

Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

Coalition Mission

Our mission is to consistently promote positive change for all creation by establishing community collaboration to prevent and reduce substance abuse (including alcohol, tobacco and marijuana) among youth and ultimately adults by addressing the factors in the community that increase the risk of substance abuse and by promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse.



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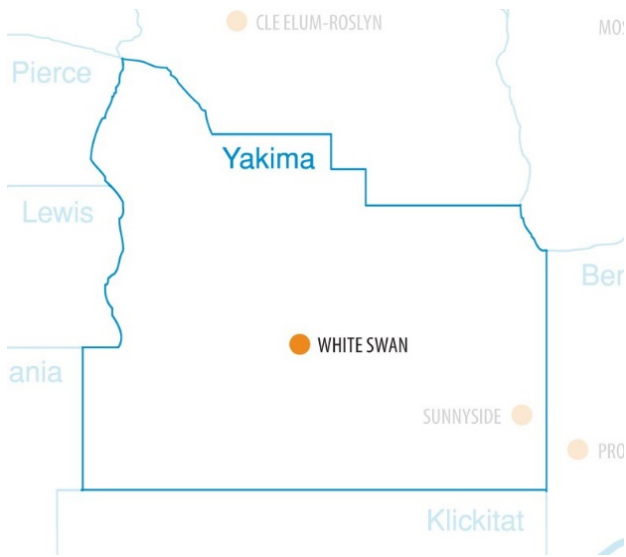


About the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI)

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

The White Swan Arts & Recreation Community Coalition is a dedicated group of parents, educators, law enforcement officers, business owners, religious and civic leaders, and local service providers that has been collaborating since 2006 to reduce youth substance use in the communities of White Swan, Brownstown, and Harrah. Together, the Coalition has reduced the 30-day alcohol use rate among 8th grades students, reduced motor vehicle fatalities, and supported the passage of a social host ordinance in the town of Harrah, Washington.



About Our Community

The White Swan Community Coalition serves the youth of the Mt. Adams School District. The children and youth of the Mt. Adams School District form a diverse student body with unique social and emotional needs. Housed on the Yakama Nation, the district serves a catchment area that includes the towns of Brownstown, Harrah, and White Swan. In total, 946 students are served in grades prekindergarten through twelve, 53% of whom are Native American, 38% Hispanic or Latino, and 5% White. Over 90% of the district's students are low-income and more than 10% of students have been identified as homeless. In addition, 10% of district students are migrant.

About Prevention Programs in our Community

Our highest priority is to reduce underage drinking and marijuana use among 8th and 10th grade students. In order to reduce underage substance abuse, we are working to 1) decrease low neighborhood attachment and community disorganization, 2) increase school, family, and community bonding, 3) reduce early initiation of problem behavior, 4) increase healthy beliefs, 5) decrease community laws and norms favorable to drug and alcohol abuse, and 6) decrease youth's favorable attitude toward substance abuse.

We implement a number of programs to achieve these goals, including the PAX Good Behavior Game, Strengthening Families, a Gathering of Native Americans (GONA), an Above the Influence media campaign, and Project Success. In addition, we support a very active youth group, the Dream Makers, and are working for the passage of a social host ordinance on the Yakama Nation.

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