

State Prevention Plan

Overview

The State Prevention Enhancement Policy Consortium was collaboratively developed in 2012 and implements the five-year Washington State Prevention Strategic Plan. The consortium is working to strengthen and support an integrated statewide system of community-driven substance abuse prevention, mental health promotion, and related issues. Twenty-six state and tribal agencies and organizations are represented on the consortium with more than 30 members.

The consortium meets bi-monthly. The State Prevention Plan is implemented by five workgroups that meet monthly to oversee the implementation of action plans to accomplish the goals and mission laid out in a strategic plan:

- Underage drinking and marijuana misuse/abuse prevention use (Washington Healthy Youth Coalition [WHY] Coalition)
- Prescription drug misuse/abuse prevention (with State Opioid Response workgroup)
- Young adults and pregnant women alcohol and marijuana misuse/abuse prevention
- Tobacco misuse/abuse prevention
- Mental health promotion and suicide, anxiety, and depression prevention

In 2011, the consortium initiated the strategic planning process to develop a five-year strategic plan for 2012-2017. The consortium used the Prevention Planning Framework, based on the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF), as the overall planning framework for this process. The SPF was originally developed by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). SAMHSA's SPF is a comprehensive planning process designed to help states and communities build the infrastructure necessary for effective and sustainable prevention.

The Consortium completed an updated [Five-Year Strategic Plan](#) in November 2017.

Authority

SAMHSA, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), FY2011 SPE grant, and Partnerships for Success 2013 and 2018 grants.

Budget

The Consortium serves as the advisory council for the Partnership for Success 2018 grant. There is no direct funding for the consortium.

Accomplishments

The 2017 Plan lists accomplishments for each of the workgroups. Some highlights from each workgroup include:

- WHY Coalition: Promoted good policy decisions by providing feedback to the Liquor and Cannabis Board (formerly the Liquor Control Board) regarding marijuana packaging and labeling and the potential impact on children and youth.
- Prescription Abuse Prevention: Planned two provider education symposiums on opioid prescribing and ways to prevent opioid misuse and abuse among youth and adults.
- Young Adult/Pregnant and Parenting Women/Marijuana: Implemented third iteration of the Young Adult Health Survey (N=2493) and follow-up surveys with cohorts 1 (N=1005) and 2 (N=1180).
- Tobacco: Participated in the development of the Department of Health/Attorney General legislation to regulate vapor products and increase fees and fines for tobacco retailers, which passed in modified form in 2016.
- Mental Health Promotion: Statewide Mental Health Awareness Month launched on May 1, 2017, with a Governor's Proclamation. Multiple agencies held activities statewide.

Partners

This work continues through ongoing partnerships with the following agency representatives:

- College Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, University of Washington (CCSAP)
- Department of Early Learning (DEL)
- Department of Health, Division of Prevention and Community Wellness (DOH)
- DSHS, Frontiers of Innovation (FIO)
- DSHS, Office of Indian Policy (OIP)
- Indian Policy Advisory Committee (IPAC)
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
- Office of the Attorney General (AGO)
- Prevention Specialist Certification Board of Washington (PSCBW)
- Washington Association for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention (WASAVP)
- Washington State Board of Health
- Washington State Commission of Hispanic Affairs (CHA)
- Washington State Commission of Asian Pacific American Affairs
- Washington State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)
- Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB)
- Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP)
- Washington State Patrol (WSP)
- Washington State Prevention Research Subcommittee
- Washington State University (WSU)
- Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC)

Oversight

Internal: Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery

External: SAMHSA/Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

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