

Executive Summary of Rainier Community Coalition

What	Mission:	<i>Rainier youth, families and community working together to build a safe environment, create positive opportunities and enhance community pride.</i>
	Theory of Change:	<p><i>The Rainier Coalition used the Risk and Protective Factor Framework supporting the public health model. Our theory of change: If the community comes together and implements multiple strategies to address youth use of alcohol and other drugs by reducing the risk factors and increasing the protective factors, youth will use less and will be safer and healthier.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Community connectedness and cooperation is one intervening variable we intend to influence.</i> <p><i>Selected risk factors include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Community laws and norms favorable toward alcohol and drug use</i> • <i>Favorable attitudes toward underage drinking and drug use</i> • <i>Poor family management</i>
	Strategies:	<i>Community-based process, information dissemination, education, alternatives, environmental strategies</i>
	Operating Principles:	<i>We believe in broad community involvement and inclusion in strategic planning and implementation. Our coalition includes representatives from schools, parents, youth, government, nonprofit organizations, faith communities and community members.</i>
How	Programs/ Projects/ Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Monthly coalition meetings and project workgroup meetings as needed</i> • <i>Parenting education and family support and advocacy</i> • <i>Supporting youth activities and education</i> • <i>Environmental strategies of reducing access, changing consequences and, in the long term, changing policies</i>
	Structure:	<i>A community coalition with a local Community Advisory Group, Youth Advisory/Project Workgroup and additional project workgroups as needed based on current objectives. The Thurston County Core Workgroup provides technical assistance and ensures grant requirements are met.</i>
	Operational Functioning:	<i>Membership includes four basic categories: individual and organizational members (with voting and leadership responsibilities) and individual and organizational partners (those who support the mission and work on specific projects). Decisions are generally made by consensus but a formal vote may be made when needed. Important decisions can be postponed to allow for email voting allowing for greater involvement and clearer decisions.</i>
Resources	Funding:	<i>Public and private sources, including DBHR's Prevention Redesign Initiative.</i>
	Support:	<i>Coalition volunteers, technical assistance from DBHR, Thurston County, ESD 113, in-kind support from Rainier School District, program support from the National Guard's anti-drug task force and TOGETHER!</i>