

Community Coalition Updates

Communities United for Substance Abuse Prevention – June 6, 2008

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Community members from Sullivan County, Alstead, and Walpole dedicated to the prevention of substance abuse for our youth, and adults both young and old.

The coalition is working to enhance, through prevention, the quality of life, success, and well being of youth and adults to foster a better future for our community. By identifying the issues and causes, and looking at the programs we have in place to prevent substance abuse, we can decide what prevention efforts need to be enhanced.

NEEDED

We are trying to collect by June 16th; Names of Programs, Community Activities, Partnerships, and Organizations you know of that help our youth, young adults, and other community members to LHennig@SullivanCountyNH.gov (Please See “What community members are doing currently” below for more information).

1. What the Coalition is doing.

- Building the Community Plan:
 - Taking inventory of our community resources, partnerships, information exchange, and networking.
 - Determining the biggest concerns for our community with information that has been and is being collected from enforcement, corrections, youth, family providers, medical, and businesses, and parents (select here see for how you can share your views or opinion).
 - Deciding what programs and practices we most want and need in the community, that fall under Strategic Prevention Framework funding, and targeting other funding opportunities for the coming years to get what we most want and need in the community.

2. What community members are doing currently.

Send by June 16th via email to LHennig@sullivancountynh.gov

- 1) Name of program, organization, recognition, or training,

- 2) **Contact name and email address or location**
- 3) **What is being affected, [\(if you can identify\)](#)**

- Gather the programs that both encourage reduced substance abuse and provide opportunity, self esteem, decision making skills, awareness and other support that are going on in our community now. (some organizations that provide these types of programs)(examples of partnerships). Examples include awards, youth leadership groups, mentoring, theater, diversion, youth outreach, Teen Center, Health Rocks, Academy, Parenting Education, workplace opportunity development, screening, and youth groups such as 4-H, Boy Scouts, Cadets, etc.
- Give your opinion on what is most important to change in our community (see this link for how)

3. What is available to you?

- Learn about how you can help change a community (training opportunities)
- Learn how to contribute to the coalition efforts in your area of interest for example, medical, parental support, education, or help for children. (see this page for more information)
- Be a leader – bring people together, inform about opportunities, or help guide the community plan. (click here for sector leader or contact coordinator with your area of interest)

4. What is next Coalition meeting scheduled?

- Community meetings mid July (date TBD); one for western Sullivan County to be held in Claremont and one for Eastern Sullivan County to be held in Newport. At this meeting the community will see and discuss: What does the information show? What are the biggest concerns appearing to be? Where should we focus our efforts as a community?
- This will be another step closer as we are building our community plan.