

# Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

## Coalition Mission

Our mission is to build a healthy community through prevention, education, and action.



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### About the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI)

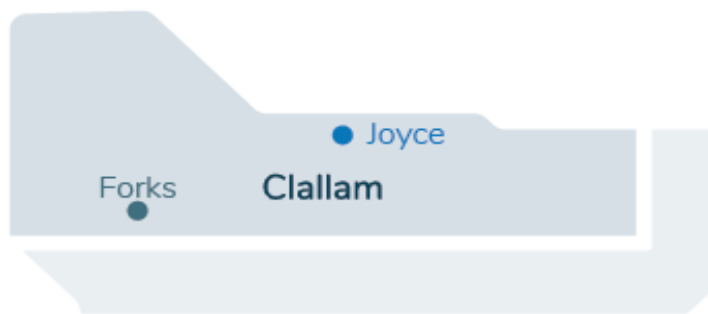
CPWI is a partnership of state agencies, counties, schools and local prevention coalitions supporting communities in preventing alcohol and other drug abuse and its negative consequences. CPWI priorities include reducing underage drinking, marijuana use and opioid misuse/abuse among middle and high school 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

Joyce became a CPWI community in 2016. Some of our accomplishments are:

- In partnership with Crescent Community Advisory Council an ordinance was adopted by the Clallam County Planning Commission prohibiting the sale of legalized cannabis within the Joyce Urban Growth Area. In our small rural town, a cannabis store would be right in the heart of our community.
- With the help of teachers and staff we have implemented many evidence based prevention programs in Crescent elementary, middle school and high school.
- Our coalition has been able to offer prevention trainings to many of our teachers, coalition members, community members and youth.

The Crescent United Coalition is represented by 10 sectors of our community. These sectors include school, youth, parents, local government, health care, youth serving organizations, faith-based organizations, business, law enforcement and substance abuse serving organizations.



## About Our Community

The Crescent /Joyce Community is a small, unincorporated community situated along the northern edge of the Olympic Peninsula between the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Olympic National Park to the south. The town is located about 15 miles west of Port Angeles, WA. There are approximately 2,757 residents in the community, including about 800 residents of the Lower Elwha Klallam tribe. Crescent United strives to support all families in the Crescent School District, including those who have opted to participate in the Home School Program (OPHC: Olympic Peninsula Home Connection).

Joyce has one school that includes Preschool-12<sup>th</sup> Grades. Including our home school program OPHC, Crescent School District serves a total of 348 students.

## About Prevention Programs in our Community

Our Strategies include the following prevention and education programs and evidence-based programs:

**PAX Good Behavior Game:** PAX GBG teaches students self-regulation, self-control, and self-management in the context of collaborating with others for peace, productivity, health, and happiness.

**SPORT Prevention Plus Wellness:** SPORT integrates substance abuse prevention with health promotion messaging to help minimize and avoid substance use while increasing healthy habits. This program is offered to Crescent 6<sup>th</sup> grade students during physical education class.

**Positive Action:** Positive Action program is a comprehensive coherent program that has components for all parts of the school, the family, and the community. The Positive Action Program is a weekly one-hour class offered to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Strengthening Families:** Strengthening Families is a research-informed approach to increase family strengths, enhance child development, and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect. We will be offering this 7-week course to families in our community in the spring of 2020.

Crescent Coalition strategies add to quality of life, safety, and health. We want to have the ability to address difficult topics by taking a comprehensive and collaborative approach to building relationships in the community. The coalition evaluates programs based on data collection.

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