

Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

Coalition Mission

Develop community partnerships to provide resources and opportunities to empower Moses Lake youth and their families to prevent substance use and promote a healthy and safe environment for our youth.

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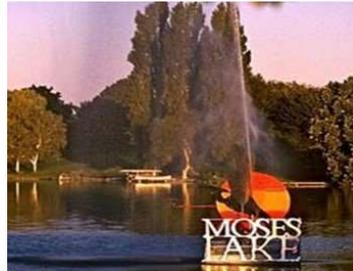
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Coalition Name

Moses Lake, WA



Continuing to make Moses Lake a healthier place by educating youth and their families about substance use prevention and promoting a safe environment for the future of our community.

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 Coalition, founded in May of 2012, consists of over 30 dedicated community members. This includes representatives from law enforcement, school districts, local government, faith based groups, parents, media, youth services, health district, and other public and private organizations.

The Coalition members are passionate about making the community they work and live in a better place. Our coalition also has a youth sector, represented by the Moses Lake Youth Action Team, at Moses Lake High School.



About Our Community

Moses Lake is the largest community in Grant County. It is served by one high school, three middle schools and ten elementary schools. In 2013 the school district had a total student count of 7,898.

- The City of Moses Lake has a population of 21,360.
- Its ethnic diversity is 64.1% White, 30.1% Hispanic, 1.6% African American, 1.5% Asian, 1% Native American, and 4.4% Multi Racial.
- The median income is \$46,904 and 14.7% live below the poverty level.

Our greatest challenge is the legal use of recreational marijuana for adults, and the impact it will have on youth and other members of our community.

Our greatest strength is the passion and commitment of the coalition members in continuing to make Moses Lake a healthier community.

About Prevention Programs in our Community

Goals and Strategies

To decrease youth's favorable attitudes towards substance use; change community norms related to alcohol use; decrease youth access to alcohol; increase feelings of community connectedness and improve family management skills.

Program Names/Who Will Be Served

- Project Success (freshmen)
- LifeSkills (elementary students)
- Strengthening Families Program (parents and youth ages 10-14)
- Compliance checks and retailer education
- Enforcement Roundtable
- Community Awareness Events

How results will be measured and reported

Pre and post tests will be conducted for the evidence based practice programs and the coalition will collect data and statistics from local law enforcement.

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