

Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

Coalition Mission

“To educate, empower, and mobilize Southeast Seattle to ensure our kids are safe, happy, and healthy so they can learn. To reduce and prevent youth substance abuse and violence in Southeast Seattle using culturally appropriate strategies.”



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SE Seattle P.E.A.C.E. Coalition

Prevention Education and Action for Community Empowerment

Southeast Seattle, Washington

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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 SE Seattle P.E.A.C.E. Coalition is a community group founded in 2012 to keep Southeast (SE) Seattle youth safe, healthy and happy so they can learn. We strive to bring together all sectors of the community to maximize our impact on youth and families. This includes schools, healthcare professionals, government, parents, youth, media, youth-serving organizations, religious and fraternal organizations, businesses, civic and volunteer groups, mental health and substance abuse agencies, law enforcement, as well as individual community members.

A challenge for the coalition is engaging the multiple different language and cultural groups that make up SE Seattle. A success for the Coalition is building the capacity of representatives from different ethnic groups to incorporate prevention programming into their community.

Our Coalition has a full time drug prevention specialist at Aki Kurose Middle School and successfully organized ethnic specific parenting classes, supported positive afterschool youth leadership activities, and educated youth and parents about the risks of substance abuse.

The Coalition is staffed by Neighborhood House and funded by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services - Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, King County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Program, Puget Sound Educational Service District, Seattle Public Schools, Aki Kurose Middle School Academy and Therapeutic Health Services.

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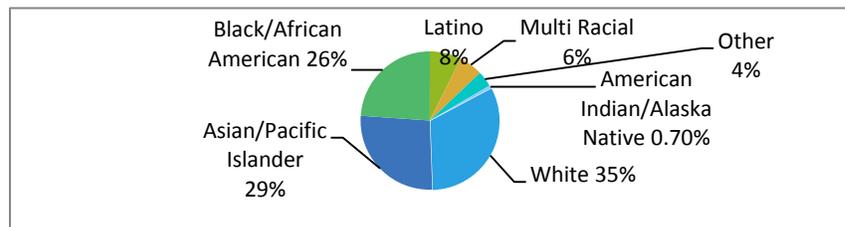
For more information about CPWI visit:

<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/dapr/eventionservices.shtml>



About Our Community

SE Seattle is one of the most diverse urban neighborhoods within the United States. Here you will find a community with a population of 40,305 (2010 US Census), over 60 languages spoken, 41% other languages than English spoken in the home, 31% foreign born, and 16% living below the federal poverty level. The area median income is \$40,000 (annual income for family of three). SE Seattle is home to a diverse group of people including Seattle's largest population of immigrant and refugee families:



Strengths of SE Seattle include its diversity as well as various community groups and different faith-based communities. A challenge for the community is lack of resources at all levels and historic oppression and marginalization.

About Prevention Programs in our Community

The SE Seattle P.E.A.C.E. Coalition developed a strategic plan with the following goals: a) increase community connectedness and reduce community disorganization, b) decrease policies, laws and norms favorable to drug and alcohol use, c) decrease favorable attitudes toward drug use among youth and adults, d) increase bonding among youth and their peers, and e) decrease the risk associated with family management problems.

We are implementing our Action Plan to increase community, school, youth and family protective factors and decrease risk factors associated with substance abuse and mental health problems. The Coalition is carrying out various strategies and activities to reduce youth substance abuse, and associated issues such as, mental health problems, truancy, school dropout and violence including:

- Monthly Coalition meetings and annual community events
- Drug prevention classes and groups for youth affected by substance abuse
- Programs to provide parents/families with parenting tips and tools
- Media campaigns to promote alcohol and other drug prevention
- Youth education to help youth make healthy and safe decisions
- Case management program to support at-risk middle school students
- Policy development and advocacy to prevent youth substance abuse
- "206 Rising" – our youth engagement campaign through music and arts, www.206rising.org or www.facebook.com/206rising

Each strategy is evaluated for effectiveness and we update our Action Plan annually to ensure we have the greatest impact possible.