



Whatcom Prevention Coalition



Whatcom Prevention Coalition Mission:

"build safe and healthy communities by providing leadership, promoting prevention, and building partnerships that mobilize youth, families, and neighborhoods to reduce substance abuse and other destructive behaviors among youth and the broader community."

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The Whatcom Prevention Coalition (WPC) has a history of providing community strategies through leadership, experience, and resources designed for the community. Through community discussions, education, coalition and community trainings, and advocacy, we are building a stronger community that reduces substance abuse in Whatcom County. We are always looking for diverse representation. So come, have fun, get engaged, and share your assets with the community!

Values:

- Everyone has something to contribute, especially our youth
- There is benefit in connecting people to the community, and to their passions

Projects:

Many of WPC's efforts have focused on creating the type of community we want to work, live, and play in. While this has meant starting new projects to meet emerging needs at time times, we've also done a lot to support ongoing efforts that build on existing strengths in the community. The following is a list of current and past efforts coordinated by WPC:

- Drug Free Communities Support Grant
- Prevention Redesign Initiative (Ferndale High School and Shuksan Middle School)
- "Conversations That Matter" community events
- Community Engagement-outdoor activities
- Adverse Childhood Experiences Training
- Town Hall Meetings on Underage Drinking
- Gang prevention education and planning
- Community Assessment and Planning

Existing Resources to Address Local Problems:

The Whatcom Prevention Coalition coordinates services through a variety of funding sources, including Drug Free Communities Grant, Local Sales Tax, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery, Community Mobilization Against Substance Abuse, and the Family Policy Council. Resources from Educational Service District #189 also provide school-based Prevention/Intervention Specialists. Beyond direct funding, coalition's members provide a range of essential knowledge, skills, experience, and other resources that continue to benefit Whatcom County.



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Whatcom County Information:

Whatcom County shares boundaries with both the Canadian border and with the Pacific Ocean. It is home to a population of over 201,000 people. It contains seven school districts and many additional private and alternative schools. It is also home to Lummi and Nooksack tribes.

Community Strengths:

In a 2011 survey, local community members identified strengths and resources in the community. Content from their responses have been transformed into word clouds through Wordle™, capturing many existing assets in the community.



Partners

- Bellingham School District
- Blaine School District
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Campus Community Coalition
- Communities In Schools
- Community to Community Development
- Educational Service District (ESD) #189
- Ferndale School District
- Local Parents
- Lummi CEDAR Project
- Meridian School District
- Planned Parenthood
- Seamar Visions
- Whatcom County Health Department
- Whatcom County Traffic Safety Team
- Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
- Whatcom Family & Community Network



What's your passion?

Local data shows that individuals that are connected to their passions, as well as their community, demonstrate healthier behaviors and are at less risk for substance abuse and other problems.

