

Partnerships for Success (PFS) 2023 grant

A five-year grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) designed to support state systems of primary prevention of substance use disorders and promotion of mental health.

Overview

Local services: The five-year Partnerships for Success (PFS) 2023 grant project strengthens the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) coalitions in Washington State by expanding and enhancing their local Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) efforts. The objectives of the PFS 2023 grant include:

- Reducing substance use rates among youth by continuing to build capacity in the state's prevention system and local communities through the CPWI model.
- Increasing the capacity of CPWI coalitions through training and technical assistance and enhancing the data infrastructure and reporting system to support ongoing evaluation studies.
- Supporting implementation of prevention and public education campaign to spread prevention messaging statewide.

The grant funding is applied for annually, and the final year of funding will end September 29, 2028.

State level organization: Washington has identified underage drinking, cannabis use, vaping, and opioid/prescription drug use as prevention priorities based on data from the State Epidemiological Outcome Workgroup and developed with the [Washington State Prevention Enhancement \(SPE\) Policy Consortium](#) for the [Substance Use Prevention and Mental Health Promotion Five-Year Strategic Plan](#).

Training and technical assistance: The Health Care Authority (HCA) builds capacity at the prevention provider level through trainings, including the Community Anti-drug Coalition of American (CADCA) "Boot Camp" training, the Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training or

SAPST, and the annual in-person Coalition Leadership Institute for coalition coordinators. These trainings provide coalition coordinators and leaders strategic planning and implementation skills, including cultural considerations in programming and addressing health disparities. In addition, the University of Washington's Social Development Research Group is providing intensive training and technical assistance to CPWI providers using PFS 2023 funds as they update their strategic plans.

Statewide media: PFS funds provide continued support to existing statewide prevention media campaigns, including the "Not a Moment Wasted" and "Focus On" campaigns focused on providing health alternatives to drinking for college students and teens. Learn more at:

<https://notamomentwasted.org/>,
<https://thesocialpresskit.com/not-a-moment-wasted> (Password: HealthyinCollegeWA), and
<https://focusonyouwa.org/>

Eligibility requirements

The PFS 2023 grant serves youth, families, and community members throughout Washington State. The State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) along with DSHS/RDA conducts periodic data analysis to develop community risk profiles which identify high-need communities in each county eligible to receive funding. The sites funded by CPWI were selected through a Request for Application (RFA) process, based on a demonstrated need for substance use disorder prevention services combined with the readiness to implement strategies to address this need. The CPWI program currently serves over 90 communities with a two prong approach of community coalitions and school-based intervention support staff.

Each CPWI site implements at least 60% evidence-based programs, policies, and practices as outlined in their approved strategic plan. CPWI grantees are committed to implementing culturally competent services according to community need, readiness, and capacity. All plans and implementation costs vary depending on location and numbers served per program. Amount of PFS 2023 funding varies by site, but combining all funding sources, CPWI coalitions are funded at a total of \$130,000 per year, per community.

In addition, each CPWI coalition receives a Student Assistance Professional to work in the school district where the coalition is located. These key individuals work to identify early signs of problem behavior and intervene or refer to treatment supports. Currently, no PFS 2023 funding supports this prong of CPWI, but that could change depending on needs and funds available.

Budget for SFY 25

The PFS 2023 grant awards **\$1,250,000** per year for five years. Funding cycles are set to the federal fiscal year, so Year 1 began on September 30, 2023 and ended September 29, 2024.

Total PFS 2023 funding for five years:
\$6,250,000.00

Partners

Local Services – CPWI Partners:

- All nine Educational Service Districts (ESDs)
- County human services departments
- Community Based Organizations and Non-Profits
- Local school districts participating in CPWI.
- DSHS/RDA – data and assessment
- UW/SDRG – Training and TA
- WSU Impact Labs – Evaluation

For more information

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<https://theathenaforum.org/cpwi-community-coalitions>