

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION

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The following Logic Model identifies priorities of the Cusick/Usk community as identified by local data and research of the Panther Country Coalition. The Coalition began its work in August, 2013. The initial core members were recruited the previous January during a Community Town Hall focusing on Drug Education, Community Connectedness, and Youth Drug Prevention. Members made a commitment then to collaborate with WA State’s Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery and Pend Oreille County’s Prevention department to create and implement a Strategic Plan to address the needs of the community in order to reduce youth substance abuse and its related consequences. The coalition has grown to include 11 sectors of the community. Its members include the town of Cusick’s Mayor, the Pend Oreille County Sheriff, community leaders from the Kalispel Tribe, and representation from the Cusick School District, local churches, and WSU Extension. We used this Logic Model as our guide in mapping out our most prominent concerns which forced us to dig deeper to identify the contributing factors that were specific to our local conditions.

