

Tenino, Rainier areas will get state anti-drug funds

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: State money awarded to Rainier, Tenino districts to fight problems

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- The areas served by the Rainier and Tenino school districts will receive state money to help keep young people from abusing alcohol and drugs, according to a news release.

HOW TO HELP

To find out how to get involved with the Rainier or Tenino coalitions, contact Together at 360-493-2230.

MORE INFORMATION

For information about prevention and intervention services for adolescents, call the ESD 113 True North Student Assistance and Treatment Program at 360-339-8100.

Also according to the release:

The support includes funding for training, technical assistance and community- and school-based substance-abuse prevention programs. It comes from the state Department of Social and Health Services' Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery.

Thurston County Public Health and Social Services will develop prevention activities with two coalitions that will be formed in Rainier and Tenino/Bucoda. The coalitions will include a large range of residents, such as young people, parents and grandparents, teachers, police officers, civic and volunteer groups, tribal representatives and youth-serving organizations. Together, a Thurston County nonprofit group that seeks to prevent youth violence and substance abuse, is coordinating the new coalitions.

School-based efforts will be managed by Educational Service District 113 in collaboration with local school districts and the coalitions. Staff specialists in adolescent substance-abuse prevention, intervention and treatment will be assigned to serve middle and high school students. One specialist will serve youths in the Rainier School District; another will be in the Tenino district. The districts will provide office space and support for the specialists.

Sherri McDonald, the director of the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department, said the cities were chosen based on factors including school absenteeism, abuse and neglect, families receiving state assistance, and below-average academic performance.

The Rainier and Tenino efforts are anticipated to continue through 2016

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