

The Southwest Seattle Coalition's mission is to promote health and well-being, foster a sense of love and belonging, and prevent and reduce youth substance abuse through compassionate and culturally appropriate collaboration.

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**Community Prevention
& Wellness Initiative**

What is the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative?

The Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) is a partnership of state agencies, counties, schools and prevention coalitions supporting communities in preventing alcohol and other drug abuse. The highest priority is to reduce underage drinking and marijuana consumption among 8th and 10th grade students.

Services are focused in communities experiencing high levels of underage drinking, marijuana usage, crime, school drop-out, and unemployment. Communities are chosen based on their needs, and their readiness to address them.

What is a Coalition?

A coalition is a formal arrangement for cooperation and collaboration between groups or sectors of a community. Each group retains its identity, but all agree to work together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community.

Who is a Coalition?

- Members bring the perspective of the group of people/sector they represent to the coalition and function on behalf of those they represent to carry out strategies for the local community.
- Members act within their own sphere of influence, thus enlarging the coalition's ability to create needed change and implement multiple strategies. Members act as leaders to promote and gather support for the coalition's information, strategies, and activities from the sector they represent.
- New members are invited to join to expand the coalition's sphere of influence and increase capacity to address additional root causes.

SW Seattle Youth Alliance serves: Chief Sealth High School, Denny Middle School and the surrounding Delridge community

The mission of our Coalition is to promote health and wellbeing, foster a sense of love and belonging, prevent and reduce youth substance misuse and abuse through compassionate and culturally appropriate collaboration.

Our Coalition strives to prevent and reduce youth substance misuse and abuse in Southwest Seattle by connecting community sectors (see list below) and school stakeholders through culturally appropriate and sustainable strategies.

Using community data and perspectives, coalition members determine the appropriate prevention strategies for their community and ensure that these strategies are effectively implemented.

The SW Seattle Youth Alliance strategic plan outlines this vision for how the funding should be used in a way that aligns with the CPWI model and is specific and targeted to the community goals and strategic plan.

Members who represent community sectors in the coalitions:

- Youth
- Parents
- Law Enforcement
- Civic/Volunteer Groups
- Businesses
- Healthcare Professionals
- Media
- Schools
- Youth-serving Organizations
- Religious/Fraternal Organizations
- State/Local/Tribal Governments
- Other Substance Abuse Organizations

Benefits for joining this coalition:

- Opportunity to direct an ongoing funding stream in your community
- Chance to connect with others in your community who care about the well-being of your young people
- Opportunities to receive training around prevention, cultural competency, coalition development and more
- Possibility of additional funding to enhance or expand the scope of the coalition
- Plan and implement proven strategies that will directly benefit the youth in your community
- Work in partnership with Chief Sealth International High School and Denny International Middle School
- Join a network of 52 other CPWI coalitions around Washington (6 currently in King County)

