

Abstract and Executive Summary

Mission

To educate and mobilize Orting community members to reduce substance abuse among our youth, in order to promote and sustain a safe and healthy environment where culturally diverse youth and families can thrive and reach their full potential.

Explanation of Need

Orting is known as a bedroom community, which means that most of the population only sleeps there when they are not traveling to the city for work. This leaves many of Orting youth with no supervision and nothing to do. Recent Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) data indicate the 8th and 10th grade students rate higher than the state on perceived availability of alcohol (15% higher and 13% higher, respectively). Additionally parental attitudes toward drug use are higher in Orting and Orting has higher rates of risk in every category of peer, individual, and family risk and protective factors. Overall, Orting lacks social service and basic needs resources. Unemployment is high and there is lack of public transportation, increasing the need to bring services to the community.

Goals

Increase community collaboration
Decrease use of ATOD and delay initiation of ATOD
Build cross-cultural relationships

Objectives

- *Develop knowledge and skills of coalition members*
- *Continue to expand OSTOP coalition by recruiting community members to include cross cultural collaborations*
- *Enhance coalition capacity to implement coalition activities to reduce access and availability to alcohol and prescription drugs*
- *Change community norms favorable to youth alcohol availability and use*
- *Reduce access and availability of prescription drugs*

Strategies and Activities

- *Parenting Programs (The Incredible Years and Love & Logic) and Parent Education Series*
- *School Based Curriculum (Curriculum Based Support Group, Great Body Shop, Project SUCCESS)*
- *Create and Maintain Youth Court*
- *Sustain Prescription Drop Off*
- *Party Intervention Patrols*
- *Create and sustain Block Watch Programs*
- *Social Hosting Ordinance with City Council*
- *Cultural Competency Trainings*

Area to be served

The small rural town of Orting is nestled in the foothills of Mt. Rainier, 20 miles southeast of Tacoma and 30 miles from Mount Rainier and surrounding areas. The Orting School District (OSD) has approximately 2300 students in 4 schools which serves 137 square miles of rural Pierce County including Prairie Ridge-Bonney Lake/South Prairie and Deer Run-Graham neighborhoods.

Expected Outcomes

- Reduce alcohol use by 5% by September 2012
- Effectively address youth alcohol and prescription drug abuse by March 2013
- Increase coalition capacity to practice cultural competency to enhance cross-cultural community relationships by March 2013