

Whatcom Prevention Coalition

Through community discussions, education, trainings and advocacy we are building a stronger community to reduce substance abuse in Whatcom County. We believe that everyone has something to contribute, especially our youth, and that there is benefit in connecting people to their neighborhoods.

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to build safe and healthy communities by providing leadership, promoting prevention, and building partnerships that mobilize youth, families and neighborhoods to reduce substance abuse and other destructive behaviors among youth and the broader community.



Youth Matter!

Projects:

Many of the WPC's efforts have focused on creating the type of community we want to work, live, and play in. The following is a list of current and past efforts coordinated by the WPC:

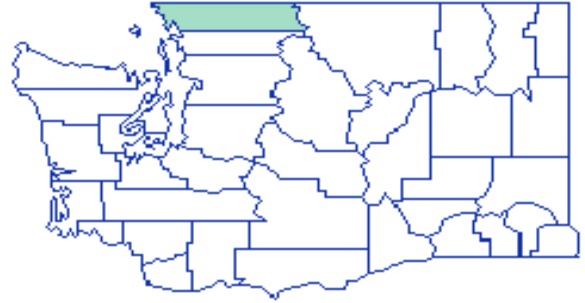
- “Conversations that Matter” community events
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) Trainings
- Gang prevention education and planning
- Youth Matter Leadership Retreat and Summit
- Mental health and suicide prevention trainings

Youth Matter:

We believe that youth can have a positive impact on their peers and communities. The WPC offers support, trainings, and events for youth throughout the county. We are currently working with middle and high school teams in Bellingham, Ferndale, Blaine, and Lynden school districts.

Funding:

The WPC coordinates services through a variety of funding sources including the Drug Free Communities Grant, local sales tax, and the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery. Resources from Education Service District #189 also provide school-based Prevention/Intervention Specialist.



Whatcom County

Whatcom County shares boundaries with both the Canadian border and the Pacific Ocean.

Approximately 206,000 people call Whatcom County home. The county contains seven school districts in addition to private and alternative schools. It is also home to both the Lummi and Nooksack tribes.

Community Partners:

Collaboration with community organizations is a vital part of WPC efforts.

- Bellingham Schools
- Blaine Schools
- Boys and Girls Club
- Campus Community Coalition
- Communities in Schools
- Ferndale Schools
- Ferndale Traffic Safety Team
- Education Service District #189
- Local Parents
- Lummi-Cedar Project
- Lynden Schools
- Nooksack Indian Tribe
- Planned Parenthood
- Whatcom County Health Department
- Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
- Whatcom Family & Community Network
- 4-H WSU Extension Office



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