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**The Project Alliance Coalition Presents Decrease the Stigma.**

Saco, ME – The Project Alliance Coalition in partnership with Kennebunkport Public Health, Kennebunk Police Department, Louis T. Graves Memorial Library, and Portland Public Health will present the Decrease the Stigma Event which will surround the topic of substance use disorders. This event will take place every second Thursday of the month at the Louis T. Graves Memorial Library in Kennebunkport ME. These events will feature short videos, public speakers, and panels with both experts in the field and passionate community members as well as a free naloxone training and distribution.

Project Alliance is proud to bring this event to Northern York County because with the rise of the opioid epidemic in the state of Maine, education surrounding substance use disorders is in high demand. These monthly events will feature discussion about substance use disorder, and related topics, to deepen the community’s awareness and understanding of this epidemic. We will be offering a free naloxone training during each event where participants will be able to walk away with the knowledge on how to save someone’s life as well as their own Naloxone to carry with them.

This is a free community event anyone is allowed to attend though reservations will be required. To sign up, look out for posters with a QR code or email Morgan Bates at mbates3@une.edu to reserve your spot.

Learn how you can start to decrease the stigma surrounding substance use disorder and how to save a life in just one hour! We look forward to seeing you there!