

Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

The Wahluke Community Coalition's mission is to promote a healthier drug and alcohol-free community for our youth through education, advocacy, and prevention strategies



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Monthly meetings held the 4th Thursday from 4-5 in the Wahluke High School library-

All are welcome!

Wahluke Community Coalition

Safer Together



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

The Wahluke Community Coalition was founded December 2016 in partnership with the Wahluke School District. Gigi Calaway became the Coalition coordinator in April 2017. She is married to a lifelong community member and farmer. Their heart and home have been in this beautiful area for more than 25 years. Her passion for community work helped her organize a devoted, multifaceted volunteer coalition leadership team in May 2017.

Wahluke's Coalition leadership team is comprised of members who serve the community through other services and organizations. Lifelong residents comprise half of the team, and many on the team are bilingual in the area's predominant languages: English and Spanish.

President **Kory Hebdon** is in the Army National Guard and Hanford Security Force. **Vice President, Lars Leland**, is the Executive Director of the Port of Mattawa. **Secretary Daneen Christensen** owns local business Wahluke Produce. **Treasurer Susannah Bird** is an account manager at Bird Farms, as well as a local Youth Leader. **Larissa Hebdon** is a Certified Medical Assistant, and is on the Support Staff for Wahluke District's Morris Schott School. **Public Relations Coordinator Megan Gray** is a Wahluke Junior High Teacher and the Science Lead. **Community Outreach Coordinator Elvia Griesen** is a School Counselor, EMT, and a Family Advocate. **Community Outreach Coordinator Elizabeth Tapia** is an Elementary School Counselor, local Parent, and Youth Advocate.

About Our Community

The Mattawa area has been a small farming community for over 60 years. The City of Mattawa formed in the 1950's to accommodate for the hydropower workers building the Wanapum and Priest Rapids Dam. In the 1970's the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project expanded their canals into the Mattawa Area which led to a boom in agriculture development. In the mid 2000's the many row crops converted into orchards and vineyards. This has led to another boom. Mattawa is now known for one of the cheapest power rates in the nation and a leader in apple and wine production.

The City of Mattawa has a growing population of around 7,000 people. The surrounding area has an estimated 30,000 people. The majority of people living here are of Hispanic descent- mainly from Mexico. Around 60% of the population is monolingual Spanish speakers. The average age is around 28-29. Most of the area is zoned for agricultural production. The City of Mattawa performed a medium income survey in 2017, and it was estimated that the median income is \$29,000.

Some of the main challenges are distinct cultural gaps, a migrant Hispanic population, the old locals, and new people moving over from Seattle and Bellevue.



About Prevention Programs in our Community

WE STRIVE TO INCREASE:

family bonding, school and community connectedness and awareness of the adverse effects of youth alcohol, tobacco and drugs use

WE WANT TO REDUCE:

youth interest and access to substances by bringing evidenced based curriculum to the schools, educating families and conducting policy reviews

CURRENT PROGRAMS:

PAX Good Behavior Game, Lion's Quest, SPORT, Youth Prevention Club, Health Education, Media Strategies and Information Dissemination

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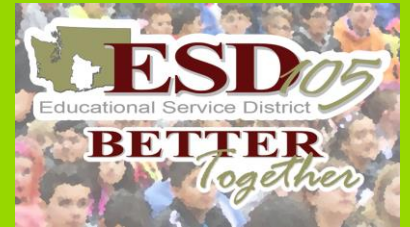
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