

Bremerton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Strategic Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview of Plan

The Bremerton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (Coalition) is a grassroots volunteer organization formed in May of 2012 for the purpose of mobilizing the Bremerton community to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse in the Bremerton School District Catchment area. The City of Bremerton, located in Kitsap County, lies east of the Olympic Mountains directly across Puget Sound from Seattle. Kitsap County is located in the Puget Sound region of Western Washington, surrounded on the east by the Sound and on the west by Hood Canal. . Bremerton is the county's largest city with a population of 39,051 (2010 Census). The largest employer is the Federal defense agency which includes the Naval Base Kitsap, combined into one employer now with Bangor Naval Base, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Bremerton, and Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport. Bremerton's Puget Sound Naval Shipyard continues to service U.S. Navy ships and its yard employs 8,000 civilians and as many active duty military work aboard ships or for the yard's attendant commands.

The mission of the Bremerton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (Coalition) is to:

- ❖ Provide opportunities for youth to be in a safe and substance free environment while they move from surviving to thriving.
- ❖ Coordinate and generate resources for youth, families, and the Bremerton community.
- ❖ Develop a unified message to end substance abuse and communicate common values of respect.
- ❖ Empower today's youth to be Bremerton's better tomorrow!

We have completed the Strategic Planning Framework including assessing the resources and needs of the community. Community needs were then prioritized. We have completed the process of selecting strategies and activities to alleviate our prevention needs in Bremerton.

