here!](#)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Sierra (BBBSNS) is hosting a Drive-Thru Event on Saturday, February 19th. Learn more [here!](#)
- National Overdose Prevention Network is hosting a webinar on trauma-informed practice on February 23rd. Register [here!](#)

## NEW LEGISLATION

Several new CA state laws will be implemented in 2022 regarding drug policy, including:

- SB 73, which repeals mandatory minimum sentences for persons convicted of specified nonviolent drug offenses
- SB 57, which will authorize an Overdose Prevention Program where adults can use controlled substances under supervision of staff
  - NOTE: Two Overdose Prevention Centers in New York City reversed 59 overdoses in their first three weeks of operation

These policy changes create huge potential to better support people who use drugs and save countless lives.

Be sure to keep an eye out for our future newsletters and to follow us on social media for more information. Reach out to [rxdrugsafety@gmail.com](mailto:rxdrugsafety@gmail.com) with questions, concerns, or more information on getting involved!



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