

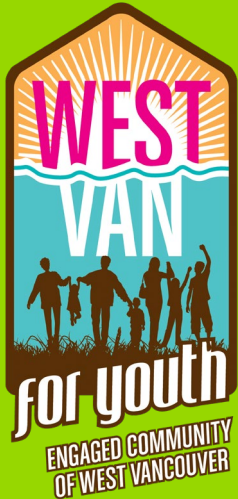
Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

Coalition Mission

Engaged community.
Healthy youth.
Bright futures.

West Van for Youth builds community to promote healthy choices and reduce youth substance use so our young people can grow into resilient and healthy adults.



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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 & Schools Working Together

As part of the CPWI in Clark County, the Clark County Department of Community Services has provided a part-time Coalition Coordinator. The key role of the coordinator is to facilitate the work of coalition members in utilizing the Strategic Prevention Framework to develop a comprehensive action plan based on local data and strategic planning. Educational Service District 112 has placed a full-time Student Assistance Professional (SAP) at Discovery Middle School. A key role of the SAP is to assist with planning and implementing prevention strategies in the school and in the surrounding community. SAPs from both Discovery Middle School and Hudson's Bay High School are members of the West Van for Youth coalition. The Vancouver School District has a strong network of Family Community Resource Centers (FCRC). FCRC's create a strong foundation for student learning by coordinating resources for families. These resources include basic needs such as food, clothing, emergency housing, healthcare and mental health services. West Vancouver FCRC's (Discovery Middle School and Fruit Valley Elementary School) are members of the West Van for Youth coalition.



About Our Community

The geographic area being targeted is currently home to an estimated 47,339 individuals. Among those, approximately 20% of individuals are under 18 years old. West Vancouver includes six elementary schools, one middle school, one high school and one magnet school that include 6th-12th grade students.

Using WA State Office of Financial Management, Forecasting Division (2018) data as a proxy indicator of race and ethnicity, 87% of residents identify as White, 13% as Hispanic or Latino, 5% as two or more races, 3% as Black, 3% as Asian, 1% as Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 1% as American Indian/Alaskan Native.

Over the last 17 years, the city of Vancouver has been in the process of revitalizing the city's downtown area. West Vancouver is the central urban area of all Clark County and has a high density of resources, services and pro-social activities to support youth and families. West Vancouver has also seen an increase of active alcohol and marijuana retailers since I-1183 privatized alcohol and I-502 marijuana legalization. We work collectively to celebrate our communities' strengths and build partnerships to reduce youth access of alcohol and marijuana by seeking solutions from our community: business, youth, parents, law enforcement, civic/volunteer groups, healthcare professionals, media, school, youth-serving organizations, religious/fraternal organizations, state/local/tribal government, substance abuse organizations, chemical dependency treatment, and mental health services.

About Prevention Programs in our Community

West Van for Youth has created a strategic plan based on local data that includes public awareness strategies, environmental strategies and direct services to parents and youth. WVY has the following goals:

- Increase community connectedness and readiness to address ATOD issues with coalition meetings, community events, supporting "Healthy Transitions, Healthy Choices", National Red Ribbon Campaign at Discovery, and Public Awareness Campaigns
- Improve community norms through a Positive Community Norms Campaign.
- Increase healthy beliefs and clear standards among families through parenting and family education Guiding Good Choices
- Improve family management with family education (Incredible Years)
- Decrease favorable attitudes toward problem behaviors among students with implementation of Project Success.
- Increase healthy beliefs and clear standards in schools by reviewing and revising school policies
- The Coalition will evaluate progress through the following assessments: community surveys, coalition assessment tool, Healthy Youth Survey, and pre and post surveys.

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