Mission

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Prevention Coalition is a
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organization that strives
to reduce the negative
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associated with
underage substance use
while strengthening
community health,
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empowerment.

Vision

A community of healthy, resilient, and empowered youth and families

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Coalition Overview

The Soap Lake Prevention Coalition is a community-based organization consisting of key community members and partners whose goal is to address underage substance use and misuse and create a healthier environment in which youth can thrive. The Soap Lake Prevention Coalition strives to reduce usage rates of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, opioids, and other harmful substances by strengthening community partnerships, changing laws and norms, partnering with parents, advocating for youth, and implementing evidence-based education programs, and developing youth leadership and pro-social skills.

Community History

Soap Lake, Washington was officially incorporated on June 9, 1919. Soap Lake is in the center of Washington State, 20 miles north of interstate 90 between Seattle and Spokane, sitting in a desert environment. The lake in Soap Lake is a meromictic soda lake formed by the Missoula Floods at the foot of the Grand Coulee. Soap Lake gets its name from the naturally occurring foam that gives the water its soapy appearance, and because the lake's mineral-rich waters have a slick, soapy feel. The lake is approximately three-square miles in area and 70 feet deep. Soap Lake's mineral-rich waters have long been thought to have medicinal value.

The City of Soap Lake bills itself as, "Washington's Health Resort" and its name ultimately came from the word Smokiam, a Native American term which translates to, "healing waters".

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Goals

- -Increase neighborhood attachment
- -Decrease substance availability
- -Reduce favorable attitudes towards substance use
- -Delay early initiation of problem behaviors
- -Increase perceptions of risk and harm

Strategies & Programming

- -SPORT
- -PAX Good Behavior Game
- -Starts with One
- -Talk. They Hear You.
- -You Can
- -Healthy Alternatives
- -LCB Compliance Checks
- -Alcohol Stick Shock Campaign
- -Project Success
- -Educational Workshops

Meetings are held every 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM

