

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

OVERVIEW OF PLAN

Mission: The Coalition mission statement reflects the thoughtful assessment of the community and provides the focus for our goal setting and planning, both in the current climate and in the years to come. Forks Community Coalition Mission: “Our mission is to foster positive, healthy choice-making among the youth of Forks by partnering with families and the broader community to implement best-practice/science based prevention strategies.”

Service Area: Forks Washington is located in the west end of Clallam County and is a rural community with a strong link to the Quileute Tribe and HOH Tribe. The geographical area to be served is Forks (pop. 3,552) and the surrounding areas including members of Hoh Tribe (27 miles south of Forks, pop. 227) and the Quileute Tribe (25 miles southeast of Forks, pop. 2000)

Selected Priorities: The first formal introduction to the Prevention Redesign Initiative occurred in October 2012. A two and a half hour training was developed to introduce over 25 participants to the Strategic Prevention Framework. This framework was the foundation to our work throughout the entire strategic planning process. In working to achieve the goals of the coalition, it is crucial that all facets of the community are represented in the Strategic Prevention Framework of assessment, capacity building, planning, implementation, evaluation and sustention of the coalition. To that end the Coalition mission focuses on collaboration throughout the diverse segments of Forks. Embracing Hawkins and Rico F. Catalino’s risk and protective factor approach, Forks Community Coalition identified risk and protective factors across the four domains the science has demonstrated to be psychosocial predictors of adolescent substance abuse.

- Community Domain: Community Connectedness (R) and Favorable Community Laws and Norms (R)
- School Domain: Lack of Rewards and Recognition (R) and Low Commitment to School (R)
- Family Domain: Poor Family Management (R)
- Individual Domain: Early Initiation of Problem Behavior (R), Perception of Harm (R), and Favorable Attitudes (R)

Strategies and Activities:

Because youth substance abuse is such a prevalent issue throughout the community, affecting all religious, cultural and socio-economic groups, the Coalition focuses directly on that issue.

- Coalition Development, Community engagement, outreach activities, and Forks Community Coalition website planning, development, management
- Public Awareness Campaign, Support of statewide and locally developed media campaign
- Environmental Strategies, Drug Policy review at Quillayute Valley School District
- Prevention/Intervention Services School---Based Intervention Services to students
- Direct Services Parenting Skills Education, Youth Social development strategy projects, Other school and community based best and innovative practices

Implementation and Evaluation:

Forks Community Coalition will begin implementation September 2013. Collaborative partners will include Quillayute Valley School District, youth serving agencies, and local law enforcement. Evaluation of strategies will be conducted to determine effectiveness. Changes will be made to the plan to enhance effectiveness of coalition on an as needed basis.