

Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

Coalition Mission

Mission of the Shelton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition:

“Strengthen collaboration among Shelton Drug Prevention Coalition members and other community members and organizations in supporting efforts to reduce substance abuse and related problem behaviors and to increase healthy behaviors among youth by developing and implementing strategies in a culturally competent manner.”



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Shelton Substance Abuse

Prevention Education Partners (PEP)

About the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI)

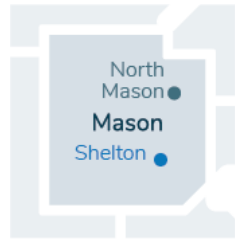
CPWI is a partnership of state agencies, counties, schools and local prevention coalitions supporting communities in preventing alcohol and other drug abuse and its negative consequences. CPWI priorities include reducing underage drinking, marijuana use and opioid misuse/abuse among middle and high school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

Shelton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition began in January 2014. We came together to address the high risks and needs in Shelton, Washington. The community youth have high incidence of risk factors across the family, community, peer, and school domains. Youth substance use is high in Shelton; because of this, the coalition works to reduce local risk factors, while increasing protective factors across the community through targeted prevention strategies and programming. We feel privileged to have the opportunity to specially address youth underage drinking, marijuana use, prescription drug abuse, and other local youth substance use/abuse.

Accomplishments: The coalition partners with ESD 113/True North and Thurston/Mason Family Education and Support Services FESS who provide evidence-based prevention services for youth in the Shelton School dist. and Feeder Schools. Environmental strategies and prevention education is provided by the Shelton CHOICE Alternative School Leadership Club. Who promote and assists the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Rx Take back box Project and the marijuana lock box project?

Our members include representation from The Shelton Police Dept, Mason County Probation Services, Shelton School Dist, Community Members, ESD 113/True North. Mental Health, Faith Based Treatment, Shelton CHOICE Leadership Club and Youth leaders, Substance Abuse Treatment, Coalition Coordinator, School, Nurse, Parents, Shelton Library, Hispanic Liaison, Opiate treatment and prevention services, The Squaxin Island and Skokomish Tribes.



About Our Community

The Coalition Catchment/target population is the area served by the Shelton School District in Mason County, Washington State. Shelton, is the only incorporated city in Mason County. It is also the largest. All schools are located within a ten-mile radius. The Shelton population (10,000) is small, yet the school district serves a large area of Mason County with a general population of approx. 61,000. Feeder school districts include Pioneer and Hood Canal Schools. The Hood Canal School has a large student population from the Skokomish Indian Tribe Shelton School Dist. Our Coalition plan addresses obvious needs like lack of opportunities for youth, but also the social norms, root causes of problem behaviors, and behavioral health concerns of the community. We actively recruit members of all ages and social backgrounds and work diligently to encourage dialog between members and groups of differing beliefs and experiences. The Shelton community has the opportunity to specifically address youth underage drinking, marijuana and Rx drug abuse through the Shelton Drug Prevention Coalition strategic prevention initiatives. Coalition strengths: Dedicated folks show up monthly to take on the work. Each month members talk strategy, and plan for the next activity. Challenges include: Local contract turn around and keeping key leaders' participation on regular basis. Regular Coalition Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month 4PM-5:15PM. At the Shelton Transit Center Family Education Support Office. Shelton, WA 98584 Meetings may occur virtually due to Covid-19 Please call 36-427-9670 x 545

About Prevention Programs in our Community

- Goals and Strategies; A few goals for the coalition are to:
 1. Increase Community Connectedness and increase Coalition membership.
 2. Increase family management skills and reduce family management problems.
 3. Decrease the availability of drugs for Mason County
 4. Decrease early initiation of risky behavior, underage drinking and other drug use.
 5. Monthly Coalition meetings: Serving the Shelton School District and feeder schools which include Pioneer, Hood Canal and South Side schools.
 1. Guiding Good Choices, Incredible Years and Strengthening Family Parenting Programs.
 2. CHOICE High School Media Awareness Starts with One Rx Take Back Promotion

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