

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION

Who we are

The Springdale Together On Prevention Coalition is made up of a diverse group of adult and youth volunteers, agency representatives, and other community stakeholders. The coalition was established in 2013 when Mary Walker School District was selected to participate in Cohort 3 of the Prevention Redesign Initiative (PRI). This redesign involves each county identifying a high risk community where a substance abuse prevention coalition is established.

The Coalition membership brings together a broad cross section of the community. The Coalition is comprised of youth and adult community members, representatives from school, businesses, faith communities, local and state government, law enforcement, social services, substance abuse treatment, media and youth serving organizations.

The Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) that was taken by students in the years 2010 and 2012 showed a high occurrence of drug use and underage drinking among the Mary Walker School District students. Through an email invitation and phone invitation from the Lincoln County Alcohol/Drug Center, several stakeholders in the community discovered the findings and met to determine interest in addressing the problem behaviors. At the first meeting in summer of 2013, concerned community members expressed interest in changing the norms in Springdale and a coalition was formed. In the next few months the group began organizing.

The Coalition meets the third Tuesday of every month from 10:00 – 11:30 am at the Springdale Community Church. Every month members share a potluck snack/meal during the meeting.

Coalition Mission Statement

The mission of the Springdale Together On Prevention (S.T.O.P.) Coalition is to *develop community partnerships to provide resources and opportunities to empower and educate Springdale youth and their families to prevent substance use and promote a healthy and safe environment for our youth.*

Area to be served

The S.T.O.P. Coalition serves the Mary Walker School District which consists of the small community of Springdale, Washington. The District boundaries consist of 215 square miles in Stevens County. This area is served by six schools: Springdale Elementary, Springdale Middle School, Mary Walker High School, Mary Walker Alternative High School, Mary Walker Parent Partnership, and Springdale Academy. In addition to this service area, the district currently serves approximately 26 students that travel from Wellpinit and Ford, Washington, which are located on the Spokane Indian Reservation, to attend school in Springdale.

