

# Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

## Coalition Mission

The Mabton Community Coalition is an influential collaborative voice to promote a safe, alcohol, and drug-free environment for its youth while mobilizing the community by connecting resources and partners to create a safer Mabton.

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### Mabton, WA



### 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

Mabton Community Coalition was founded in September 2021 and received SOR and SABG funds from CPWI. The Mabton School District decided to apply for the CPWI grant since Mabton is a small rural community with limited resources. The goal was to seek help for our youth and our underserved community members in reducing risk and increasing protective factors in the Mabton community. Additionally, resources in Mabton are significantly limited. They have to travel about 10 miles to get to a pharmacy, clinic, or hospital.

We have 11 sectors in our coalition. Sectors include youth members, parents, school district employees, law enforcement, health care, 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 faith sector at the table.

One of the challenges for the coalition is vaping (of any kind) and the students utilizing it with a low perception of harm. Our strength is that all the coalition members are passionate about creating a safer community to reside in, and they are all very dedicated to the work they do. We continue to follow our coalition's Motto of "Building a Better Mabton!"

## About Our Community

The Mabton Community Coalition will serve the families of the Mabton School District. This School District serves the families within the city's boundary lines. The City of Mabton is a growing rural community, mostly made up of Hispanic families employed in occupations related to agriculture. This city is predominantly surrounded by agriculture as it is in the heart of Washington State's hop and grape-growing region. The Mabton School District serves 825 (mostly) Hispanic students. One-third of these (295) students are from migrant families. Mabton is rich in history as its first settlement began around 1884, which was approximately five years before Washington became a state in 1889, thanks to the Northern Pacific Railway station stop where the company had built a water tower. The City of Mabton was incorporated in the first decade of the twentieth century on November 7, 1905. Mabton is part of the lower Yakima Valley, located on the eastern edge of the Yakama Indian Reservation along the Yakima River.

There are two school buildings in the district which are Artz-Fox Elementary and the Mabton Middle School and Mabton Jr./Sr. High School are combined on the same campus.

## 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 Mabton 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 Mabton community families.

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