### Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative Partners for Healthy Communities

## Quincy Partnership for Youth

Quincy, WA



#### 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

Founded in 2003, the Quincy Partnership for Youth (formerly known as the Quincy Communities That Cares Coalition), has years of experience joining sectors within the community to achieve population level change related to substance abuse, youth delinquency, and academic success. The coalition helps organize and align the community around one vision utilizing collaboration, prevention, and research to guide the collective work. Local residents, sector representatives, and youth all have a genuine voice in determining the best strategies to address local problems by activating cross-collaboration facilitated by the QPY.

Success in a rural community heavily relies on partnerships with diverse individuals and organizations to ensure the largest impact. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month (except December), the action- oriented coalition comes together to carry out necessary responsibilities in order to meet the needs of the Quincy community.

Thanks to prevention funding, the coalition was also able to provide a school-based Student Assistant Professional to provide advocacy to students and prevention education within the schools.

#### **Coalition Mission**

Using prevention strategies, Quincy Partnership for Youth fosters a network that nurtures a healthy, drug-free, and successful community.



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#### About Our Community



Quincy is a small but growing agricultural and technology-based town in Eastern Washington home to 7,400 – 13,000 residents, varying between winter and summer. According to the 2010 United States Census Bureau the median

age is 27 years old, racial demographics are 75% Hispanic and 25% non-Hispanic, and the main languages spoken are English and Spanish. Children, ages 0-17, make up 1/3 of the Quincy population (33%).

The Quincy Partnership for Youth's service area includes the boundaries set by the Quincy School District, which includes the following smaller townships/entities: Crescent Bar, Winchester, Sunland, and George. The Quincy School District covers an area of ~450 square miles and serves about 3,000 students while the City of Quincy boundaries is only 5.04 square miles. The QSD has an 80% on time graduation rate, 38% of students are English Learners, 12% are in Special Education, 86% are low income students, and 14% are non-low-income students (OSPI QSD Report Card 2018).

#### About Prevention Programs in our Community

The Quincy Partnership for Youth has the following goals:

- Increase neighborhood attachment
- · Decrease community disorganization
- · Increase refusal and resistance skills
- Increase positive family interactions
- Reduce "social" drug availability of ATOD
- Increase community bonding
- · Decrease favorable community laws and norms
- Decrease youth favorable attitudes
- · Decrease early drug initiation

To accomplish these goals, the coalition will engage the community in capacity development, provide public awareness of issues, offer healthy alternatives, organize environmental strategies, incorporate school based intervention, and offer direct services to youth and families.

Programs associated to the Quincy Partnership for Youth are Strengthening Families, SPORT, Family Movie series, public awareness campaigns, and pro-social youth engagements.

Effort success are measured and reported through community/project surveys and data assessment reviews to ensure community level impact.









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Coalition meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at a rotating location. <u>All</u> are welcomed!

For location details, please contact the Coalition Coordinator!

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