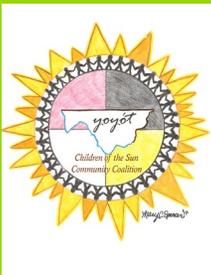


Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

Coalition Mission

Children of the Sun Community Coalition will work collaboratively with the Spokane Indian Reservation community in a partnership with the entire community to address the opioid crisis through education, awareness, support, mentoring, and inspiring a positive healthy environment.



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Children of the Sun Community Coalition

On the Spokane Indian Reservation



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. CPWI priorities include reducing underage drinking, marijuana use and opioid misuse/abuse among middle and high school aged youth. By providing evidence-based practices and promoting the positive changes in communities, we can build healthier communities.

About the Coalition: Communities & Schools Working Together

Children of the Sun Community Coalition is a volunteer organization dedicated to transforming our culture from the drug epidemic by educating, inspiring, mentoring, and promoting togetherness within our local community.

- Our vision is to have drug free youth living in a healthy community that supports and encourages their positive choices.
- Our plan is to reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors associated with youth opioid abuse as well as other substance abuse in our community.
- We are a group of leaders who are passionate about our youth in our community and we are committed to working together to fight the opioid crisis.



- Our leaders within our coalition consist of key individuals who make up sectors of representations including but not limited to; parents,

youth, elders, mental health professionals, VFW staff, Housing Authority Staff, Tribal Planning Department Staff, youth center staff, David C. Wynecoop Memorial Clinic staff, and Wellpinit School District.



About Our Community

The Spokane Indian Reservation was established in 1881. It is located approximately 55 miles northwest of Spokane, Washington in Stevens County Washington, and consists of 159,000 acres in Northeast Washington.

There are currently 2,900 enrolled tribal members. The Spokane Indian Reservation itself has a population of 2,094. Nearly 80% of the total on-reservation population is estimated to be American Indian.

About Our Prevention Programs

The Children of the Sun Community Coalition believes it is important to identify the risk and protective factors that both contribute to and resist youth substance use within our community, the Spokane Indian Reservation. We will improve circumstances within each of the individual/peer, family, school and community domains to reduce youth use of opioids and other substances. Strategies that will increase positive change start with coalition efforts to increase community readiness to address youth substance use: to prevent and reduce use of alcohol, tobacco, and opioids among youth in our Tribal community.

Utilizing the comprehensive strategies below, we hope to reduce opioid use:

- Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) to increase positive self-perception and sense of belonging.
- Strengthening Families Program 10-14, a parent education program that increases positive family communication interactions.
- Innovative Community-Based Cultural Mentoring Program to grow relationships between youth and adults while tying in cultural values and skill sets related to the Spokane Tribal Traditions.
- SPORT is a single session, substance abuse prevention program and training that promotes wellness for young adults and youth.
- Life Skills, a school-based youth education program which involves teacher-student interactions and learning about drug prevention.
- A Student Assistant Professional stationed in the Wellpinit School District that will implement the Project SUCCESS program and complete student screenings, referrals for assessments, and prevention services as needed.



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