Maine Youth Action Network Annual Conference: Project Alliance provided scholarships for 18 students from our service area to attend the MYAN Annual Conference in 2018. Students participated in leadership development workshops and met other students from all over Maine. During this two day event they participated in dialogue around youth mental health, substance use prevention, bullying and harassment prevention, social emotional learning, college and career readiness, social justice issues, and much more.

Marijuana Workshops: Three marijuana workshops were held in Biddeford and in Buxton reaching a total of 630 students from 7th and 8th grades. These workshops were held in partnership with Southern Maine Healthcare to educate youth on the impacts of using marijuana while their brains are still developing.

Photovoice and Prime for Life: 48 students from alternative high school programs participated in Prime for Life and Photovoice. Photovoice promotes the use of photography for positive social change, and Prime for Life is an evidence based curriculum that helps young people learn to reduce their risks of alcohol and drug related problems throughout their lifetime. Students from the Alternative Pathways Center, the Old Orchard Beach High School Alternative Program, the Kennebunk High School Alternative Program, and the Bonny Eagle High School Alternative Program participated in these combined workshops.

Project COOR ECHO: Seven coalition members participated in a ten-month pilot program: the Community Opioid Overdose Response Extension for Community Health Outcomes program, with the goal of working collaboratively with other communities throughout Maine to decrease drug overdose deaths.

Recovery Workforce Job Fair: Project Alliance co-sponsored the 2nd Annual Biddeford Recovery Workforce Job Fair in which 28 job seekers attended, spoke with potential employers, and participated in resume workshops.

Responsible Beverage Service Trainings: Two RBS trainings were held in Old Orchard and in Kennebunkport for area restaurant staff. 45 individuals participated in the trainings from 14 different establishments in York County. The purpose of these trainings are to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors and already intoxicated individuals.

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment: This year wrapped up our two year participation in Project ACCESS Communities of Practice (America’s Community Coalitions Expanding SBIRT). In collaboration with Choose to Be Healthy, Project Alliance offered two SBIRT trainings: Intro to SBIRT was attended by 15 members of the Maine Association of School Nurses, and Nuts and Bolts of Implementing SBIRT in Your School was attended by 12 school staff from York County.

Sticker Shock: 45 students from Kennebunk High School participated in two separate Sticker Shock events throughout the year with 12 retail stores participating. Sticker Shock is a program that raises awareness about underage drinking.

Table Talks: 5 parent volunteers participated in the filming of Table Talks: Parents Connecting for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth. Short clips will be made available to show on social media in coming months.