

Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

Coalition Mission

The mission of San Juan Island Prevention Coalition is to reduce substance abuse by youth and to create a community culture supporting healthy choices and responsible behaviors by youth and adults.



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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. Our highest priority is to reduce underage drinking among 8th and 10th grade students. By providing evidence-based practices and promoting the positive changes in communities, we can build healthier communities.

About the Coalition: Communities and Schools Working Together

San Juan Island Prevention Coalition (SJIPC) was founded in 2002 following a series of fatal alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes on the island. CPWI carries forward the vision, mission, and work of the community coalition to save lives by increasing healthy behaviors through protective factors while decreasing risk factors in individuals, families, schools, and the communities.

Since 2003, SJIPC has engaged multiple community members and organizations representing youth in both public and private schools, parents, businesses, non-profits, churches, law enforcement, government, youth-serving organizations, the media, and health and medical providers, both primary care and mental health or chemical dependency treatment. The coalition has grown from the original 12 members to over 45 active members.

SJIPC received a Drug Free Communities Support Program grant from the Office of National Drug Control and Policy and the support of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The ten years of federal support has grown the coalition to a high level of capacity that reflects the involvement of youth and adult leaders and members on a local, county, regional, state and federal level.

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About Our Community

With 8,000 year round residents, the community of San Juan Island is the most populated rural island off the northwest Pacific Coast. Islanders can see Canada from the rocky shores and mountain tops.

Island history includes a dispute over the U.S. – Canada border. The many coves and beaches of the island have a history of serving as a transfer point in smuggling wool and opium from Canada in the 19th century, then liquor and drugs in the 20th century.

San Juan County voted 69% in favor of Initiative-502 to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Currently, San Juan Island is engaged in the challenge of rural agriculture and forest communities transforming into areas of marijuana production.

About Prevention Programs in our Community

Goals include:

- Increase community connectedness among all population subgroups in San Juan Island.
- Reduce favorable attitudes toward the problem behavior among students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12.
- Decrease community laws and norms favorable to youth use of alcohol and marijuana.
- Decrease the risk factor of low enforcement of alcohol and marijuana laws.

Strategies and Programs include:

- The continued collaboration and work of the coalition
- Project SUCCESS in San Juan Island School District
- LifeSkills Training in Friday Harbor Elementary School
- High Visibility Enforcement of impaired driving
- Underage Marijuana Use Prevention Public Awareness Campaign

Results will be measured by the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey, the annual Community Survey, and program evaluations. Results will be reported at coalition meetings, key leader events, and community meetings.