



Vancouver, Washington

Our vision is for a community which provides its youth an environment that is free of substance abuse.

Substance Free Youth Coalition

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West Vancouver

Coalition Overview:

The Substance Free Youth (SFY) was established in 2011 as a part of the Washington State Prevention Redesign Initiative (PRI). The coalition is focused on reducing substance abuse among youth in West Vancouver. The coalition is to include individuals from the following sectors: youth, parents, law enforcement, civic/volunteer groups, business, healthcare professionals, media, school, youth-serving organizations, religious/fraternal organizations, state/local/tribal government, substance abuse organizations, chemical dependency treatment, and mental health services. For information about the coalition and how you can be involved, please contact Tiffany Schwieterman at 360-397-2130 ext. 5841 or tiffany.schwieterman@clark.wa.gov.

Prevention Redesign Initiative (PRI):

The Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) began implementing PRI in 2011 by redirecting state prevention funding to better target and leverage limited prevention resources. PRI is being implemented through active partnerships with counties, Educational Service Districts (ESDs), local school districts, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The PRI focuses substance abuse prevention efforts in smaller geographic areas based upon need and community readiness to change. In Clark County, the West Vancouver and Washougal communities were selected to participate in PRI.

Community Resources:

As part of the PRI, 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 needs and strategic planning. Educational Service District 112 has placed a full-time Prevention/Intervention Specialist (P/I) at Discovery Middle School. A key role of the P/I is to assist with planning and implementing prevention strategies in the school and in the surrounding community. The Vancouver School District recently established a network of Family Community Resource Centers (FCRC). FCRCs create a strong foundation for student learning by coordinating resources for families. These resources include basic needs such as food, clothing, emergency housing, health care and mental health services.

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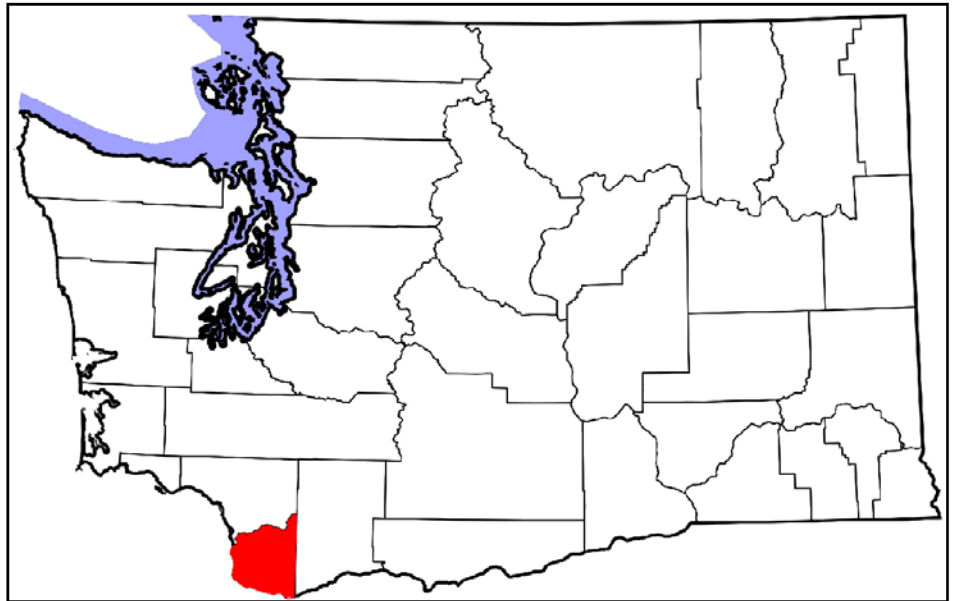
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Three elementary schools and one middle school within West Vancouver currently have a FCRC. Two West Vancouver Family Resource Center Coordinators (Discovery Middle School and Fruit Valley Elementary School) are members of the Substance Free Youth coalition.

Brief Community Profile

Highlights of Local Problems:

Clark County Healthy Youth Survey (2010 data) indicates that 15% of 8th graders and 28% of 10th graders used alcohol in the past 30 days. Youth perceptions that alcohol is easy to get are similar to the state average. In data related specifically to 10th and 12th graders, alarmingly over 50% of them say they get alcohol from friends or at a party. Of the 2,540 8th graders surveyed, 42% indicated they believe there is no/low risk of harm in trying marijuana 1-2 times. By 10th grade, the usage rate of marijuana in Clark County is 21%, which is similar to the statewide average. Also similar to the state rate, 7% of 8th graders and 14% of 10th graders indicate that they use tobacco. SFY is committed to reducing these rates in West Vancouver.

Demographic Information:

West Vancouver includes six elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and one magnet school that includes 6th-12th grade students. There is a population of 65,674 that is split relatively equal between males and females. The median age is 35. The average household income is \$36,436.00 with a range between \$30,000.00 and \$43,000.00 The combined community demographic information indicates that the population is 83% White, 2% Black, 8% Hispanic, 2% Asian, 1% Indian, .003% Hawaiian, and 4% who identified as other.

General Statistics

Community:

West Vancouver

Population:

65,674

Population Density:

Urban

Ethnic Diversity:

1% Am. Ind./AK Nat.
2% Asian/Pac. Is.
2% Black
4% Other
8% Hispanic
83% White

Average Household Income:

\$36,436

Coalition Founded:

2011