

Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities



Our mission is to educate and mobilize the community in reducing substance use among our youth so that they may thrive and reach their full potential in a safe and healthy environment.

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Orting Standing Together On Prevention (OSTOP)



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

OSTOP was founded 8 years ago and has gone through many changes over the years, but continues to do great work. The coalition receives the CPWI funding and is also the recipient of a Drug Free Communities Grant. The coalition has been successful in helping to get a Social Host Ordinance passed in the City of Orting, as well as a marijuana moratorium.

The coalition has been rebuilding membership over the year and is pleased with the representation of new members. This includes people from the City Council, faith community, school district personnel, business community, youth serving organization, and parents. Recently, OSTOP joined forces with The Haven Teen Center and will be looking to increase youth participation in the coalition.

OSTOP has faced many challenges and changes over the years, but still remains a constant presence in the schools and community. We have consistently brought curriculum to students in the schools, parent education to the community, and support to community events. Our school-based prevention teams help spread prevention messages to youth. OSTOP has successfully held a community banquet, secured a prescription drop-box and hosted a safe and drug free Trunk or Treat activity on Halloween.

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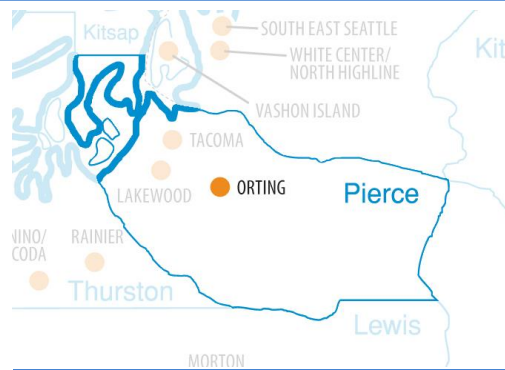
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About Our Community

OSTOP serves the small rural town of Orting (nestled in the foothills of Mt. Rainier 20 miles southeast of Tacoma), the Prairie Ridge/South Prairie area and the Deer Run-Graham neighborhoods. Orting School District serves 2,394 students in four schools, which includes the race/ethnic breakdown as follows: American Indian/Alaskan Native 0.4%, Asian 1.0%, Pacific Islander 0.5%, Black 0.8%, Hispanic 12.1%, White 77.9%, and two or more races 7.4%. The free and reduced lunch rate of the students is 38.1%. The total population of Orting is estimated at 6,700.

Orting is known as a bedroom community; most of the population commutes to the city for work. This leaves many Orting youth with no supervision and nothing to do, increasing the risk of using drugs and alcohol and engaging in delinquent behaviors.

About Prevention Programs in our Community

OSTOP's primary goals are to:

- increase community collaboration
- decrease and delay the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs
- build cross-cultural relationships

We will reach these goals by collaborating with key community stakeholders to implement evidence-based prevention practices, such as Project SUCCESS, Project Alert, Curriculum Based Support Group, and the Incredible Years parenting programs.

OSTOP has partnered with the Opportunity Center of Orting to help support programs through the Haven Youth Center, which provides positive, safe and sober activities for middle and high school students in the Orting community.

Results will be measured through program surveys, community surveys, and increased participation in the coalition and supported activities. Outcomes will be reviewed annually and promoted to community members through the OSTOP newsletter.