

# Community-Based Solutions

Like so much of the country,
Washington state is amid
a growing fentanyl/opioid
crisis. Overdose deaths have
doubled in just three years.
Community collaboration
is key to the response. The
Department of Social and
Health Services, Department
of Health, Health Care
Authority, tribes and
community partners are
hosting Facing Fentanyl
Together resource fairs at

the same time on the same day across the state. The events take place during Recovery Month on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024.

Head to the event closest to you to hear from experts, people with lived experience and community programs to learn and get resources so that you are prepared to respond to your needs or the needs of a loved one.

### **Project Leadership**

Facing Fentanyl Together resource fairs are being planned and hosted by Local Planning Areas, partnerships that connect, coordinate, communicate and plan activities and projects together so people across Washington can succeed.

DSHS will work in partnership with the Department of Health and Health Care Authority and tribes. Many other state agencies, counties and business partners are already members of the LPA program.

### **Event Planning**

Each event will be planned and hosted locally. Each LPA will design their own resource fair based on the needs of their community. Possible activities and topics include:

#### **Possible Activities**

- Live Presentations
- Panel Discussions
- Video Presentations
- Tabling of Resources
- Demonstrations
- Tribal/Cultural Events
- Youth Activities

## **Possible Topics**

- State of the State
- State of the Community
- What to Know about Fentanyl
- Reversing Overdose
- Root Causes of Substance Use Disorder
- Risk to Youth
- Stigma
- Dispelling Myths
- Culture as Healing
- Treatment/Recovery

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