

Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

CSDFCC's Mission

"To unite the community in an effort to create a safe community free of alcohol, drugs and violence."



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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

The Central Seattle Drug Free Communities Coalition (CSDFCC) was founded in 2008 in an effort to address the lack of prevention services in the schools and community following the elimination of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities grant. The coalition was awarded a Drug Free Communities grant that year. Central Seattle became a CPWI community in 2011 which allowed the coalition to fund direct services in addition to the environmental strategies funded under DFC. Under CPWI, the coalition is involved with Washington Middle School and Garfield High School.

The coalition works closely with key stakeholders involved in various efforts related to substance abuse prevention and crime prevention. The CSDFCC collaborates with the schools, human service providers, civic organizations, government, law enforcement, the faith community, health care organizations, and the private sector, including: Seattle Public Schools; Seattle Neighborhood Group; East Precinct Advisory Council; Therapeutic Health Services; Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative; Seattle Children's Hospital; Washington Asian Pacific Islander Families Against Substance Abuse; and Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

Because Central Seattle is an urban area with a diverse population, there are many coalitions and other groups that exist there and that can serve as competition for the base of interested and available volunteers. A key strength of CSDFCC is its continued outreach to the schools, including working with the Garfield PTSA around issues of drugs and alcohol associated with hazing rituals. The coalition has also been able to bring youth and adults together to create some community murals that serve as points of pride in the neighborhood. One such mural, painted in 2012, is one of the only places on the street that has not been tagged with graffiti. Another strength has been a continued emphasis on youth development and leadership opportunities for youth, including taking youth to the Prevention Summit and Spring Youth Forum.

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About Our Community

Central Seattle is an inner-city neighborhood (zoned as urban) and home to 28,328 (per Census 2000) residents east of downtown Seattle. Its target community is located across several transitional neighborhoods in the central core of Seattle, WA. Central Seattle has historically one of the most racially and ethnically diverse neighborhoods in Seattle. Its demographics and aspects of diversity include:

Race/ Ethnicity: Caucasian, 48%; African American, 33%; Asian, 8%; Hispanic, 7%; Native American, 1%; Other, 3%; more than 20% of population speak languages other than English.

Median Income: \$33,449

For many years, Seattle's Central Area has been characterized by poverty, crime, violence, gang activity, and substance abuse. Gentrification has also been a factor in socioeconomic discrepancies. CSDFCC has collaborated with community partners to address these issues including the "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design" process to assess areas conducive to drugs and crime.

About Prevention Programs in our Community

CSDFCC has identified goals including decreasing the risk associated with community laws and norms favorable to drug use in Central Seattle; decreasing the risk associated with family management problems; decreasing the risk associated with early initiation of drug use among Central Seattle students; and increasing opportunities for prosocial involvement among Central Seattle students. The coalition is addressing these goals through strategies including Community Based Process, Environmental, and Education.

In addition to the work of the coalition, CSDFCC is implementing a Positive Community Norms Campaign, Guiding Good Choices, Opportunities for Prosocial Youth Involvement, Life Skills, Project Alert, and SPORT. These programs serve students at Washington Middle School and Garfield High School, as well as area parents and community members. The results of these programs are measured through the use of pre and post surveys. Other surveys such as the Healthy Youth Survey and bi annual youth and parent surveys also indicate the success of prevention strategies.