

# COMMUNITY PREVENTION & WELLNESS INITIATIVE

- PARTNERS FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

## Coalition Vision

The South Kitsap Coalition is concentrating efforts to provide a web of support to South Kitsap's, youth, parents and the entire community.

## Coalition Mission

To Strengthen the South Kitsap Community through culturally balanced connections that provide resources and opportunity for adolescents, to be in safe, substance free interactions and activities.

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## **SOUTH KITSAP SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION PORT ORCHARD, WA.**



### **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY & PREVENTION 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 SOUTH KITSAP SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION IS A GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION FORMED IN JUNE OF 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOBILIZING THE SOUTH KITSAP COMMUNITY TO PREVENT AND REDUCE YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THE COALITION WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH REPRESENTATION FROM YOUTH, EDUCATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HEALTHCARE, TREATMENT PROVIDERS, FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, VOLUNTEER GROUPS, PARENTS, BUSINESS, AND THE MEDIA TO EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO LIVE SUBSTANCE FREE.



## ABOUT THE SOUTH KITSAP COMMUNITY

SOUTH KITSAP, AS THE NAME SUGGESTS SITS AT THE SOUTHERN END OF KITSAP COUNTY. IT IS MADE UP OF APPROXIMATELY 100 SQUARE MILES OF MOSTLY RURAL LIVING. KITSAP COUNTY IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON THE WESTERN SHORES OF PUGET SOUND AND SURROUNDED ON 3 1/2 SIDES BY WATER. THE HUB OF SOUTH KITSAP IS THE SMALL TOWN OF PORT ORCHARD.

PORT ORCHARD IS THE COUNTY SEAT FOR KITSAP COUNTY, DIRECTLY ACROSS THE BAY FROM BREMERTON AND THE PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD, AND HOME TO MANY UNIQUE AND DIVERSE RESIDENTS. THE POPULATION OF SOUTH KITSAP IS AROUND 66,000 PEOPLE WITH AROUND 15,000 LIVING IN THE INCORPORATED CITY OF PORT ORCHARD.

## ABOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN SOUTH KITSAP

THE COALITIONS MAIN GOAL IS TO DECREASE YOUTH SUBSTANCE MISUSE. THIS GOAL WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH COMMUNITY-WIDE COLLABORATION, EDUCATION REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AND STRATEGIES TO PREVENT AND REDUCE YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE.

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES DESIGNED TO DECREASE YOUTH'S ACCESS TO ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS, SCHOOL-BASED INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION SERVICES COMBINED WITH ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT A SUBSTANCE-FREE LIFESTYLE WILL ASSIST YOUTH IN GOING FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING,

BY OFFERING AND EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TOPIC SPECIFIC PREVENTION EDUCATION INCLUDING STRATEGIES TO RECOGNIZE AND PREVENT YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE WE WILL IMPROVE RESILIENCY, COPING STRATEGIES, FAMILY COMMUNICATION AND OVERALL COMMUNITY PERCEPTION RELATED TO ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUGS,

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