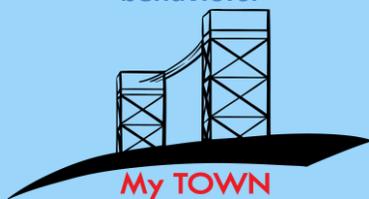


Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

Coalition Mission

To build a safer and healthier community by providing leadership, promoting prevention and building partnerships that mobilize youth, families, and neighborhoods to reduce substance abuse and other destructive behaviors.



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My TOWN Coalition Hoquiam WA



About the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI):

CPWI is a partnership of state agencies, counties, schools and local prevention coalitions supporting communities in preventing alcohol and other drug abuse and its negative consequences. Our highest priority is to reduce underage drinking among 8th and 10th grade students. By providing evidence-based practices and promoting the positive changes in communities, we can build healthier communities.

About the Coalition: Communities and Schools Working Together

My TOWN coalition was founded in July of 2013 in response to an invitation from our state partner (DBHR) to focus prevention efforts in Hoquiam. Our community realized the benefits of working together to address the specific problem of underage substance use and is passionate about student achievement. Members and partners include: Hoquiam School District; ESD 113/True North Student Assistance Program; Juvenile Justice Staff; faith-based community; City of Hoquiam administrators; youth and community-serving organizations; local media; parents; and concerned citizens.

During this inaugural year of development, coalition members have invested significant time and energy into establishing a plan of action and making connections that will directly benefit the youth and community in Hoquiam. This groundwork will serve as the foundation of a successful community effort to reduce youth substance use and improve the quality of life.

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About Our Community

History (excerpt taken from: <http://cityofhoquiam.com>) :

Upon the Hoquiam River, in Grays Harbor County, where the fresh water empties into the sea, is the little town of Hoquiam, Washington. From its earliest history through the rough-and-tumble era of lumber barons and labor radicals, Hoquiam's history has been inextricably tied to the vast, dense woods that surround the town.

Hoquiam continues to hold onto the roots of the past and local leaders are enthusiastic about finding industry that will build and sustain the economic health of the community into the future.

Hoquiam is the second largest city in Grays Harbor County and has an estimated population of 8,682 people with the following demographic profile:

- 83.6% white; 4.5% American Indian or Alaskan Native; with the balance being composed of African American, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, or other
- Approximately 11.4% of the population reports being of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
- The median household income is \$31,329
- An estimated 27% of Hoquiam residents live at or below the poverty level

Some of the challenges our community faces related to substance use are ease of access, favorable attitudes toward substance use and low perception of harm from use.

About Prevention Programs in our Community

The goals and strategies of this coalition are to decrease youth substance use by implementing social norms marketing campaigns; partnering with our city and schools on alcohol availability policies; supporting implementation of Project Success in Middle and High School; implementing LifeSkills Training in elementary school; supporting school based programs and initiatives such as Truancy Support Board and a youth prevention team.

Success will be measured through program pre/post tests, the annual community survey, Healthy Youth Survey and coalition assessment tools.