

Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities



Coalition Mission

To promote a healthier, drug and alcohol-free Granger through community wide education, advocacy aimed at prevention youth substance use™

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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

Granger Wellness Coalition (GWC) was founded in 2021. Granger's stakeholders merged to reinforce GWC. Key leaders including the Northwest Communities Education Centers (NCEC), and Granger School District (GSD) partnered with ESD 105 to provide support to GWC. This led to significant advancements in infrastructure essential to collaborative, multi sector prevention activities.

The goal was to seek help for our youth and our underserved community members in reducing risk and increasing protective factors in the Granger community. Additionally, resources in Granger are significantly limited. We have 10 sectors in our coalition. Sectors include parents, school district employees, health care, religious sector, state/government, youth-serving organizations, local businesses, volunteer and civic organizations, other substance use organizations, and the media sector. The coalition is working hard to get our youth sector at the table.

About Our Community

Located in Yakima County (Southcentral Washington State) Granger is a community with limited resources; rural and isolated with the closest urban center 30 miles away. The population is estimated at 3,756 (2019 ACS), 88% of whom are Hispanic/Latino and identify as Mexican or Mexican American. 63% of our community is under the age of 18 years and 19% of whom are living in poverty. The economy in and around Granger is largely agricultural and seasonal in nature leading to frequent and long periods of high unemployment among the adult population.

About Prevention Programs in our Community

After completing the Mabton Community Coalition Needs and Resources assessment and reviewing our Healthy Youth Survey, the Coalition decided to focus on strategies and programs that would be most effective for our community. We decided to focus on programs that would reduce risk factors identified through our assessments.

- Reduce community disorganization by Increasing community and coalition readiness to address alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD).
- Increase community readiness to address laws and norms favorable to drug use by Reducing social practices/policies favorable towards the use of alcohol and other drugs within the Granger School District.
- Reduce the availability of use by decreasing social access to alcohol, marijuana, and opioids through information dissemination.
- Decrease favorable attitudes towards use by Reducing the perception of risk of harm of alcohol and other drug use among youth (under 18).
- Decrease early and Antisocial Behavior by increasing opportunities, skills, and recognition to promote attachment to society, community, and/or school.
- Decrease early Initiation of the problem behavior by decreasing youth intention to use ATOD.
- Decrease family management problems by increasing family management skills within Granger community families.

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