

# Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

## Coalition Mission

To implement programs among Waterville youth to eliminate drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and their related negative consequences by developing a strong and active community coalition.



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## Waterville Drug Free Community Coalition

Waterville, WA



### 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

The Waterville Drug-Free Community Coalition was created in July 2013 after reviewing data from the Health Youth Survey conducted in the Waterville School in 2012. Prevention programs in the school were well received.

There are members from several sectors including youth, parents, business, media, schools, organizations serving youth, religious organizations, and healthcare professionals.

Our strengths include community support, and members from many sectors who focus on the well-being of youth regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity or creed. The Waterville Drug-Free Community makes information available to the public via community outreach to key leaders of the community at monthly Town Hall meetings and other efforts, such as articles in the Douglas County Empire Press and the Waterville Town Newsletter. Some of our challenges are educating our community about the dangers of marijuana. Since legalization, it appears the perception of harm has gone down. In addition, the nearest law enforcement department is 25 miles away.



## About Our Community

Waterville was founded in 1885 and incorporated in 1890. It was established as the Douglas County seat on May 2nd, 1887, with a population of several hundred. Waterville has a long history of wheat farming and the town itself has a total area of less than 1 square mile!

The coalition serves the community within the Waterville School District, which has 285 students from K-12. There are just over 1,100 residents in Waterville with the following demographics: 88% Caucasian, 6.2% Native American, 1.2% Asian and/or Pacific Islander, and 4.6% Latino and/or mixed race.

Because of the small community, resources are few in Waterville however, the School has been great to work with because of their willingness to help carry out our programs.

## About Prevention Programs in our Community

The coalition still believes that the greatest need for pro-social activities for youth are during the summer months and on weekends when there are no positive school activities. Currently the Waterville High School's prevention club works to offer many pro-social activities for youth during the school year.

Our programs implemented at the School District include:

- SPORT
- Positive Action
- Second Step
- Life Skills

Programs that reach our community include

- Social Norms Marketing
- Social Host Policy
- Various outreach events.

The results will be measured by the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey, Community surveys, School District Data and Law Enforcement Data.

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