

Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

Coalition Mission

Pasco Discovery Coalition is passionate about helping to reduce substance abuse among youth in our community, and it is our mission to; inspire future generations, build resilient communities, and connect caring organizations to build a safe, healthy, drug and alcohol-free community.



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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 practices and promoting the positive changes in communities, we can build healthier communities.

About the Coalition: Communities & Schools Working Together

The Pasco Discovery Coalition (PDC) was founded in 2010, originally as a sub-committee of the Benton-Franklin Substance Abuse Coalition. The PDC draws direction and passion from its wide variety of sector representatives. Working closely with our community we serve, we are able to provide a number of evidence-based programs in all areas of Pasco. Some of challenges we face include balancing the high need of our community with the resources available, and making sure our work is not only culturally competent, but culturally proficient.

Our members represent over 12 sectors from our community. Funded by State and Federal grants, we all agree to work together as a youth-focused coalition toward the common goal of a building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community.

We exist as a Community Coalition to:

- Building healthy and safe community environments.
- Expanding quality preventive services in clinical, community, and school settings.
- Empowering people to make healthy choices.
- Eliminate health disparities.



About Our Community

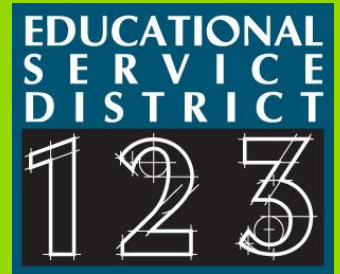
The Pasco Discovery Coalition serves the City of Pasco and its outlying areas within Franklin County, Washington. Pasco is one of three cities that make up the Tri-Cities — a mid-sized metropolitan area of approximately 279,116 people. Kennewick and Richland are the other two cities in the area. Pasco is home to a mix of races, economic status, ethnicities, and cultures. With a national Laboratory and nuclear energy facility in our backyard the Tri-Cities has the largest number of advanced degrees per capita in the state of Washington. An abundance of fertile land and warm dry climate brought a variety of grain, fruit, and vegetable crops to the area and a vibrant manufacturing sector to support both.

The Washington State Office of Financial Management, Forecasting Division reports 78,875 people residing in the city of Pasco, with the racial makeup of the city being 55% Hispanic or Latino, 39% White alone, 2% African American, 1% Native American, 2% Asian, 1% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders, and 3% Multi-Racial. Hispanic or Latino of any race represent 55.4% of the population. Pasco is a relatively young city with the majority (75%) under the age of 45 years and a median age of 28.5 years.

About Prevention Programs in our Community

Over the past eight years PDC has worked in tandem with key partners such as the Pasco School District and ESD123 to bring many evidence-based programs to Pasco area students, their parents, and the community at large. Our most successful programs have been, Second Step, Strengthening Families, Guiding Good Choices, and the PDC Youth Leadership Coalition (formerly ALAS). We have been fortunate to have many of our own Coalition members trained to facilitate each program in both English and Spanish.

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